



**Greenvale
Primary**

Newsletter

School Newsletter— July 2019

Succeeding together by loving what we do.

July 2019

Key Dates

September

3rd - Back to school 8:50am

- 4th—Year 1 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- 5th—Year 2 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- 6th—Year 5 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- 9th—Year 4 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- 10th—Year 3 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- 11th—Year 6 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)

- 11th - New Robins start am/pm groups
- 17th—Mexican themed lunch
- 18th- New Robins ALL 8:50am - 2pm
- 19th—Riddlesdown open morning for Greenvale pupils
- 23rd - New Robins ALL 8:50am - 3:15pm
- 23rd - 27th - Y6 PGL

October

- 3rd—Parents' coffee morning with the Senior Leadership Team
- All day breakfast themed menu
- 11th—Y3 Harvest Assembly (9am)
- 12th—Circus @ Greenvale
- 17th—World Cultures day
- 18th—Break up for half term

The end of another year...

A very big thank you to all of the families at Greenvale for another super year at Greenvale. We do hope that as we enter the holiday season, you are able to switch off and enjoy some well deserved family time, rest and relaxation.

Please ensure that, over the summer, the children continue to read widely, and work on their times-tables. This will be of considerable help as they move their way up through the school. The library is running their own reading competition in which we hope many of our families will take part.

Finally, a very big well done and good luck to our Year 6 class as they move on to pastures new! They have been a credit to our school and will no doubt be assets to their new schools.



Stars of the Year

A very big well done to the children who have been chosen as this year's Stars of the Year. The awards are chosen by the staff within each year group and are given to those children who have demonstrated the school values throughout the year.

This year's winners were:

- Reception: Ahadi Imaya
- Year 1: Teddy Harris
- Year 2: Maxwell Marwaha
- Year 3: Isabella Quigley
- Year 4: Ellie Chandler
- Year 5: Harvey Benham
- Year 6: Madison Johnstone



Appointments

This year we have had a number of parents picking children up during the school-day for dental appointments. We kindly ask that parents do their best to arrange all appointments after the school day unless it is an emergency appointment. This will ensure that your child does not miss out on lessons, and will also avoid disrupting the work of the school office.



Photo consent

After having a few conflicting entries on our school database, we would ask **all parents** to complete the following form for each child at the school. After completing the form, you will receive a receipt to show that the information has been submitted. Please click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/wZaMwp8M4gg3Fo8U6>

NSPCC Sponsored Scoot / Cycle

On Thursday 20th June, the children took part in a sponsored scoot / cycle at school to raise money for the NSPCC which provides help to families and information and advice on how to keep children safe.

The NSPCC came in specifically to provide sessions for Years 5 and 6 around staying safe. We were able to raise just over £1000 which is an amazing amount. Thank you all for your generous support with this.

A reminder that children are more than welcome to scoot or cycle to school every day providing they always wear a helmet.



Croydon Athletics

A big well done to the following children who took part and represented the school in the Croydon Athletics Festival at Croydon Arena:

Harrison S, Frankie, Sam, Michael-Tae, Jojo, Jacob, Oliver G, Roman S, Emily, Ellie-Rose, Lacie, Isabel S and Ruby L.

All children competed very well and with the right spirit. A special well done to Sam Bean who finished second in Croydon in the Year 5 sprint race. Additionally, a special mention goes to Ellie Rose and Emily C who ran in the Years 5/6 girls relay, despite only being in Years 3 and 4. We are very proud of you all.



Meet the Teacher meetings

In September we shall hold our usual Meet the Teacher meetings for parents to talk through the important information that you will need to be aware of for the year ahead.

This year we intend to adapt these meetings to communicate the things you really need to know as opposed to going through the contents of the curriculum newsletter for the class.

We will be covering items such as expectations for each year group, equipment and uniform standards, planned trips and visits, helpers, reading and updating you on our new school values for the new academic year. We hope to have good numbers at the meetings.

The meetings will take place at 2.50pm in your child's classroom and will last until pick-up.

Date	Year group
Wed 4th September	Year 1
Thur 5th September	Year 2
Fri 6th September	Year 5
Mon 9th September	Year 4
Tue 10th September	Year 3
Wed 11th September	Year 6

A plea to parents

As you will be aware, in recent years, we have put a considerable amount in place to encourage children to read regularly and engage with books. This includes planning much of the English work around high quality books, an open reading session for parents, the '10 before 10' books, taking part in World Book Day, Y3/Y4 book club, etc.

Once a child is able to confidently decode words (usually at around Year 2), the journey has only just begun. On speaking with the children, it appears that reading alongside a parent after Year 2 can tail off as the child is then considered a reader. Reading with an adult and discussing the text is vital in developing their understanding of books.

Having looked at our school data over the last three years, the message is clear: **children who engage with high quality texts and who read and discuss texts at home, go on to perform well, often meeting the 'greater depth' standard within reading. The children who do not engage with such initiatives, often fail to meet to expected standard.** This is putting these children at a significant disadvantage when entering secondary school.

Last week, you will have received a letter home informing you of how many '10 before 10' books that your child has read over the past year. We would strongly recommend that should your child not have read a good number of these, that they do their best to 'catch up' and enjoy these books with you over the summer period.

The amount that children need to cover throughout the day is already considerable. We therefore ask parents for their support by ensuring that children are reading for between 10-15 minutes each day (ideally before bed as a helpful part of a good bedtime routine). Just this small amount of time each day will make a considerable difference to your child's achievement at Greenvale. The '10 before 10' book lists would be a very good place to begin. Each class now has a '10 more before' set of books for when children have completed the set number of books. Don't forget, by reading, it may be the children sharing a book with an adult, reading independently, or following along with the text with an audio recording playing. Any type of reading counts and should be encouraged.

In September, we will be relaunching our '10 before 10 lists' and doing all we can to promote regular reading with our children. We are also keen to help parents of children who struggle to engage with books. Should this be the case, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Harrison, our reading lead, who will be able to provide you with support.

Thank you very much for your crucial support with this.

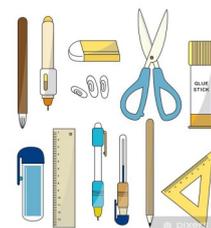
Pencil cases for September

What equipment will my child require?

Please note that this only applies to children in KS2 (year 3 upwards). Children in Reception or KS1 are not required to bring any stationery to school.

- A **small** pencil case (named) that will fit easily in their class tray (around 15cm by 10cm - anything much bigger will be a struggle to fit into their tray) in which will be kept:
- A pen (**blue** ink only) To begin with, this should usually be a Berol handwriting pen; however, pupils in Years 5 and 6 may use a fountain pen. We do appreciate that these may not suit all pupils' writing style and therefore are happy for such children to use a rollerball pen. Biro's are not to be used. (Year 3 children will be able to use a pen once they have obtained their pen licence.)
- Two sharpened pencils;
- A rigid 15cm ruler will suffice;
- A rubber;
- A sharpener;
- A Pritt Stick (named);
- A purple and a green gel pen (for self and peer assessment).

Children do not require any colouring pencils, crayons or felt tip pens as these are by the school.



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NOTICE

Breakfast club would appreciate donations of dolls and dolls' clothes. Please bring to breakfast club or the office. Thank you

Pupil Premium

Do you qualify for the Pupil Premium? Did you know that school will be provided with £1,300 extra per year specifically to provide additional support to your child to support them academically in school? Did you know that if your child is eligible, they will receive a free school uniform?

At Greenvale, we have the lowest number of children in the borough eligible for the Pupil Premium with just 5 pupils currently on our school register. This compares with 62 at another school within the local area. As I am sure you will be able to work out, this means that other local schools who have an increased number of children who are eligible receive significantly more funding which is able to provide additional resources in school.

In March 2018 the Government announced that free school meals would only be available to children in KS2 whose families have a net income of £7400 or under, effective from 1 April 2018. Please speak to Mrs Smith in the office should you have any questions or would like to see if you may be entitled to claim this.

Summer Fair

A very big thank you to everybody who came and supported at the Greenvale Summer Fair. The Friends of Greenvale were able to raise an incredible £4302.60. A special thank you goes to the Friends of Greenvale Team who worked tirelessly to ensure that the large tent and all the gazebos were up by the night before.

This money will be put towards buying valuable resources for the school as well as being added to the fund to make improvements to our school playground. If you are interested or able to give your time to help at Friends' events, please see Nicci Eyles.



Medication

We ask all parents whose children have medicines kept for their use at school come into the office at the start of term to ensure that these medicines are still in-date and to update any changes to age and/or dosage. Parents are also requested to notify the office of any medicines that are no longer required.