



**Greenvale
Primary**

Newsletter

School Newsletter— June 2019

Succeeding together by loving what we do.

June 2019

Key Dates

June

7th - FOG mufti day - lucky dip
12th - NSPCC Sponsored Cycle/Scout
13th - Father's Day breakfast 8:50am
13th - FOG mufti day - filled sweet jar
13th - Summer Music Concert 7pm
14th - **INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
17th - Class photos
18th - Hear Me Speak Competition
19th - New Robins Parent Meeting 7pm
20th - NSPCC forms & money back
21st - FOG mufti - bottles for tombola
22nd - **SUMMER FAIR**
24th - 28th - YR 5 Bikeability Course
25th - YR 2 Brighton trip
26th - New Robins afternoon 2pm
27th - SoundStart Concert 11:30am

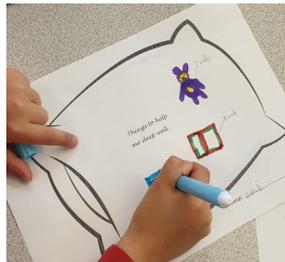
July

3rd - YR 3 British Museum trip
4th - YR 5 Riddlesdown Computer Day
4th - YR 4 Bore Place trip
11th - Sports Day KS1 p.m & KS2 a.m
12th - YR 1 Bay Pond trip
12th - YR 6 Dress rehearsal
15th - YR 6 Play 7pm
18th - Reserve Sports Day
19th - YR 6 Leavers assembly
19th - **Break up from school 2pm**

September

4th - **Back to school 8:50am**
11th - 17th - New Robins start a.m/p.m groups
18th - 20th - New Robins ALL 8:50am - 2pm
23rd - New Robins ALL 8:50am - 3:15pm
23rd - 27th - YR 6 PGL

Wellbeing Day



On Wednesday 22nd May, we celebrated Wellbeing Day at Greenvale.

We focussed on diet, drinking water, the importance of sleep, healthy relationships, mental health, physical health and online safety. All children really enjoyed their day, in particular, being taught by teachers in other year groups. A big thank you to Jo from SES water who came in especially to assist with the day.



Attendance

In recent weeks, we have been closely monitoring attendance due to an increased number of families taking unauthorised holidays during term time.

Excuses such as 'surprise holidays' and extended family members getting the dates mixed up are unacceptable.

Taking your children out during term time has a significant impact on each child's progress and requires the teacher to dedicate additional time to help children then 'catch-up' with missed work.

We ask parents to adhere to the holiday periods set at the beginning of the year. These are displayed on the website, available via the Teachers2Parents App and are also available in the school office.

I can assure you that all staff at the school share the frustration of parents when having to book holidays during the most expensive time of the year; however, disruptions caused by children missing periods of school can make the job more challenging.

We therefore ask for your support and cooperation with this by taking holidays at the appropriate times of year. By adhering to these times, you are showing your children that education is valuable and is important in helping them get to where they want in life.



D Day assembly



On Thursday 6th June, we were incredibly lucky to have George and his dad Colin (a former Greenvale pupil) lead an assembly to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D Day.

The children were fascinated to hear about what happened and see some of the amazing pictures, videos and artefacts that were on display.

Mr Thibeault Snr was also able to bring in a replica motorbike that would have been dropped from an aircraft and used to transport people back and forth with messages.

A big thank you to the Thibeaults for sharing this with the Greenvale community.

NSPCC Sponsored Scoot / Cycle

On Monday 10th June, the NSPCC will be coming into school to hold an assembly and speak with the children about the work that they do in keeping children safe. Following the assembly we will be holding a sponsored scoot / cycle on Wednesday 12th June.

Children are to bring their scooters and bikes into the playground and park these in the allocated places for each year group. All children will be required to wear a helmet.

During the afternoon, children will then take part in their scoot or cycle. Children will receive different badges dependent on how much they are able to raise on behalf of the NSPCC.

Staffing for 19/20

Please see the table below with regards to staffing arrangements for the 19/20 academic year.

Year Group	Teachers	TAs / 1:1 Adults
Rec	Miss Clow	Mrs Amon
1	Mrs Neri / Mrs Chapman	Mrs Rose
2	Mrs Malik	Mrs Roberts / Mrs Piper
3	Miss Kemp	Mrs Vani
4	Mrs Harrison	Mrs Grabban
5	Mr White	Mrs Catchpole / Mrs Thibeault / Mrs Spence
6	Mr Crow	Mrs Melia / Mrs Longlee

Welcome to Miss Kemp

We will be welcoming Miss Kemp to the teaching team at Greenvale. Miss Kemp is a former Greenvale pupil and daughter of Linda Kemp who was a former TA at the school. Miss Kemp has taught at Forestdale for the past 5 years and will be a great asset to our school.

Goodbye and good luck

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jackson. We wish her well as she begins her teaching qualification which she hopes to complete over the forthcoming year. We wish Mrs Jackson the very best with her studies.

Regrettably this means that the school will no longer benefit from having a counsellor on site. We are currently looking at alternative options with regards to this provision.

Pupil Premium

Do you qualify for the Pupil Premium? Did you know that the 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 can 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 fund 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.

If you think you could qualify for this, please get in contact with Mrs Smith in the office who will be able to assist with completing the simple required paperwork. If you are unsure, please come and ask as we are able to complete our own check on your behalf.

By ensuring that we get the appropriate funding, we will be in a much better position to provide your children with the best support possible

Father's Day morning



On Thursday 13th June, we would like to invite fathers or father-figures, such as uncles or granddads, into school so that the children can share a book and some of their work with these special people. This will run from 8.50am until 9.30am.

Due to numbers we can only accommodate 1 adult per family. For those with more than one child in the school, we will put in arrangements to ensure that you are able to split your time accordingly.

Also on offer will be some refreshments for our guests which will include a bacon roll or pastry, and either orange or apple juice. This will be charged at £2 and will be payable on Parent Pay prior to the Father's Day morning. Please note that food will only be provided on this occasion for the guests that have pre-booked via [this form](#) and that children will need to have had their breakfast beforehand.

Active travel at Greenvale

The school are currently working hard to achieve accreditation for the Croydon school travel scheme called STARS.

In order to achieve this award, we need to do all we can to increase active travel amongst families at Greenvale. This will include things such as cycling, scooting or walking to school as opposed to using the car. Even if this is only on a few days of the week, it will make a considerable difference both to your child's health and the level of congestion, air-pollution and traffic outside of the school.

One great idea to increase this is by downloading a free step-counter on a smart phone or using watches such as a fitbit to track the number of steps completed during each day. Recently the staff partook in a step challenge where there were required to complete 40,000 over a 5 day period. A big well done to Mrs Malik who is our current step champion!

Please remember that you are able to use the scoot / cycle parking facilities by the kitchen area.

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You said...We did...

- You asked if we could move the start time of breakfast club to the earlier time of 7.30am. This was actioned during the Spring term and has supported parents who need to get to work early.
- You asked if we could do our best to inform parents as early as possible if clubs are cancelled; this term, we have significantly reduced the number of clubs that have had to be cancelled.
- You asked if we could ensure that dates on the school website are kept up to date; time is set aside during the week to ensure that these are up to date and correct.
- You have asked if the school can improve ways in which children are able to report any concerns that they may have; we now have the 'Worried about something button' which allows children to write their worries when at home so that this is done in a discreet way. This has been used by children, who have then received support in dealing with their worries promptly as staff are notified as soon as the form has been completed.

Catering

As you may already be aware, as of this half term, The Collegiate Trust is now managing the catering provision at Greenvale. We hope that your children have been enjoying the new menu; these have certainly been popular with staff! Our new catering provider has lots of new ideas, including providing packed lunches for children on school trips. Information regarding special themed days will be sent accordingly.

Should you have any questions or suggestions relating to school dinners, please email the school office (enquiries@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk) who will be able to pass on your comments and suggestions.

Friends of Selsdon Wood Events

Over the forthcoming months, there will be a number of events taking place up at Selsdon Woods, including guided walks looking at the local nature and wildlife. On Sunday 16th June at 11am, there is a summer flower walk. To become a member of Selsdon Woods, it costs £5 per family. We hope that some of our Greenvale families will be able to attend this event.

