

# Greenvale Primary School

## November Newsletter



### Key Dates:

#### November

- 8th** Year 2 Cake sale
- 11th** Remembrance Day
- 12th** Odd socks with uniform (Anti-Bullying)  
Parent Consultations 4pm - 7:10pm
- 13th** No pens Wednesday  
Parent Consultations 5pm - 8pm
- 20th** Flu Immunisations
- 22nd** Crazy hair/hats with uniform (FOG lucky dip prize)  
Year 3 Cake sale  
Selsdon Christmas Lights - Choir singing
- 27th** Christmas shopping evening 7pm
- 29th** Crazy socks with uniform (FOG chocolates)

### Guy Fawkes Night

On Tuesday 5th November, the children made their way up to the top field to celebrate the story of Guy Fawkes.

Children were reminded about the key parts of the story before the fire was lit and the children enjoyed seeing Guy disappear in the fire.

A very big thank you to the After School Club for once again doing an amazing job in creating a Guy for the bonfire. This has now become an annual tradition at the school which the children thoroughly enjoy learning about and experiencing.



## KS2 Reading Card Success

A very big thank you to KS2 parents who have been working hard to ensure that they have been reading at least 5 times each week with their children.

As we know, children who read regularly alongside an adult will be at a significant advantage when compared with their peers due to the increased vocabulary and understanding that they have. We make absolutely no apologies for promoting this system at school and are confident that this will have a significant impact on what your child is able to achieve whilst at Greenvale.

Please note that should your child forget to return their card, we will be unable to say that they have read on that particular day; it is important that your child understands that looking after their card is their responsibility.

Last week a large number of certificates were awarded to children who had read at least 5 times with an adult. We look forward to seeing this number rise even further over the next half term.

### **What parents have said about the reading card initiative:**

*"it's great you monitor this so closely it must be challenging in itself to say the least with so many children."*

*"You really care at this school. At his last school he was just one of many and no-one ever checked he was reading or what he was reading or bothered giving him homework."*



The impact of regular reading aloud...



We have an **obligation** to read **aloud** to our children. To read them things they **enjoy**. To read to them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it **interesting**, and not to stop reading to them just because they learn to read to themselves. Use reading-aloud time as **bonding time**, as time when no phones are being checked, when the **distractions** of the world are put aside.

- Neil Gaiman

WE TEACH  
LET'S TALK

Child A	Child B	Child C
20 minutes additional reading at home everyday	5 minutes additional reading at home per day	1 minute additional reading at home per day
60 hours per school year	15 hours per school year	3 hours per school year
1,800,000 words per school year (one million, eight hundred thousand words)	282,000 words per school year (two hundred and eighty two thousand words)	8000 words per school year (eight thousand words)
By the end of Y6, 60 whole days' reading	By the end of Y6, 12 days' reading	By the end of Y6, 3 days' reading
Reading scores usually within 90% range	Reading scores usually within 50% range	Reading scores usually within 10% range

### **The Sun Books for Schools**

We have recently been made aware of a scheme run by *The Sun* newspaper. From Saturday, November 23rd, *The Sun* will begin printing tokens for schools to collect. To be able to claim a box of books, we need to have collected **3500 tokens** altogether.

In *The Sun on Sunday's* paper, there was a special token which equated to 5 tokens. Please hand in any tokens to the school office.

### **Usborne Sponsored Read**

A very big thank you to Greenvale families who were able to support the Usborne sponsored read. As a result, the school has just over £2000 to spend on the purchase of books. This is great news and will mean that the classrooms can be stocked with up-to-date and interesting new books! A big thank you to Chloe Kerwood, mum of Isla in Y1, for supporting the school with this.

### **Football Results**

A big well done to the football team who continue to do incredibly well both in league and cup fixtures. Greenvale were 3-1 winners against Forestdale last Friday 1st November, and are due to play St Peters this Friday in the Primary Cup. Good luck boys!



### **Attendance of After-School Clubs**

We appreciate that things come up and children may be unable to attend after-school clubs on occasions. We would ask that the teacher in charge of running the club be informed, either in person or by email, so that we know not to expect your child. Email addresses of all staff are provided at the end of this newsletter.

### **Pupil Premium**

Do you qualify for the Premium? If you receive income support and have a household income of less than £7400, you may be able to benefit from additional support. This will help with school dinners, trips and visits, and even purchasing school uniform. Please speak to Mrs Smith in the office who will be able to provide more information, or click [here](#) to complete the online form if you feel that your child might be eligible.



During the week of 11th November, Greenvale children will be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week**. As part of this, on **Tuesday 12th November**, children are invited to wear odd socks for the day. Please note that no donation is required to support this initiative.

At Greenvale, we use the word 'STOP' with the children which states that bullying is unwanted behaviour that takes place 'Several Times On Purpose'. Children will be reminded of the different forms that bullying can take and, finally, what they can do should they feel that they or others are victims of bullying behaviour.

Should you ever have any concerns that your child is a victim of this behaviour, please get in contact with your child's class teacher so that action can be taken. Many thanks for your support with this.

**Election - 12th December - School closed**



As you will be aware, on 12th December, the school building will be required to be a Polling Station, meaning that school will be closed to pupils. Please note the changes to the following event:

**KS1 (Y1+Y2) Christmas Performance:  
Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am.**

## E Safety



Childnet has recently produced some great resources for parents in the form of a 'Parent Toolkit'. These include family agreements, ideas for having discussions around Internet Safety as well as information about charities who can provide support for children and families.

To access this please click on the following link to access this excellent and helpful resource:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>



## TikTok (formally known as Musical.ly)

We have recently been made aware that a number of children in KS2 have been using TikTok outside of school.

This app allows users to share videos with one another. Some of the content on one particular video discussed a pupil in a class which then caused upset the following day when this was talked about by pupils in the playground.

We have spoken with children about what is appropriate to share and discuss online. For parents whose children are using TikTok and, bearing in mind that it has a 12+ rating, we strongly recommend that you click on the following link in order to ensure that you and your children are using this app responsibly.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>



### Tag Rugby Tournament - Tuesday 5th November

A very big well done to our team of Y5 and Y6 children who represented the school in a local Tag Rugby tournament. The team did incredibly well, coming in 5th place out of 18 schools.

Mr White was incredibly proud of them all and the way in which they played as a team. A special mention to Beth in Y6 who put herself forward for the team; like her teammates, she got stuck in and particularly enjoyed tackling many of the boys in the opposing teams!

### Grounds Day 24/11/19 - We need your help!

As you may be aware, before the half term we had organised a grounds day. Sadly, due to poor weather, this had to be cancelled.

We would therefore like to put forward Sunday 24th - from 10am-1pm - for a grounds day.

We have a number of jobs that need doing and would be very grateful for any support from parents. If you are able to assist at any point during the above times, we would like to hear from you by a click on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Au97VXKVNTyQVCoi6>

A big thank you to the 10 families who signed up for the previous date; we hope you will be able to make it on the 24th!



## December Dates

- 4th** Robins Christmas Lunch 12pm - 12:45pm\*  
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Lunch 12:45pm - 1:30pm\*  
KS2 Christmas party lunches in classrooms  
Children are able to wear a Christmas jumper with school uniform if they wish
- 5th** Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch 12pm - 12:45pm\*  
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch 12:45pm - 1:30pm\*  
KS1 Christmas party lunches in classrooms  
Children are able to wear a Christmas jumper with school uniform if they wish
- 6th** Christmas jumper with school uniform (FOG in exchange for bottles of non-alcoholic & alcoholic drinks)  
FOG Christmas Fair 3:30pm - 6pm
- 8th** St John's Church Christmas Concert - Greenvale choir attending 6pm
- 10th** Robins Christmas Performance 9:30am
- 11th** KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Christmas Performance 9:30am (had originally been on 12th December)
- 12th** SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN DUE TO GENERAL ELECTION
- 13th** KS2 Christmas Concert at St John's Church 2pm
- 16th** iRock Concert 2pm (Parents of children who attend iRock are invited to attend)
- 17th** Volunteer Coffee morning in school hall 9:30am
- 20th** Break up from school at 2pm - NO Afters facility



\*One adult per child, more information will follow shortly in a separate email with menu.  
Please check the Greenvale calendar on the website for all diary dates by clicking [here](#)

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