

# Greenvale Primary School

## July Newsletter



### Plans for September...

As you will be aware, the government has already stated that from September, they plan for all children to be back in school. We have recently received some updated guidance from the DfE which will provide a little more clarity on what this may look like in practice and will communicate our plans as soon as we have had a chance to work through this document. We will send these during the summer holiday period so please keep checking your email inbox.

I would like to again take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding over the past few months. I know having spoken with other local head teachers, that they have faced some challenging conversations with parents who are frustrated at the situation. Your support is really appreciated by all of the staff; it is another example of the fantastic community spirit that we have at Greenvale.

### Date for your diary - INSET day date change - Thursday 3rd September

Please note that we have made the decision to bring forward an INSET day originally scheduled on Monday 2nd November to Thursday 3rd September. This will allow for the staff to ensure they have time to prepare their classrooms for pupils' return on Friday 4th September.

## A note to our amazing Year 6...

I wanted to write to our Year 6 class who will be leaving Greenvale in very strange circumstances in a couple of weeks time.

I wanted to say how very proud we are of you all and what you have been able to achieve in your time at Greenvale. Whilst it is so sad that you have not been able to sign off your time at Greenvale with a show stopping performance or to have had a leavers' assembly in our usual manner, it has been lovely having many of you back in school in recent weeks and we have all seen just how much you have grown and matured since the beginning of the year.

You are a class with many talents: academic, sporting (still gutted about not being able to win everything linked to football), the arts and, not forgetting, leading assemblies linked to WWII!

I feel incredibly privileged to have been your headteacher and I hope that you will look back on your time at Greenvale with fondness. The staff and I wish you the very best at your secondary schools and look forward to you coming back to Greenvale to let us know how it is all going!



## School Uniform for September

Following the release of the guidance, we wanted to let families know that children will need to come to school in school uniform.

The guidance states “Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, not do they need to be cleaned using methods that are different from normal”.

It is our understanding that Marks and Spencer, our uniform supplier currently have a sale on. For more information about ordering school uniform, please click on the following link:

<https://www.greenvale.croydon.sch.uk/parent-info/school-uniform/>

## Stationery - KS2 Pupils

From September, each child will require their own stationery in a **small** pencil case.

Children will require the following:

Pen (Can also be purchased separately for £1 - see ParentPay)

Two sharpened pencils

A rubber

A sharpener

A 15cm ruler

A glue stick

A complete pencil case can be purchased from the school for £5. To order, please pay for this item via ParentPay.

## KS1 Live streams

As you will be aware, throughout the Lockdown staff have provided the Greenvale community with daily read along sessions. In order to ensure that we are able to carry out a considerable number of end of year tasks, the **live streams will end on Friday 10th July**.

I would like to thank staff for their work on this. We hope you enjoyed watching and reading along. We hope to consider how we can use Google Classroom to promote reading in the future.



## A goodbye message from Mrs Syradd...

So, after 16 years it is with a tear in my eye and a lump in my throat that I prepare to say goodbye to Greenvale.

And what an adventure it has been-16 years of hard work, fun, laughter and being part of a wonderful community. Over the years I have survived 3 Ofsted's; worked with 2 fabulous headteachers and many wonderful staff; taught over 650 children and got to know over 550 families-as well as getting married and having 2 children along the way!

I have loved teaching every year group; coached netball teams to win the league and primary cups; led Assessment, PSHE, PE and Spanish; run parent gyms and well-being weeks; dressed up for talent shows and book days; slept in the school, on the HMS Belfast and at PGL and country danced at Summer Fairs. I have so enjoyed teaching KS2 Spanish every week and the pupils enthusiasm and excitement for learning a new language has been brilliant.

It is true to say, I have truly loved every minute of my time being part of the Greenvale community and I take with me many wonderful memories.

So, as I embark on a new challenge and head into the new chapter of my life I would just like to say thank you to every child, parent and member of staff for making the last 16 years such happy ones. Greenvale, you will be in my heart forever.

Adios and with much love, Mrs Syradd

## 10 Before 10 books plea

As your children move up the school, it is essential that children have access to high quality texts.

As you will be aware, at Greenvale, we have the 10 before 10 system. If you have any books that have now been read by your child, we would be very grateful for any donations for classroom book corners. We would be very grateful for donations to be brought into school after the summer break.

For information about class texts and the 10 before 10 lists, please click on the following link:

<https://www.greenvale.croydon.sch.uk/reading/>

Children will really benefit from having copies of the class texts as well as copies of the 10 before 10 books.



## Staffing

We are now in a position to let you know of our staffing plans for the next academic year.

We are pleased to inform you of Mrs Harrison's appointment to the Senior Leadership Team as she moves into the role of Assistant Headteacher.

Mrs Neri will be a non-class based teacher for the coming year. During the Autumn term she will be primarily working alongside our Year 2 class, with a particular focus on phonics and Literacy.

As you will have seen, we have a new member of teaching staff at Greenvale and would like to welcome Miss Stroud to the teaching team. Miss Stroud joins us following a year of exploring South Asia having previously worked at Howard Primary School in South Croydon. I am sure you will all make her very welcome at the start of the next academic year.



Miss Stroud

We would also like to welcome Mrs Vicky Bell to the team at Greenvale. Vicky joins us as Business Manager from September and will no doubt prove a very useful addition to the office team.

Next week will be the last Google Hangout with your child's current class teacher and we will be inviting you to a Google Hangout with your child's new teacher during the **week commencing 13/7/20** (more details to follow).

Year	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Miss Kemp	Miss Amon Mrs Piper Mrs Long-Lee
Year 1	Mrs Chapman	Mrs Roberts
Year 2	Mrs Malik Mrs Neri (Autumn term)	Mrs Grabban
Year 3	Miss Stroud	Miss Rose Mrs Long-Lee Mrs Piper
Year 4	Mrs Harrison	Mrs Catchpole
Year 5	Mr White	Mrs Vani Miss Miller
Year 6	Mr Crow	Mrs Melia Mrs Thibeault Mrs Spence Miss Miller

## Timetable changes for September

Following our visit to Finland earlier in the year, we have decided to make a few small changes to our daily timetable.

These changes will mean that the day can be divided into more workable sessions. This can potentially mean making lessons slightly shorter which will in turn support and improve the children's level of focus.

We have also decided to include an afternoon break for our Reception and KS1 pupils. The previous timetable provided children with 1 hour 15 mins lunch, which we believe to be a little too long. The new timetable will allow for a break between 2-2.15pm which will improve pupils' focus and attention during the afternoon.

Finally, we have decided to move Stars assembly (when we are allowed to reconvene assemblies) to a Friday at the end of the day. We believe that this is a more suitable time for assembly and will again allow for more time in the mornings (when children are at their best) to be spent on other areas of the curriculum.

We look forward to seeing the impact of these changes during the Autumn term.



A grid titled "Weekly Timetable" with 7 columns and 6 rows. The columns are color-coded: Monday (pink), Tuesday (orange), Wednesday (yellow), Thursday (green), Friday (blue), Saturday (purple), and Sunday (grey). The grid is currently empty.

## Work over the summer

Over the summer period there will be a number of works taking place at Greenvale ready for our return in September.

This will include:

- A replacement of internal doors and shutters to ensure that we are in keeping the the latest fire regulations
- A refit of lighting fixtures throughout the school.
- An update to playground furniture
- An update to our school library to ensure that this is fit for purpose.

We are sure that these improvements will make a positive difference to the feel of the school and look forward to welcoming you into school to see the changes when this is possible.



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