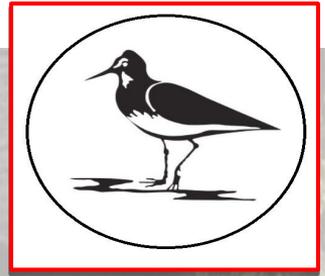


Greenvale Primary School

September 2020



A very big welcome back to all of our Greenvale families for the start of hopefully a more typical school year. We would also like to say a special welcome to the new families that we will be welcoming to Greenvale as part of our new Reception cohort.

There is much to reflect on over the past few months; whilst we attempt to get back to some sort of normality, it is important that we all do what we can to ensure that the number of people with the virus remains as low as possible. We all have an important role to play in this. Whether you are in the school vicinity or not, we ask you to abide by the safety measures in place to limit the spread of the virus.

I did say at the beginning that there may be some positives to come out from such a situation. Having reflected over the past few months, I believe there is much to be grateful for:

- Engagement with online learning was exceptional. As a result, we will be using Google Classroom for grid homework activities moving forwards. It goes without saying that children (and staff) will have learnt and developed ICT skills beyond all expectations.
- We have been able to update and upgrade parts of the school interior such as the library, the doors and a new fire alarm system.
- We have had some time to consider what is really important to our children. School can be incredibly busy; the break has provided us with time to give consideration to the curriculum that we offer and how we can make things even better for the children's return. .

Over the coming weeks, there may be times where we we may need to make some small changes to plans that have been made. We ask for your patience during this time.



COVID-19

Key actions

- Know the symptoms
- Self isolate
- Request a Test
- Inform school
- Share contacts



Remember

- Keep 2 metres away from other people when you are out of the house
- Walk or cycle to school if you can
- Wear face coverings when required
- Avoid large gatherings



Wash your hands more often and for 20 seconds



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue away straight away

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

COVID19 symptoms



new and continuous cough



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Stop the spread of coronavirus

If your child has symptoms of COVID19

- Keep them at home for 10 days
- Other household members to self isolate for 14 days
- Request a COVID-19 test immediately. www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119.
- Keep your children's school/s informed

If your child has a positive COVID19 test

- Complete the 10-days isolation
- Other household members to isolate for 14 days
- Keep your children's school/s informed
- Share contacts with [NHS Test and Trace](#)

If [NHS Test and Trace](#) tells you that your child is 'a contact'

- Keep your child at home for 14 days
- Keep your child's school informed

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Should you suspect that your child or member of your household to be displaying COVID-19 symptoms, we ask that you have a Covid-19 test in order to keep other members of the Greenvale community safe. To book a test please click on the following link:

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

As a last resort, the school holds a small number of test kits. Please email the school should you have a problem obtaining a kit.

Learning to Learn week

Over the coming week, children will be engaging in a Learning to Learn week.

We are very mindful that our children will have spent a considerable time away from school and that they will all have had very different experiences of lockdown. We are also very mindful that some children will have some difficulty in getting back into their school routine whilst others will still have concerns and worries about the virus.

Our approach during this week will be a gradual reintroduction back into school with a focus on the following:

- The importance of sleep
- Healthy diet / drinking plenty of water
- Developing a reading habit
- E Safety / Screen time
- Memory games / Listening skills
- Working together / School values



During the following week, we will begin to resume lessons, with a slight adaptation to our approach, revising the key concepts that children will need to know prior to being able to engage with the learning for each unit of work. There will also be some routine assessments that will be carried out which are solely to inform the teachers where each child is working. Results and information will not be shared with pupils; once we know where children are working, it will allow us to adapt our teaching for groups to ensure that they are receiving learning and tasks that are appropriate for them.

Should you have any questions about your child's learning or want to share any concerns or issues that your child may be facing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Contact information can be found on the final page of this newsletter.

Small Schools' Cup Champions



A huge well done to our football team who were resounding winners last Friday in their Small Schools' Cup final, winning 6-1 against Kenley.

The team went unbeaten and were incredibly unlucky not to be able to take part in the semi final of the Primary Cup and play other league winners due to COVID-19.

Special thanks to Debbie Markley for her help in organising this and Ozzy Mehmet for hosting the game and for providing a winners cap and medals.

I wish the boys continued success at their secondary schools.

Changes in school

As stated, during the summer break, there has been a considerable amount of work that has taken place in school. I am very grateful to the staff who have spent a considerable amount of time in school over the summer period, redesigning the layouts of their classrooms and spending a great deal of time working on their book corners. We hope it won't be too long until you can see the changes for yourselves..

We did put together a short video and shared this via Twitter for children to see some of the changes. This can be viewed [here](#).

A couple of changes that we would like to share is of our new non-fiction library.



From this

...



to this



Our 'spruced-up' Sandpiper

You will also note that our Sandpiper has been brought back to life by Ranger Iain. Please ensure that no children make their way onto the bank area or touch the Sandpiper. We hope that with a bit of care, this living artwork can remain in place for years to come.

Breakfast club / Afters

As you will be aware, as of Monday 7th September, our Breakfast and After school provision will be back up and running.

In order to manage the level of risk, we have had to limit numbers at each provision to 30 and run both provisions from the hall.

Children attending the clubs will be from different year groups; we will however ensure good hygiene protocols apply throughout.

The booking form has now closed and a new separate payment will be added to ParentPay shortly. If you do require a place at either provision please contact the office direct by emailing parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

There are still a small number of places at each provision available. Our usual charges apply.

Breakfast club: £5 per session
£2 from 8.30am

Afters: £6 up until 4.30pm
£12 up until 6pm

After-school clubs

As you know, after-school clubs are an important part of our school day at Greenvale. At the current time, we are unable to offer after-school clubs taking place at Greenvale other than our wrap-around provision.

This will be reviewed at half-term where it may be possible to offer a small number of extra-curricular clubs, including those run by external companies.

We will of course notify parents as soon as we have discussed this and have completed the necessary risk assessments.



10 before 10 books / Class readers

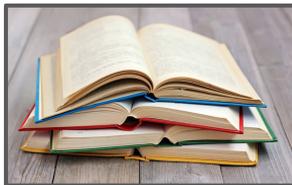
At Greenvale, each class has a selection of books, chosen by teachers for children to read during that particular year. The purpose of this is to provide our pupils with high-quality, age-appropriate texts that are going to support them in becoming fluent readers and confident writers.

Class teachers have recently revised their lists and sent these out via email. These can be viewed by going to our school website:

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

Also on this page is a copy of our class readers. These are books that run alongside our Literacy teaching during the term. It would be really useful for children to have their own copy of the book to read along with.

Please don't feel that these all have to be brand new; it may be that you are able to pick up a good deal from a used book seller online.



In-ear headphones: Years 1-6

We would like to request that all children bring their own in-ear headphones into school for use with our Chromebooks. It is important that children have their own as opposed to having to share between one another given the current situation. It is important that these are the wired version as opposed to the newer bluetooth versions.

Children will be asked to keep these in their trays for use during IT lessons.



Split Parent Arrangements

We have recently reviewed our procedures for parents who are separated. We are asking parents to provide us with important information about your parenting arrangements so that we are also clear on practicalities such as who is collecting your child on a particular day or who should be contacted in an emergency.

We ask one parent to complete the following Google form and then arrange a time with the office for each parent to sign a copy of this form. Many thanks.

[Please click here to access the form](#)

Grounds Day - 27th September

Grounds days are days where we ask parents and families to support by giving some time towards helping maintain parts of the school grounds.

Whilst we have a school grounds contract, which includes grass cutting, hedge trimming and weed removal, we rely on the help and support of parents for some of the other jobs.

As a small school, funding has always been an issue, particularly when we have a considerable number of trees on site when compared with other schools. The maintenance of these can be costly and quickly wipe out our budget for other priorities around the school.

We will therefore be holding a grounds morning on Sunday 27th September where we will be inviting parents to help with cutting back, painting gates, collecting any litter from around the site etc which will really help keep our school looking smart and tidy.

To offer your time, please click on the following link.

<https://forms.gle/drFHaHzwKBFreTc9>

Thank you in advance!



Meet the Teacher Videos

For those who have children in Years 1-6, you will be aware that we usually hold meet the teacher meetings during the first few days of term.

Given the current situation, the teachers will be creating a pre-recorded video and slideshow for parents that will be available this Friday which will cover the main things that you will need to know for each year group.

The curriculum newsletter will also be sent to parents on Friday informing you of what your children will be covering in the curriculum for the forthcoming year.

We hope that you find these useful.



Jogging bottoms for PE

As you will be aware, we are requesting that children come to school dressed in their PE kits on days when they have PE.

We appreciate that over the coming weeks, temperatures are likely to drop somewhat and therefore would like to remind parents that children are able to wear black jogging bottoms should they wish.

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