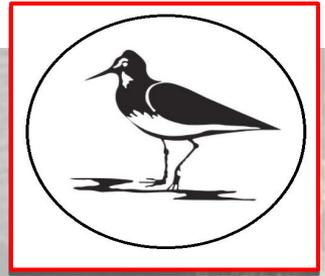


Greenvale Primary School

March 2021

"Succeeding together by loving what we do"



Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome everybody back to school following the latest period of lockdown. As in September, the children have settled quickly back into school life and are coping incredibly well with the significant changes to their routine.

We are very mindful that some children may find the return to school a daunting process. Should your child have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in contact with their teacher (email addresses at the end of this newsletter) or encourage them to use the 'Worried about something button' on the school website. This way, we can work with your child and ensure that they feel safe and happy whilst at school.

We are very mindful that the return to school will take some adjustment and that your children may initially be quite tired. This in mind, rather than setting comprehension and grid homework, we have decided to have a focus on reading (10 before 10 books), spelling and number bonds / times tables.

Finally a big thank you to parents for observing the protocols in place to keep everybody safe. We are very mindful of the amount of school that children have already missed and wish to do all we can to limit the spread of the virus. Whilst the news regarding vaccinations is great to hear, we must still be mindful that this virus can be spread by all and must work together to ensure that our community is safe.



Greenvale's 5 Top Tips for a smooth return to school

During assembly last Monday we spoke to the children about some top tips that would make their return to school as smooth as possible. We felt it would be helpful to share these top tips with parents so they can ensure that these key messages are reinforced at home.



Keep in mind
our School
VALUES!

Before you speak:
THINK
T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?

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Good Manners Matter!

Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough.

Listen.

Keep your hands to yourself.

Say "please" and "thank you."

Share.

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Have high expectations of yourself!



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A focus on...



Reading

Spelling

Times tables

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Wiktor Cycle

As some of you may be aware, Wiktor, our school crossing patrol officer, has recently embarked on a challenge - to cycle (on an exercise bike) from Selsdon to Bodo in Norway where he grew up. This journey is almost 3000km in total!

Wiktor is documenting his virtual journey via his Facebook page, providing readers with a little information about the different places that he would have reached and is currently in Germany.

Should you wish to follow Wiktor's progress, please search for *Wiktor Molleskog* on Facebook.

If you wish to make a donation to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air ambulance Trust, please visit his Just Giving page via

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wiktor-molleskog>



Parent Consultations - Dates for your diary

Given that many children have been learning from home since the beginning of Spring term, we have taken the decision to move the date of our parent consultations from Spring term to early during the Summer term. This will provide staff with the opportunity to make accurate assessments of pupils and ensure that information shared with parents is accurate and as helpful as possible.

The meetings will once again be held online via Google over the following four separate nights:

Tuesday 4th May
Wednesday 5th May
Tuesday 11th May
Wednesday 12th May



We will provide you with more information nearer the time.

Term dates 2021 - 2022

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Please note that dates in blue are INSET days.

*On the 17th September, the staff are booked onto some specific training linked to developing writing in school. We have tried to place this at a time when training was available and where it would cause the least disruption.

Please take a note of the dates ensuring that any holiday is taken outside of term time.

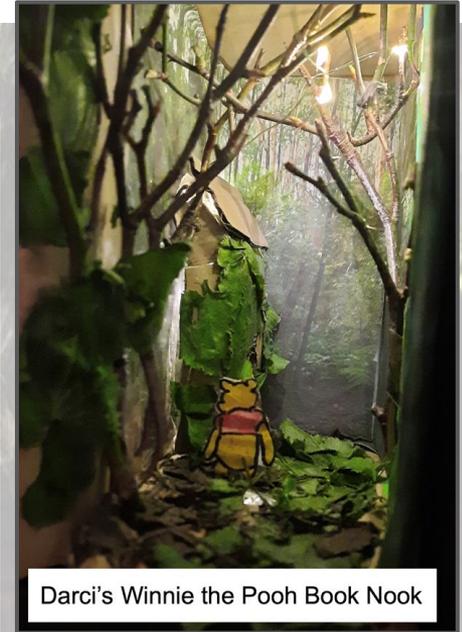
Thank you!

Greenvale Celebrates World Book Week

A very big well done to our families for their creativity and enthusiasm with joining in with World Book Day celebrations.

The children really enjoyed the week and put their sense of creativity to good use.

A big thank you to those who were able to purchase books for each class through the Amazon wishlists. These will be incredibly useful as and when we covering our IPC curriculum.



Darci's Winnie the Pooh Book Nook



Safeguarding

We fully appreciate that the past few months will have proven a stressful time for families and that there are also likely to be difficult times ahead. We are very mindful of the additional pressure that this can place on family life.

We are mindful of our duty to keep all members of our community safe. If you are suffering, it is important that you have somebody to talk to so that help can be sought. Nobody should suffer alone or in silence.

We are here to listen and have a number of services that are on hand to provide support. If you would like to speak to someone about an issue, please feel free to email either myself or Mrs Whiting who will deal with the matter in the strictest of confidence. Parents are also welcome to use the 'Worried about something button' on our school website.

<https://www.greenvale.croydon.sch.uk/help-form/>

Alternatively, you may wish to contact a charity directly and speak to an advisor:

Refuge

Freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)

Samaritans

Freephone - 24-hour helpline - 116 123



A purple poster with white and pink text. At the top left is the HM Government logo. The main text reads "AT HOME SHOULDN'T MEAN AT RISK" in large, bold letters. Below "MEAN" is a white hand icon with a heart inside. At the bottom left is the hashtag "#YOUARENOTALONE" and at the bottom right is "FIND SUPPORT AT: gov.uk/domestic-abuse".

Time keeping

As we move back to a period whereby hopefully there is more routine to our day to day lives, we ask for your cooperation in ensuring that children are in school on time, ready to start the school day.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) need to be in their classrooms, ready for registration at 8.50am.
Children in Reception - Year 2 need to be in school by 9am.

Given the amount of schooling that children have missed, now more than ever, children need to be punctual and ready to start the day to ensure that we are able to maximise learning time. Thank you in advance.



Recycling Bin

The new clothing bank has been very well received and has had to be emptied once already! Please can we ask that ALL items are put in bags to make it easier for collection. Please do not leave any bags on the floor next to the bank if it is full. Please DO NOT put books in the bank as these can be donated to the Friends of Greenvale (FOG) Second Hand Book Shop when it is open again, hopefully the weekend of 17th April.



Parking

A request for parents to please refrain from parking on the double yellow lines directly outside the school.

These lines ensure that there is a clear area for Wiktor, our School Crossing Patrol Officer to look out for oncoming traffic. There have been several near misses in recent years which may well have resulted in significant injury or worse.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



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