

Greenvale Primary School

November Newsletter



November Dates

Friday 19th

FOG Mufti Day in exchange for lucky dip prizes & YR 3 Cake Sale after school.

Monday 22nd

YR 5 Trip to Fairfield Halls

Wednesday 24th

YR 3 Trip to The ARC Centre

Friday 26th

FOG Christmas Headwear with uniform in exchange for chocolates.

Note from Mr Bowden,

It has been a busy start back after the half term with plenty taking place within schools including celebrating Bonfire Night, marking Remembrance day and holding Parent Consultations. We are now approaching the busiest time of year and would ask parents to take note of the dates and events on the Christmas slide to ensure that you are aware of upcoming events.

We are delighted to share that we have recently been accredited with our Gold STARS Award for the efforts we have taken to encourage and promote active travel to families at Greenvale. This award considered the actions over three years and has supported us in increasing the number of children who walk, scoot or cycle to school. Thank you for your help and support with this.

Finally, we have recently sent out our annual survey to parents. This survey allows parents to give their views on the school and will help inform the school of what is working well and what can be improved. A big thank you to those who have contributed thus far.

Christmas

As the Christmas season approaches, there will be plenty of different events taking place. It would be great to involve our community as much as possible with these.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to accommodate parents this year for the annual Christmas Lunch. We know that people would like to celebrate the festive period with family this year, so have decided to avoid large indoor gatherings before hand to ensure everyone can enjoy Christmas.

Selsdon Christmas Lights

Greenvale have once again been asked to provide some festive cheer on **Friday 19th November**.

The choir will be performing a number of Christmas carols prior to the light switch on which will take place at 5pm. We hope to see you there!



Greenvale's Christmas Calendar

Friday 3rd - Mufti Day (Christmas jumpers)
Year 2 - Addington Methodist Church
(Christingle)
Greenvale Christmas Fair

Sunday 5th - St Johns Carol concert @ 6pm
(Choir to perform)

Tuesday 7th - KS1 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 8th - KS2 Christmas Lunch

Monday 13th - Y1 Christmas assembly

Wednesday 15th - Robins Nativity performance

Thursday 16th - Year 2 Christmas assembly (9am)
KS2 Carol concert @ St Johns

Friday 17th - Term ends

Sexual violence and sexual harrassment between pupils

We would like to bring to your attention some new guidance that has been provided to schools by the DfE in relation to sexual violence and sexual harrassment between children, sometimes referred to as peer-on-peer abuse.

Research alongside recent events in the news have illustrated just how much of an issue this is within society.

At Greenvale, we use our values to teach the children about being respectful of one another. This begins in early childhood when children learn about playing respectfully with one another and learn how to report any concerns that they may have to an adult. Children are also taught, through our PSHE curriculum about appropriate behaviour towards their classmates, as well as how this may also manifest when online with friends.

Staff have recently received training within this area and are clear on the steps needed to identify and address any concerns that relate to sexual violence and sexual harrassment.

Should you ever have any concerns that relate to peer-on-peer abuse, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or speak with Mr Bowden or Mrs Whiting, the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads.

WE ARE TAKING A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

This is a safe space
You can get help here
Please talk to a member of staff

You can also contact Croydon FJC for support

Call 020 8688 0100

Or call the 24hr National Domestic Abuse Hotline

0808 2000 247

#YOUARENOTALONE 

Should you ever have a safeguarding concern about yourself or another member of the Greenvale community, please come and speak to either Mr Bowden or Mrs Whiting. Please see the contact details on the final page of this newsletter.

Anti-Bullying Week - 15th - 21st November

We are very pleased to inform you that next week, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. This will begin with the school community **wearing odd socks** to school on **Monday 15th November** to mark the start of the week.

During the week, we will speak to the children about what bullying is, what it isn't, understanding conflict, and most importantly, what action to take if you feel you or another person is being bullied.

It is really important to notify your child's class teacher should you believe your child to be a victim of bullying behaviour. We also have the 'Worried about something' button on our school website which allows members of our community to self-report any issues.

Whilst bullying behaviour happens in many areas of life, at Greenvale, we are committed to ensuring that it is addressed and that children are supported to find resolutions to any issues that they may be facing.



Please click here
to view
the One Kind Word
Video

Pleas from the staff...

Collection time

Please ensure that you are on time to collect your children. There have been a number of occasions whereby children have been waiting around for around 10 mins before being collected.

Reception and Year 1 finish at: **3.15pm**
Year 3,4,5 and 6 all finish at **3.20pm**.

Uniform

We are still finding that we have a considerable amount of unnamed uniform in school, making it impossible to return jumpers and cardigans to their correct owner.

Please ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled and that they know where on the item of clothing the label is. Thank you.

Coats

Now that the weather is getting colder, it is a requirement for all children to have a coat in school.

Please also feel free to provide your child with hats and gloves although once again, please ensure that these are clearly named.

Pencil Cases

A polite request from teachers to ensure that pencil cases are not too large and fit within children's school trays. If pencil cases are all left on the table (as they are unable to fit within the tray) then tables are unable to be cleaned properly.



ParentPay Debt

School Lunches

Balance summary
(including pending payments)

Percentage of people in credit or debt

64% in credit 36% in debt

This equates to 384 meals not paid for!

£2444.94 total credit
£863.40 total debt
£1581.54 net balance

Breakfast Club

Balance summary
(including pending payments)

Percentage of people in credit or debt

92% in credit 8% in debt

This equates to 90 sessions not paid for!

£2666.09 total credit
£450.00 total debt
£2216.09 net balance

Afters

Balance summary
(including pending payments)

Percentage of people in credit or debt

89% in credit 11% in debt

This equates to 164 sessions not paid for!

£5205.48 total credit
£984.00 total debt
£4221.48 net balance

Please can we ask that every effort be made to clear ParentPay debts. **The school debt totals £2297.41!**

As previously explained, if your debt reaches £30.00 (not including voucher payments) your ParentPay account will be frozen which means that you will be unable to pay for any trips and your child will be unable to have school lunches or attend wraparound care until the debt is paid in full.

If you pay using childcare vouchers or the government scheme, it might be an idea to make an additional payment so that your account is in credit rather than arrears.

Please note that ALL ParentPay accounts should always show a credit or a £0.00 balance. Please click here to make a payment.



Guinea Pig Naming Competition Results!

After a global pandemic and three lockdowns, we finally have the results of our guinea pig naming competition!

Year groups 1-6 suggested and voted for the names of their guinea pig. Here are the results!



“Rapunzel” Year 1



“Minnie Mouse” Year 2



“Lilo” Year 3



“Mulan” Year 4



“Jasmine” Year 5



“Cruella” Year 6

The Friends of Greenvale (FOG)

So far this year, the FOG Committee have raised **£1,824.91** for the school! Thank you for all your support in helping us to achieve this. Some of this money is already been used by the school to purchase new books for every classroom.

Christmas Fair, Friday 3rd December from 3.15pm

Your class reps have been sending out lots of information about the Christmas Fair and ways in which you can help. If you would like to put your name forward to help with any of the things listed below, please let your class rep know:

- Volunteering to spend some time manning a stall
- Donating any unwanted Christmas decorations
- Baking a large Christmas cake to be raffled off
- Offering your help to prepare for the Christmas Fair, for example, wrapping presents or helping to put up the marquee
- Donating Christmas jumpers for resale

We greatly appreciate every offer of help that has been given so far.

FOG Mufti Days - In exchange for items for the Christmas Fair below:

Friday 19th November - Mufti clothes for lucky dip prizes KS1 buy unisex gifts for KS1 & KS2 buy unisex prizes for KS2

Friday 26th November - Christmas headwear with school uniform and accessories for chocolates (boxes of chocolates or selection boxes etc in date)

Friday 3rd December - Christmas jumpers with uniform for bottles for the Bottle Tombola - alcoholic and non-alcoholic



Afters

Children in After School Club have been very busy recently with lots of activities and Arts & Crafts including Halloween before Half Term. The children enjoyed building a Guy Fawkes made from paper from the recycling boxes. This week we have been doing things with a Poppy theme including topping a cup cake with icing .The children all enjoyed that and had their cake after they had eaten their tea. On Armistice Day we were very lucky to be allowed to have the New Addington Branch of the British Legion Standard Flag lent to us by Mr Tony Pearson. It was quite heavy but some of the children wanted to hold it for the photo . Well done to Tobias and Richa from year 3 and Emilia from year 4. They all did a great job holding it steady while I took the photo We have also made a Wreath with Poppies that the children wrote messages on giving thanks to all those who died in the war . This will be taken to Warlingham on Sunday to put on to Cenotaph Memorial. If any After School Club children are there on Sunday they may like to do this .



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