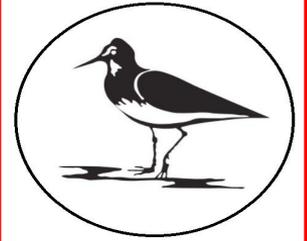


Greenvale Primary School

December Newsletter



December Dates

Tuesday 14th - Year 1 Christmas assembly via Google Meet (9am)

Wednesday 16th - Year 2 Christmas assembly via Google Meet (9am)

Thursday 16th -
1:45pm - KS2 Carols in the Community
Robins Nativity 7pm via Youtube

Friday 17th
2pm - Term ends
NO AFTERS

January
Thursday 6th - Spring term starts

A note from Mr Bowden...

I wanted to begin by thanking everybody for their support over the past term. There continue to be challenges in relation to COVID however your cooperation in booking and getting PCR tests, your messages of support when difficult decisions need to be made or by coming to the Christmas fair, it is greatly appreciated by not only by myself, but the staff and Governing Body.

We look forward to celebrating the many different Christmas events that we have on over the coming weeks and hope to see many parents and family members during the afternoon of 16th December when KS2 perform carols in the local area.

I wish you and your families a happy and healthy Christmas and hope that you are able to spend some quality time together before we begin back on **Thursday 6th January**.



Goodbye to Miss Stroud

As you may be aware, at Christmas, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Stroud who will sadly be leaving teaching to take up a role in another sector.

I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Stroud for all of her hard work since joining Greenvale and would like to wish her the very best for the future.

Mr Bibby will be joining the teaching staff at Greenvale and will be teaching Year 3 for the rest of the academic year. He has already spent some time in school and got to know the class and the Greenvale approach to teaching and learning.

I have found the following quote which I believe sums up Miss Stroud's approach. Since the moment she joined Greenvale

Thank you Miss Stroud!

Teachers teach because they care. Teaching young people is what they do best. It requires long hours, patience, and care.

Horace Mann

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Want to keep your children safe on Apps and Social Media over Christmas?

We are pleased to inform you that on 20th December, Common Sense Media will be running a Live Q+A session for parents about how to keep children safe when using apps, games and phones.

They will be able to provide the most up to date information on the latest trends as well as provide you with advice in how you can best keep your children safe.

The livestream will be taking place at 7pm on 20th December. This can be accessed through the following link:

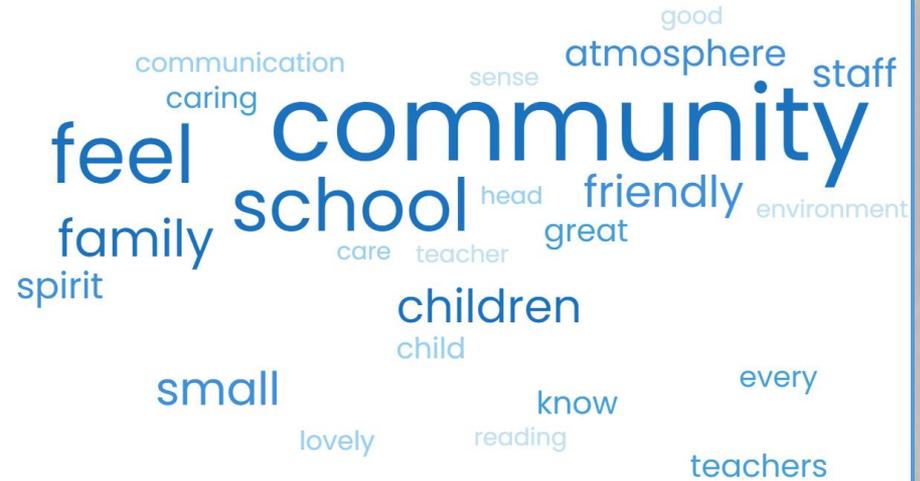
<https://www.facebook.com/events/900852587457608/>



Parent Surveys

A very big thank you to all those who took part in our annual Parent Survey. We received 113 responses in total. Having looked at the responses we are now in a position to share some of the results:

- 96% believe their children to be happy at Greenvale. The remaining 4% responded with a neutral response.
- 89% felt that behaviour was good with 9% responded with a neutral response.
- Parents believe that any instances of bullying are dealt with well at Greenvale. Only 3% disagree. Please do come and speak to me directly should you believe that any incidents have not been fully considered.
- 86% believe that the school have high expectations for their children with the remainder responding with a neutral response.
- 99% of parents would recommend Greenvale to another parent.



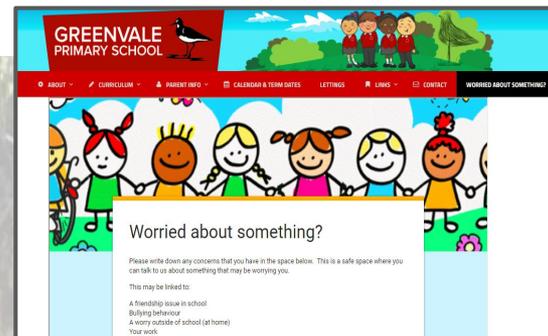
** in response to 'What do you like about Greenvale?'*

Safeguarding

I am sure, like us, you will have found the news in relation to the death of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes extremely difficult to fathom. Whilst it will take some time for the matter to be investigated and for the findings to be released, I wanted to write to parents as it is through working in partnership that we are best able to keep our community safe.

Firstly, Safeguarding forms a considerable aspect of what we do. Occasionally, concerns will be raised which may require further investigation from the school or social care. Many parents will become concerned that social care involvement will mean that the children are removed from the household - this is a misconception and only used as a last resort and if the child is perceived to be at significant risk of harm. Whilst we appreciate that any investigation may prove stressful for families, this is something that the school will always prioritise in order to keep everybody safe.

Secondly, there can often be the view that it is best to stay quiet and not involve yourself in others' business. A recent incident in Year 6 has demonstrated that although some parents may have been aware of unkind behaviour occurring online, nothing had been reported to the school. On our school website, we have the 'Worried about something' button. This is primarily for use by children although can be accessed by any member of our community. The contributor may also remain anonymous should they wish. The sooner that we are aware, the sooner we can provide support to families in need. Thank you for your help with this.



Friends of Greenvale

It has been a busy term for the Friends of Greenvale who have done incredible job in difficult circumstances. We have celebrated two events including a Halloween disco and the Christmas Fair which raised over **£2000!**

A special thank you to the small team of parents who were here during the day to help put up the outdoor tent and gazebos.



Book Shop OPENING TIMES

Friday 3 December:	3pm-6pm
Saturday 4 December:	10am-4pm
Sunday 5 December:	10am-1pm
Thursday 9 December:	4pm-8pm
Saturday 11 December:	10am-4pm
Sunday 12 December:	10am-1pm
Thursday 16 December:	4pm-8pm
Saturday 18 December:	10am-4pm
Sunday 19 December:	9am-5pm

Thank you Nicci and Andy!

Over the past few weeks, Greenvale Community Bookshop has hit a very important milestone.

By the end of November, the bookshop has now raised **over £10,000** for the school!

This is incredible and testament to the hard work and support of Nicci and Andy Eyles who give up a significant amount of their time to run the bookshop.

Anti-Bullying Week



During the week of 15th November, Greenvale took part in Anti-Bullying Week. This week was built around the theme of 'One Kind Word' which was focussing on kindness as opposed to being hurtful.

We also took time to explain what bullying was, how this differs from conflict and what steps children can take should they feel as though they are a victim of bullying behaviour.

At Greenvale, we also use the word 'THINK' with the children. If something is not **T** rue, **H** elpful, **I** nspiring, **N** ecessary or **K** ind, then it should not be said at all. .

Please do use this with your children as it will help to provide a consistent approach between school and home.

Well done Freya!

A very big well done to Freya who won the Selsdon Gazette competition to design the front cover of the December edition of the Selsdon Gazette.



Afters



We have been having a few problems with Elves lately as they have been playing with the toys and sticking plasters on themselves & making a mess with our biscuit decorating ingredients. They have generally been up to mischief!



The children have been busy doing Arts & Crafts for Christmas including making key rings, & Robin bauble decorations & making up bags of Reindeer food to take home. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year!



Please see the below for the upcoming themes for January!

Week beginning	Theme
3rd Jan	National bird day - Making bird feeders
10th Jan	Learning about house plants / Archery / outdoor games
17th Jan	Popcorn making Learning about crystals
24th Jan	Jigsaw puzzles
31st Jan	Connect 4 Competition
7th Feb	Chinese New Year



Christmas Open Day

We are delighted to be hosting our Christmas Open Day on **Sunday 19th December!** The ARC will open for members of the public to come along and see all the animals and join in the festive fun. There will be lots of things to do - including quizzes and making christmas presents for the animals! We will be hosting various local businesses at the event and the fabulous Friends of Greenvale Bookshop will also be open.

Rangers aged 4 -18 will also be giving tours and talks on the day to visitors too! We would love to see lots of our

Tickets are available now to book on our website www.the-arc-centre.co.uk/book-online

New arrival - Dot!

Dot the marmoset moved in this week from Five Sisters Zoo! He is settling in really well.



Christmas Holiday Club

We are offering our animal holiday club over the Christmas period on **20th-23rd and 27th - 30th December.** We have full and half days available for 4-11 and 11-18 year olds. During their time, the Rangers (children) will be looking after the animals - from feeding and cleaning to chilling out with them too!

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