



Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope that as many of you as possible were all able to enjoy a lovely Christmas with your families.



COVID-19 Update



As with a number of local schools, we have seen an increase of COVID-19 cases in the Greenvale community this week and would like to thank all of the parents who have been testing their children using lateral flow tests, we really do appreciate your understanding and co-operation.

The government guidance is currently changing at a very fast pace with the self-isolation period reduced from 7 days to 5 days from Monday for all full vaccinated adults as long as they have a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and the morning of day 6. We are awaiting confirmation as to whether children fall under this new guidance and will update you as soon as we know.

If you or your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, you are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not a lateral flow test. If someone with symptoms has already taken a lateral flow test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not need to take a follow-up PCR test.

Public Health have asked us to remind parents that if your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, **DO NOT** send them to school, please book a PCR test and follow the NHS Test and Trace instructions if the result is positive.

We encourage all parents to test their children using lateral flow tests twice weekly (every 3-4 days) as these tests can identify asymptomatic cases. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading. Please click [here](#) to order lateral flow tests.

Windows and doors are open where possible for extra ventilation so please make sure your child wears warm clothes, trousers or tights and brings a coat for lunchtimes and break times. Children are able to wear a Greenvale fleece over their school jumper if they are cold in classrooms.



Star of the Week



Swallows: Neru & Sebi
Chaffinches: Mae & Evie
Woodpeckers: Zayn & Adam
Jays: Joshua & Gabriel
Kestrels: Ethan & Muneeb
Falcons: Anishraj & Annabelle



Most Players This Week

1st Year 2
2nd Year 3
3rd Year 6

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Headteacher for the Day

Congratulations to Howie in Year 4 who won the prize of 'Headteacher for the Day' in the FOG Christmas Fair Children's Raffle. Howie embraced his new role by ringing the bell at the beginning of the school day, popping into classes to give our Sandpiper awards, observing teachers and presented the Star of the Week assembly this afternoon. Howie did such an amazing job that Mr Bowden is now thinking of taking early retirement!



Library Games

A big thank you once again to The Friends of Greenvale (FOG) who have kindly purchased some new games for our library area. Children in KS2 will be able to enjoy playing Scrabble, Uno, Chess, Bananagrams, Boggle and Top Trumps at lunchtimes. Each class will be designated a day per week.



Clubs

We still have a few places left in some of our teacher/TA run clubs. If you would like to book your child a place, please log into your child's ParentPay account [here](#). For any external club enquiries, please can we ask that you contact the company directly and not the school office.

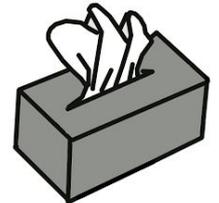
ParentPay Debt

Please can we ask that every effort be made to clear [ParentPay](#) debts. The school debt has reduced to just under £2000.00 but is obviously still extremely high and should be £0.00! As explained previously, 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.



Tissues

Classes would be very grateful for any donations of tissues. Please give these directly to your child's teacher or teaching assistant.



Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

We are aware that lots of people's situations may have changed over the past few months due to Covid-19. If you believe that you may be eligible for 'The Pupil Premium Grant' please complete the online form [here](#). Pupil Premium funding is used by the school to support students and help them reach their full potential academically, through extra curricular and pastoral provision. Children already in receipt of PPG will shortly be issued with a £30 voucher as part of the government scheme for the Christmas holidays.

House Points

The house point winners this week were Beech house. Well done to all of the children in Beech house who have worked so hard this week!



New Lunch Menu

We now have a new lunch menu. Next week will be week 3 on the menu cycle. Please click [here](#).



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