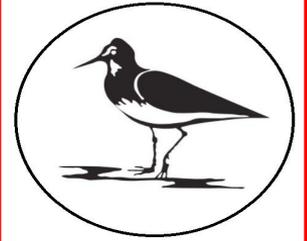


Greenvale Primary School

September Newsletter



Key dates:

September

- Fri 2nd** - Children return to school
Year 1 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- Mon 5th** - Year 6 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- Tue 6th** - Year 5 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- Wed 7th** - Year 4 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- Thur 8th** - Year 3 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- Fri 9th** - Year 2 Meet the teacher (2.50pm)
- Mon 12th** - Reception half days begin
- Thur 15th** - Reception in 9-2pm
- Mon 19th** - Reception in full time
- Mon 17th** - After school clubs start this week
- Wed 21st** - **School closed - INSET day**
- Thur 29th** - Harvest assembly
(Y3 parents able to attend)

A note from Mr Bowden...

It is lovely to welcome everybody back to school following the holidays. I hope you are all well rested and that your children are ready for another fun and enjoyable term.

Whilst our focus has always been to create happy, confident and competent children, last year's data shows that by the end of Key Stage 2, Greenvale children scored **well above** national expectations in all core subject areas. Unsurprisingly, those children who read regularly, who engage with home learning, including learning their number facts and times tables, perform significantly better than their peers. Producing well rounded children is all about partnership - we really rely on the support that you are able to offer. Our school vision of '***Succeeding together by loving what we do***' is still very important and what drives us as a school.

We very much look forward to working with you and your children over the coming year.

Arbor App - Please download now

During the summer term, we took the decision to transfer over to a different school management system called Arbor.

Whilst much of what this system does will not apply to parents, we will be using Arbor for communication and for setting up pupil consultation meetings in the future.

We are asking all parents to download this App in order to receive all emails in future. As of September 2022, all communication will be sent via email. We suggest that notifications for this App are turned on so that all parents are able to see any communication from school. For clarity, all messages will appear in your usual email inbox although the app will alert you to any messages.

To download the Arbor App, please visit the App store on any Smart device.



Meet the Teacher Dates

At the beginning of each year, we hold Meet the teacher meetings to keep parents informed of year group expectations and provide you with important information about the year ahead. These meetings are held in your child's classroom at 2.50pm each day.

Year 1 - Friday 2nd September

Year 2 - Friday 9th September

Year 3 - Thursday 8th September

Year 4 - Wednesday 7th September

Year 5 - Tuesday 6th September

Year 6 - Monday 5th September

We will refrain from covering each aspect of the curriculum as much of this is now available on our school website - [click here to view](#)

We hope you will be able to attend, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's class teacher via email (see the final page for each teacher's email address).

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff to Greenvale. These include:

Miss Brown - Year 3 class teacher

Mr Bibby - Year 1 class teacher (now officially)

Mrs Barnard - Reception teacher

Mrs Harwood - Afters Supervisor

Mrs Roberts - Office Assistant

Mrs Hayes - 1:1 Reception TA

Mrs Papuga - Lunchtime Supervisor

I am sure that you will introduce yourselves and give them all a warm welcome to Greenvale.



Contacting a member of staff

We know that children learn best when they feel happy and safe. Should there ever be an issue or a time where this is not the case, it is important that we work together to resolve any issue.

In the first instance, please make contact with your child's class teacher either in person, by email or by phone.

If an issue cannot be resolved in this way, the school complaints procedure, which can be [found here](#), should be followed.

Sharing complaints on social media is unlikely to help resolve the matter, but can cause upset to staff, pupils and parents, also undermining staff morale and the reputation of the school (which is important for the pupils we serve).

Main Gates

The main school gates are being refurbished over the Summer holidays which means that the intercom is now working. Therefore, unless you have been advised by school staff that you are able to access the car park due to medical reasons, please DO NOT park in the car park under any circumstances. Any unauthorised cars will be refused entry.

New Online Safety Policy

We have recently reviewed our Online Safety Policy which is available on our website. This contains information as to how we are keeping children safe when using the internet and applies to their behaviour both in and outside of school.

A list of all of our policies can be accessed on our school website or by [clicking here](#).



ParentPay Debt

At the end of last term we asked that all ParentPay accounts were cleared in full before the new academic school year starts as the debt had amounted to a staggering **£3578.75!** The debt is outlined below:

£991.65	Dinner money
£1791.75	Afters
£795.35	Breakfast Club

Volunteers - Help needed!

At Greenvale we are very lucky to have a great team of volunteers who support the work of school staff to get the best for our children. These individuals are invaluable to the work that we do.

We are always keen to recruit more volunteers - It could be a parent, grandparent or member of the community.

All volunteers are required to have full DBS certification in order to volunteer at Greenvale. Should you be interested, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Stationery - KS2 Pupils (Years 3-6)

From September, each child will require their own stationery in a **small** pencil case.

Children will require the following:

Pen (Can also be purchased separately for £1 - see ParentPay)

Two sharpened pencils

A rubber

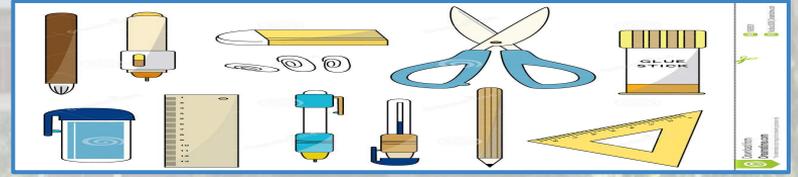
A sharpener

A 15cm ruler

A glue stick

A green biro and a purple biro

A complete pencil case can be purchased from the school for £5. To order, please pay for this item via ParentPay.



All KS2 pupils will require a pair of in-ear headphones to ensure that they are able to partake in Spanish lessons.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will not be required to bring in any stationery.

Afters

Our after school club will continue to run daily from 3.15pm until 6pm.

Please may we ask that where you know in advance which sessions you require, that you book them to ensure that we have space for your child.

Of course, we can often take last minute bookings but advanced booking secures the place and enables staff to cater for food in relation to numbers. Thank You.

Session times

'Afters' session times will continue to be:

3.15pm - 4.30pm £6 per session.

3.15pm - 6.00pm £12 per session.

Staff

We are pleased to welcome Emma Harwood to the 'Afters' team.

Emma will be working with Nicci daily and is looking forward to meeting everyone.



To book your child's
place please contact
Nicci on
07745 586212

Winter Term Classes for Greenvale Pupils at The ARC Centre



What do Rangers do in classes?

Animal Ranger

Rangers (children) learn practical husbandry skills including cleaning out the animals, feeding, creating enrichment and enclosure design and improvement. Perfect for anyone wanting to build their confidence with animals or are interested in a career as a Zoologist.

Aspiring Vets

Aimed at Rangers who are interested in becoming a vet or vet nurse. Rangers learn how to do basic health checks and observations, track animal weights, correctly draw and give basic medicines safely, learn how to do claw and hoof trims and much more!

Feeding Frenzy

A fun feeding class where the Rangers prepare feed for and feed the animals, and participate in head checks to ensure the animals are healthy and happy!

Class times

Monday 15:30 - 16:15

Animal Rangers | Robins & KS1

Tuesday 15:30 - 16:15

Animal Rangers | Open to all!

Wednesday 08:00 - 08:45

Feeding Frenzy | Open to all!

Wednesday 15:30 - 16:15

Animal Rangers | KS2

Friday 15:30 - 16:15

Aspiring Vets | KS2

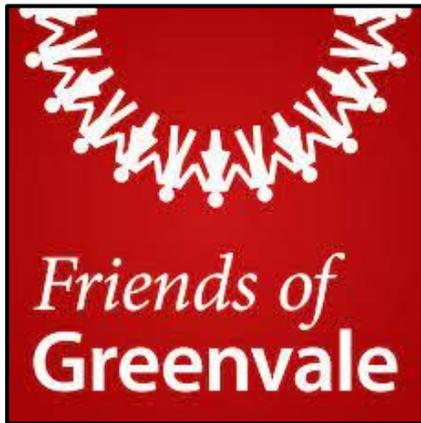
We can collect or take the children to and from school or Afters.



Animal Update!

During the holidays Suki, a brown and white skunk, moved to the ARC from Chew Valley Animal Park.

She has started making friends with Bruce and has been having fun bossing him around!



A fun year ahead...

The FOG Team are excited to get started planning and organising another year of fun events for the children and fundraising for the school.

As and when the event dates are organised they will be put onto the calendar on the school website and included in the school newsletters. If you have any ideas for themes or events this year then please speak to one of the FOG Team as we welcome your input.

The first event will be a disco in October and details will be circulated in due course.

The FOG Team

Class reps

Reception	Katy Farren-Reed
Year 1	Melanie Cox and Claire Leggatt
Year 2	Helen McIntosh, Sarah Lucking and Claire Roberts
Year 3	Sylvie Mclean and Helena Card
Year 4	Rakhee Patel and Louise Chapman
Year 5	Kirsty Strang, Louise Harris and Anna Kim-Ince
Year 6	Nicola Dixon, Amy Watson, Carly Gray and Sinead Grinham



Katie Hayes
Chairman



Isobel Tungatt-Dobson
Treasurer



Amanda Sinclair
Secretary



Mel Homewood



Alex White



Maria Goodbody-Migdal



Clare Clinton



Claire Lacovara

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Year 6	Mr Crow	acrow@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk