



Dear Families,

Grounds Day

On Sunday we held our annual Grounds Day. A big thank you to all of the parents, carers and staff that came along to help. The grounds look amazing and so many jobs were able to be ticked off the list which is great!

World Cup

As you maybe aware, the World Cup kicked off last weekend and children were able to watch the first England match at school on Monday afternoon. It was a great game with England winning the match 6-2 against Iran.

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the phonics meeting on Tuesday evening. Meetings like this are really beneficial as it gives you a chance to find out ways of supporting your child to learn to read, how we teach phonics and an introduction to what the National Phonic Screener involves.

Football

On Tuesday, the football team played a match against The Hayes Primary School in the Primary Cup. The match resulted in a 3-3 draw which then ended 3-2 on penalties. Well done to the team who played brilliantly!

Netball Match

On Thursday the netball team played in their very first match against Ridgeway Primary School. Well done to the girls that played! It was not easy playing in the rain but the girls put up such a fight. The score did not reflect how great you they all played and their attitude on the court was impeccable - they really demonstrated courage and to never give up. Miss Brown was extremely proud of all of the players for their first ever game! Thank you for all the support from our spectators. A big thank you to Miss Brown for her amazing coaching and bringing netball back to Greenvale.

FOG Christmas Headwear/Hair Day

The children had great fun today coming into school with their Christmas headwear and hair. A big thank you to everyone who brought in lucky dip gifts. The gifts will be used as prizes for the 'Lucky Dip' stall.

Friday 2nd December
**** CHRISTMAS FAIR ****
CASH ONLY
COINS NO NOTES!

Christmas jumper day with full school uniform in exchange for bottles of non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks for the bottle tombola stall. Please note all bottles should be sealed and in date.



Stars of the Week



Robins: Max N & Olivia
Swallows: Lilly & Danny
Chaffinches: Emma-Rose & Harry M
Woodpeckers: Archie C & Archie H
Jays: Elizabeth & Evie
Kestrels: Teddy W & Bonnie
Falcons: Roman & Jacob



Most Players This Week

1st Year 5
2nd Year 6
3rd Year 2

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King's Coronation Bank Holiday

The Department for Education have issued the following statement to all schools:

*In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. Settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day. This will include schools and colleges. **Greenvale Primary School will therefore be closed on Monday 8th May 2023.***

Police Visit

On Thursday lunchtime, Callum's dad in Year 2 brought down a police car and motorbike to show the children. Our prefects did a great job in helping take the children out to the Police car in the car park. A big thank you to Callum's dad for arranging this as the children had so much fun!

Christmas Jumper 'Swap'

On **Monday 28th November** we will be holding our environmentally friendly Christmas Jumper 'Swap'. The title suggests a 'swap' but this does not have to be the case. Please bring any outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumpers that you wish to donate to the office reception on Monday morning where there will be 4 boxes for you to add jumpers to. Then, after school on Monday, all of the donated Christmas jumpers will be in the hall and parents and carers will be welcome to choose a jumper to take home. There will be an honesty box for any donations, we would suggest maybe £1 per jumper but if you donated a jumper in the morning we wouldn't expect a donation and you can do a straight swap! The proceeds will go towards our exciting environmentally friendly plans for 2023!

Dr Jo - Neurodiversity Parents' workshop facilitated by SENDIASS

Parental Neurodiversity webinars will take place on Monday 6th February 2023. There are two sessions, one in the morning and another in the evening.

If you are interested in attending please book these free sessions directly.

The link for the morning session is

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neurodiversity-in-families-registration-443242679787>

The link for the evening session is

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neurodiversity-in-families-registration-443246220377>

Easyfundraising - The Friends of Greenvale (FOG)

[easyfundraising](#) is the UK's biggest charity shopping site! easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice - FOG! It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. Brands pay easyfundraising a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see that they sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and they turn that into a donation to FOG - magic! Please click on the link to sign up and generate some much needed funds for FOG: [Friends of Greenvale Primary School. Selston Vale Fundraising |](#)

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ParentPay Debt - Your account should always be in a credit or zero balance.

Thank you to all of those parents and carers who have put their accounts in credit for school dinners, breakfast club and Afters this week. Please bring your child's ParentPay account back to a credit balance if you currently have a debt amount showing by logging in [here](#).

If you know that your child is going to have school lunches (KS2), attend breakfast club or Afters next week please credit their account with an amount to cover all meals/attendances intended to be taken, please DO NOT wait for your account to go into arrears.

A great way to avoid your account falling into debt is to enable the ParentPay bank transfer and auto top-up facility. Please click [here](#) for more information. If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing your account or making payment please let us know.

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Support Organisations

More than 9 in 10 parents in Great Britain with dependent children reported their cost of living has increased over the past month, according to the Office for National Statistics. We would like to make parents aware that there is additional support for families struggling to access food, pay bills and manage finances. Please see below for more information and if you believe that you may be eligible for 'The Pupil Premium Grant' please see below and click on the link.

Citizens Advice Croydon

Offer a range of services such as helping to maximise income, review welfare/benefits and refer to other local support services.



<https://www.citizensadvicecroydon.org/>

Tel: 0800 144 88 48

Croydon Voluntary Action

Well-connected and knowledgeable about support in the local community, around Croydon. Have access to information about food support schemes as well as other support on a very local level.



<https://cvalive.org.uk/contact-us/> Switch Board: 020 8253 7060

Free School Meal Vouchers

Croydon Council has continued funding to provide all families with children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) with supermarket food vouchers during the October half term period.

A £15 voucher per eligible child was funded for the half term week. Please check your emails as some of the vouchers have not as yet been redeemed.

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.



Afters

Nicci and Emma will now be the people to contact if you would like your child to attend Afters. Please call or text to book your child in advance on **07745586212**. There are only a very limited number of spaces available on the day so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

***** NO AFTERS ON FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER *****



We have lots of exciting themes happening this half term:

21st Nov World Cup
28th Nov National Tree Week
5th Dec Christmas
12th Dec Christmas



Lunch Menu

The lunch menu next week will be **Week 3** of the menu cycle. Please click [here](#) to see the hot and cold menu options.

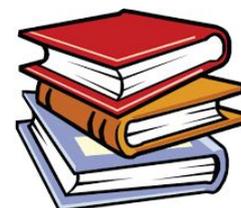


House Point Winners

This week the house point winners were Oak house! Well done for working so hard!

FOG Bookshop

The FOG bookshop will be open on Saturday from 10am - 4pm. If you have any class reader books or '10 before 10' books lying around at home that you no longer need the bookshop would appreciate any donations.



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