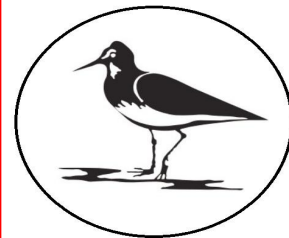


Greenvale Primary School

September Newsletter



Important dates:

September

- Thur 7th** - Children start back at Greenvale
Year 1 Meet the teacher (4pm online)
Fri 8th - Year 2 Meet the teacher (4pm online)
Mon 11th - Year 3 Meet the teacher (4pm online)
Tue 12th - Year 4 Meet the teacher (4pm online)
Wed 13th - Robins begin mornings or afternoons
Thur 14th - Year 5 Meet the teacher (4pm online)
Fri 15th - Year 6 Meet the teacher (4pm online)

A note from Mr Bowden...

A very warm welcome back after the summer break. I hope that you have all had a restful Summer break and we look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school tomorrow (Thursday 7th September).

Over the summer, extensive work has taken place in school which has involved the replacement of all of the heating. This will mean that the school is much warmer during the winter months and that the system is far more economical than what we had in place previously. The school continues to work alongside members of the local authority in order to improve the facilities on offer for pupils at Greenvale.

A very warm welcome to those families who are joining the Greenvale community. We look forward to your children starting on Wednesday 13th September and getting to know each of them.

As always, should you ever have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak with me or get in touch. I will always aim to respond promptly to any communication received. Thank you for your continued support.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Each year, we begin by meeting with parents and carers to inform you of important information about the year ahead. In order to get a good turnout, we have decided to move these to online meetings that will take place at 4pm on the following dates:

Thursday 7th September: **Year 1**

Friday 8th September: **Year 2**

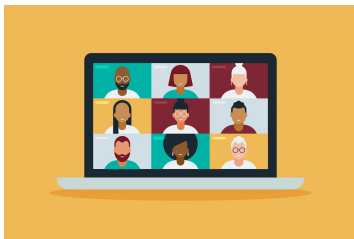
Monday 11th September: **Year 3**

Tuesday 12th September: **Year 4**

Thursday 14th September: **Year 5**

Friday 15th September: **Year 6**

A link will be emailed before each meeting.

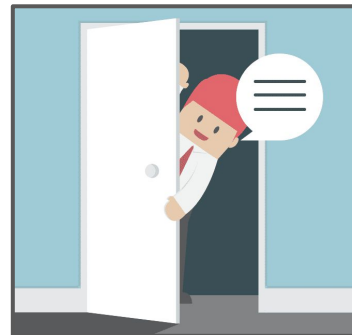


Open-door policy

At Greenvale, we pride ourselves on our open-door policy and face to face contact with parents.

Should you ever have a concern or an issue, in the first instance, we ask you to make contact with your child's class teacher.

Should you still have a question or concern, please do make contact with a member of the senior leadership team which includes Mrs Whiting (Deputy headteacher), Mrs Harrison, (Assistant headteacher) or myself.



INSET dates

As you will be aware, Greenvale pupils have returned slightly later than other schools due to the amount of work that was required in getting the school ready following the work completed over the summer holidays.

The July newsletter **incorrectly** stated that Friday 22nd December would be an INSET day. Our apologies for this. To confirm, children are required to attend school as normal (albeit an early finish - 2pm) on Friday 22nd December.

An updated copy of the school dates can be found here.

Siblings for 2024

At Greenvale, we like to be organised and are keen to know if we have any younger siblings due to join our Reception cohort for 2024.

[Please click here to add your child's details.](#)

Please note that you will still need to apply for a school place as usual; this is just to provide the school with this information.

School Car Park

Having reviewed car park use last term and due to safeguarding reasons, going forward parents and carers should **NOT** park or drive into the school car park under any circumstances. Office staff will not be granting access via the the car park gate so please do not block the entrance gates.

We currently have two accessible parking bays and priority has been given to children who attend Greenvale and hold a blue badge, who have been notified of their exception this week.

Parenting support...

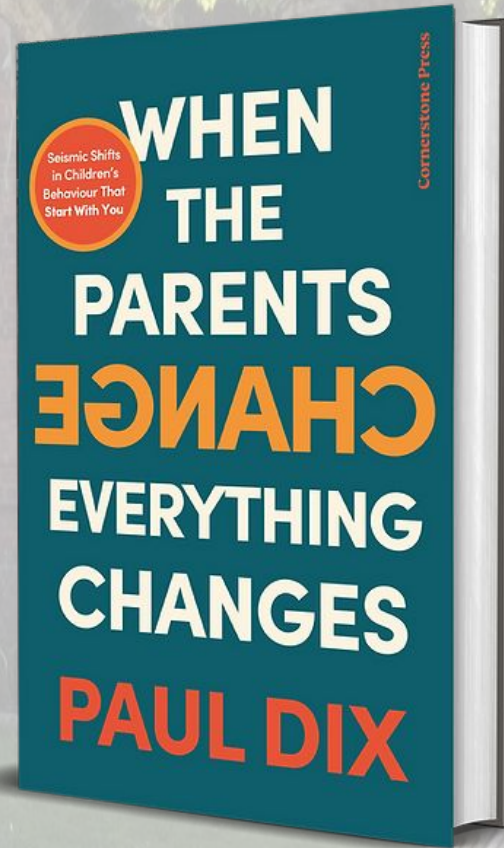
I am pleased to announce the launch of a brand new book, written to support parents with the many challenges of parenting...

The author, Paul Dix, is an experienced teacher whose approach shapes much of what we follow at Greenvale. The book is easy to read and packed full of practical and useful ideas to help parents.

Paul has recently announced an online book club and Facebook and Whatsapp group to engage with when working your way through the book. This is something that we may also choose to run at Greenvale in the near future. For more information, [please click here](#).

To purchase your own copy of the book, please [click here](#) or on the image on the right.

Please do let us know your thoughts on the book - we are sure you will love it!



Attendance

Last year, our data showed a fairly significant drop in school attendance with a number of pupils being classified as a 'persistent absentee'. This applies to any children whose attendance falls below 90%. Quite simply, poor attendance has a significant impact on a child's outcomes both in school and in later life.

We therefore ask parents to support the school in getting the best for your children by ensuring that children have good and regular school attendance. This means that we request that holidays are taken during designated periods of school holiday. This is one of the reasons for providing you with the dates at the beginning of the year. Any application for term time absence must be put in writing and discussed with Mr Bowden in advance. There is very little discretion for any authorisation of term-time leave.

Reporting absence

We understand that children do get sick and that there will be times when it is not appropriate for them to be in school. We ask you to follow the following procedure:

1. On each day of sickness, please email absence@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk before 8.50am to notify us of your child's name and reason for absence.
2. For any absence lasting any more than 3 days, we ask parents to seek medical advice.

A reminder that should a child have sickness or diarrhoea, that they remain absent for 48 hours since their last bout of either.



Lateness



Should a child be late, they must be accompanied by a parent or carer to the school office and sign in on the entrance system. A reason must be provided for any lateness.

Class reading and 10 before 10 lists for 2023-2024

Year group	Reading lists
Rec	<u>5 before 5</u>
1	<u>6 before 6</u>
2	<u>7 before 7</u>
3	<u>8 before 8</u>
4	<u>9 before 9</u>
5	<u>10 before 10</u>
6	<u>11 before 11</u>

We are very pleased to provide you with updated copies of our 10 before 10 lists.

We are very aware that a number of children like to get started early.

Please be aware that FOG bookshop keep copies of the 10 before 10 books - do pop down to see if they have any available.

Our school data has shown that the children who engage well with the scheme significantly outperform those who do not. Please help us in supporting your children in sharing these books.

Key Stage 2 Class Readers

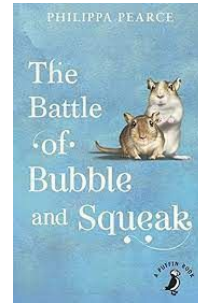
In KS2 (Years 3-6) children will benefit significantly from having a copy of the class reader.

The books displayed are the class readers for each year group.

Please do check with the FOG bookshop as they may have copies for you to purchase at a cheaper price!

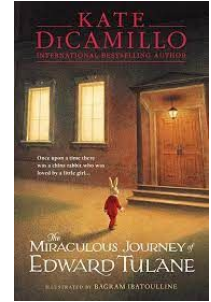
Year 3

[The Battle of Bubble and Squeak by Philippa Pearce](#)



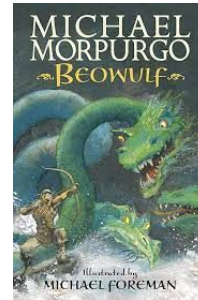
Year 4

[The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo](#)



Year 5

[Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo](#)



Year 6

[The Last Bear by Hannah Gold](#)



Stationery Requirements

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:

Two sharpened pencils
A rubber
A sharpener
A 15cm ruler
A glue stick
A green biro and a purple biro

Uniform

At Greenvale, we pride ourselves on having high expectations. This applies in all areas of school life.

To see what the children are expected to wear, please [click here](#) and our full school policy can be found [here](#)

On days that the children have PE, they are to come to school in their PE kit. Your child's class teacher will inform you of their PE days in due course.

Key points to note:

- **All** children are expected to wear smart school shoes and not black trainers (of any kind).
- All socks should be ankle or knee high socks (no trainer socks).
- Earrings should be **plain studs**. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings they will be unable to take part in PE.
- Leggings are not part of our school uniform. If children choose to wear cycle type shorts for modesty, these must be black.
- Hair accessories must be subtle and red, black, grey or white in colour.
- Ensure that **ALL** items are named including uniform, water bottles, lunch boxes etc.

FOG Second Hand Uniform Shop

You can buy good quality pre-loved uniform for £1 per item. Check the stock list or place an order [here](#).



Can we please ask that parents and carers log into their child's Arbor account this week to make sure that all information is correct and up to date. In particular:

- Medical and allergy information
- Contact details and emergency phone numbers
- Adults authorised to collect your child from school (we will be unable to allow anyone who is NOT listed to collect your child)
- Photo consent

Please contact the school office if you are experiencing any problems logging into your Arbor account or need any help navigating the app.

Summer Reading Challenge

We hope that the children were all able to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge with the library and we look forward to hearing about their success on their return.



Wraparound Care Part 1

We hope to have the Arbor Pay booking system up and running very soon but in the meantime we will continue to use ParentPay for wraparound care payments. Robins will be provided with ParentPay login details in the week that they start school. Robins will be able to attend Breakfast Club and Afters from Monday 25th September. Please ensure that your ParentPay account is always in credit before using our wraparound services.

Breakfast Club

Booking

Currently, you do NOT need to book a place for your child at Breakfast Club in advance, however please inform breakfast club staff if your child is going to attend regularly on set days.

Sessions and Prices

Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am until 8:50am when school begins. From September the cost of Breakfast Club is £5.00 per session. Children can arrive anytime during the session however breakfast will only be served until 8:30am.

Drop Off

For safeguarding reasons you must sign your child in with Mrs Crier or Mrs Jutlay each morning by going to the Poppy room using the outside entrance through the Poppy garden.

Wraparound Care Part 2

Afters - After School Club

Booking

Currently, parents and carers must book a place for their child 48 hours in advance for Afters (with the exception of this week). Please text (do not call/leave a voice message as the phone signal is not strong enough) Nicci and Emma on **07745586212**. **There will no longer be any places available to book on the day.** Please inform Nicci and Emma of the days that your child will be attending and the session time for each day in your text. If you require regular days each week please book these in as soon as possible.

Sessions & Prices

End of school - 4:30pm	£6.00 (fruit will be available as a snack, children should not bring their own)
End of school - 6pm	£12.00 (a light tea will be provided)

Collection

For safeguarding reasons you must sign your child out with Nicci or Emma each afternoon by going to the Poppy room using the outside entrance through the Poppy garden. Please wait outside the Poppy room door for your child to be brought out to you. Parents and carers should not enter the school building and should vacate the school grounds as soon as they have collected their child.

Food in School

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a 'nut-free' school. We **DO NOT** allow nuts of **ANY** kind in **ANY** form! Please ensure there are no nut products in your child's lunch boxes for example: peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spreads, cereal bars, some granola bars, This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

School Lunches

Further to our email sent on 19th July, we would like to remind parents/carers that school meals are free for all children this academic year. We encourage all of our parents/carers to take advantage of this.

Please click [here](#) to see the hot and cold menu options on the school website and discuss these with your child so that they know which meals to select each day. It is the parent/carers responsibility to keep all medical and allergy information up to date on Arbor and should you wish to discuss any of the menus regarding allergy information please contact our catering manager via the school office.

Robins parents/carers will be able to select their child's meal choice each morning on the board outside the Poppy garden.

Breaktime Fruit and Drink

KS1 children will be provided with fruit/vegetables on a daily basis but can choose to bring in their own fruit in a named container if they wish. KS2 children are required to bring their own fruit/vegetables for a breaktime snack in a named container if they wish. Grapes and cherries should be cut into small pieces and de-stoned.

Cool Milk

Milk is free for all children under the age of five but it is the parents/carers responsibility to register children for this service with [Cool Milk](#). Milk is also free to children receiving or who are entitled to free school meals - please contact the school office to set this up if it applies to you. If children over the age of five wish to receive milk, parents/carers should register their children and pay for this service with [Cool Milk](#).

Contact Details

Role	Staff name	Email
Headteacher / Safeguarding	Mr Bowden	dbowden@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Whiting	twhiting@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk
Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Harrison	hharrison@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk
Office Manager	Mrs Smith	parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk
Office Administrators	Mrs Smith & Mrs Roberts	parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk
Finance Officer	Mrs Thorpe	accounts@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

Phone number: 0208 651 2833

General enquiries: parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

Absence: absence@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

Please **DO NOT** use the enquiries inbox as this is not looked at on a daily basis and your email may be missed.

Twitter handle:



@greenvalesch

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Year 3	Mrs Harrison	hharrison@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk
Year 4	Mr Bibby	mbibby@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk
Year 5	Mr White	cwhite@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk
Year 6	Mr Crow	acrow@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk