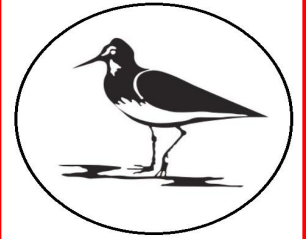


# Greenvale Primary School

## December Newsletter



### Important dates:

- Fri 1st Dec -** Christmas Jumper Day-Bottles  
Year 2 Drop In  
Christmas Fair (After school)  
No Afters
- Tue 5th Dec -** Christmas Jumper Day (all)  
EYFS/KS1 Christmas lunch  
KS2 packed lunch party
- Wed 6th Dec -** Christmas Jumper Day (all)  
KS2 Christmas lunch  
EYFS/KS1 packed lunch party
- Mon 11th Dec -** Robins' dress rehearsal (2pm)
- Tue 12th Dec -** Robins' performance (9.15am)  
KS1 Dress rehearsal (2pm)
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- Tue 19th Dec -** KS2 carol rehearsal (2pm)
- Wed 20th Dec -** KS2 Carol Concert @ St John's (2pm)
- Thur 21st Dec -** Pantomime (Paid for by FOG)  
School finishes at 2pm  
No Afters
- Mon 8th Jan** Inset Day (school closed)
- Tue 9th Jan** Back to school 8:50am

### A note from Mr Bowden...

As we come to the end of another calendar year, there is plenty to be proud of and celebrate over the past year. I continue to be grateful for the Greenvale community for their care and support in ensuring that Greenvale remains a safe and happy place for all.

I have just finished showing a large number of prospective parents around the school with many wanting to select Greenvale as their first choice, only to find themselves just outside of our typical catchment area. Greenvale's community feel is one that is both unique and one that is sought after.

There is plenty to be excited about going into the New Year including the trip to Sweden, and the construction of a new KS2 building. As always, we look forward to keeping you informed via our weekly and monthly communication.

Have a very happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Mr Bowden

## Thank you Mrs King...



I would like to take the time to express my gratitude and thanks to Caroline King who sadly passed away in October after a battle with cancer.

Having worked in childcare centres during her working life, Caroline was known to Greenvale through her grandchildren William and Elliot. Caroline was an exceptional volunteer and was an incredible help to both staff and pupils.

She was always incredibly efficient and supportive to teachers, although it was her care for some of the children who required the most support that stood out.

Caroline will be sorely missed by us all at Greenvale. To mark the incredible service that Caroline gave the school, we would like to have a collection in order to purchase a friendship bench in her memory. Should you wish to make a contribution, [please click here](#) or scan the QR code.



## Mr Richardson

Following some recent health concerns, Mr Richardson has decided to take a step back from his teaching role at Greenvale.

We would like to give a very big thank you to Max Benham, a former Greenvale pupil who came to Mr Richardson's help when he was unwell in Selsdon.

Mr Richardson will still very much be part of the team at Greenvale and will continue in his role as governor.

## Tissues

We would be grateful for any donations of tissues. If these could be handed to the staff in your child's year group, we would be very grateful.

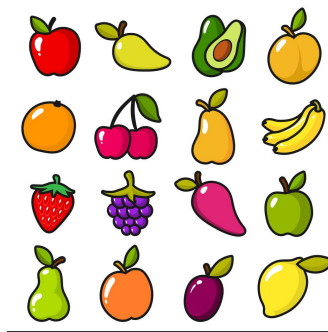


## Breaktime Fruit

A reminder that children are only able to bring in an item of fruit for their morning snack.

In recent weeks we have seen a number of items make their way into the playground including crisps, pastries and sweets, none of which are in keeping with the guidance that we are required to follow. Rest assured that what we are requesting is in keeping with other schools.

Should your child require a snack, please ensure that they have a piece of fruit in an easy to carry container.



## Water

A reminder that children are only able to drink water whilst at school.

As you can imagine, other children feel quite aggrieved should other children have something different.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



## Labelling

A big thank you to parents for ensuring that all items of clothing have labels in. Since September we have seen a drop in the amount of clothing that his ending up in lost property.

Please continue to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled and that your child knows where to find this label.

Standard Iron on

 Gail Force

 Willie Maykit

 Olive Yew

 Ed Venture

## Sporting Success

A very big well done to our netball team who have started off the year in style winning their first two games of the season.

The girls look incredible in their new Greenvale netball kits and have been a credit to the school in the way that they have played, showing both great co-operation and respect to their opponents.

Well done girls - Keep up the good work!

## Anti-Bullying Week @ Greenvale

During the week of 13th November, Greenvale celebrated Anti-bullying week. This year's theme was 'Make a noise about bullying'. We held a themed assembly during the week which included showing the following video - [Click here](#)

During the assembly, we spoke to the children about what is meant by the term bullying. We will often use the acronym 'STOP' which stands for 'Several Times on Purpose'. We shared the many different forms that bullying behaviour can take and more importantly, what we can do should we ever feel that we or others are victims of such behaviour.

We also made the distinction between bullying and conflict which is where two or more children can fall out and be unkind to one another. Whilst unkind, this would not necessarily equate to bullying behaviour.



Should you have concerns, in the first instance please contact your child's class teacher.

We also have the '[Worried about something](#)' button on the school website where children can take the lead and log their own worries or concerns.



## Admissions

Over the last few weeks it has been lovely to show a number of parents around the school in preparation for the 24-25 cohort of pupils.

The deadline to submit your application is **15th January 2024**.

As you will be aware, siblings are given priority when applying for a school - you do however still need to register for a place by 15th January 2024 via the Croydron school admissions site.

Further information about the admissions process can be found [here](#).



## Christmas Events

As you will be aware, over the coming weeks there are a number of events taking place linked to Christmas.

Please make a note of the key dates below:

- Fri 1st Dec - Christmas Jumper day  
Christmas Fair (After school)
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