

# Greenvale Primary School

## January Newsletter



### Important dates:

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| Mon 15th Jan  | Primary School Admission deadline |
| Fri 19th Jan  | Mufti for Beech House             |
| Thur 25th Jan | Year 6 Breakfast Morning          |
| Fri 26th Jan  | Robins Cake Sale                  |
| Thurs 1st Feb | Year 5 Breakfast Morning          |
| Fri 2nd Feb   | SEND Coffee Morning               |
| Thur 8th Feb  | Year 4 Breakfast Morning          |
| Fri 9th Feb   | Year 6 Cake Sale                  |
| 12-16th Feb   | HALF TERM                         |
| Thur 22nd Feb | Year 3 Breakfast Morning          |
| Thur 29th Feb | Year 2 Breakfast Morning          |
| Thur 14th Mar | Year 1 Breakfast Morning          |
| Thur 21st Mar | Reception Breakfast Morning       |

### A note from Mr Bowden...

It has been lovely to welcome our families back to Greenvale after the Christmas break. I trust that you have had a restful break and that you are ready for an exciting Spring term.

As you may have seen in the news, school attendance is currently a real area of concern for schools. At Greenvale, we too have seen a rise in the number of children missing a significant amount of school which will undoubtedly impact upon their learning and how well they are able to both perform and achieve. We are very keen to work with our parents on ensuring good school attendance. Should you have received notification that your child's attendance is below 90%, please ensure that you provide the office with medical evidence of any further medical absence. This could include a screenshot of an appointment or official communication. Thank you for your cooperation and for appreciating how important this is for your child/ren.

I hope you and your child/ren are able to enjoy and make the most of the coming half term.

Mr Bowden

## It's Cold Outside!

Thank goodness our school heating system was fixed during the summer holidays, as the cold weather has certainly arrived this week!

As the temperatures drop, all children are expected to arrive suitably dressed for the weather conditions. Shorts, bare legs, etc. are not appropriate when it's cold and icy outside.

We also ask that coats, hats, gloves, scarves, earmuffs, etc. are clearly labelled so that should they go missing, they can be easily returned to their correct owners.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.



## New fencing / Premises projects

As you will have seen, on Monday, work began on the installation of a new fence. This will be erected at the front of the school, along the back of the houses on Dove Close and along the top field. This will ensure that our site is secure and safe for children.



We also look forward to the creation of a new working space next to the school library and have been working with the council to plan for a new building for KS2 classes.

We will provide you with an update as soon as we have more information.

## Thomas - Cutting hair for No Isolation

Before Christmas, we were notified that Thomas in year 6 would be getting his hair cut in order to raise money for a charity, who supply robots for children in hospital which allows for them to engage with their classmates in the school via video link.

Should you wish to make a donation, please click on the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/thomas>



## SEND coffee morning



**Friday 2nd February  
at 9.15am**

Throughout the academic year we will be holding SEND coffee mornings. The first one will be on Friday 2nd February. All parents regardless of whether their children have SEND or not are welcome to attend.

This first session will focus on SEND processes and procedures in school and will give you a chance to meet and chat with other parents.

Just to give us an indication of numbers, please email Mrs Whiting [twhiting@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:twhiting@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk) if you would like to join us. Thank You.

## Home learning



As you will be aware, we have recently reviewed our home learning policy. Please read the communication sent out on 11/1/24 to ensure that you are clear on our expectations for home learning.

The changes for home learning were shared with children during an assembly this week so that they too are clear on the expectations, including the days of spelling tests. We are aware that some classes had spellings issued this week - the year groups who have sent these out will be assessed this coming Monday although we will be factoring in that some year groups may not have had a full week to rehearse these.

We will be asking for feedback on the changes at the end of Spring term and hope that we can continue to work together to create a positive system for home learning at our school.

## Sandpiper Awards

As part of our consultation for the home learning, it became apparent that whilst there is a considerable amount of information regarding reading, there has been a limited amount of information about the Sandpiper awards and how these are completed.

We have now created a page which will include a video showing how the Red and Yellow sandpipers are completed along with PDF examples of assessments for the other awards .

This page is currently under construction and will be fully live over the next week. To view this, please click on the 'Curriculum' tab and then go to 'Sandpiper awards'.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_





## Breakfast mornings

Last year we ran a number of very successful breakfast meetings for parents about the way in which we teach English at Greenvale.

This year, we will be repeating these meetings albeit with a math focus. During the meeting we will explain the process that we use, make time for parents and children to look through books and also work through a math themed problem together. We will also be offering you the chance to order a bacon roll or Pain Au Chocolat.

Please make a note of the dates for each meeting - A food order form will be sent shortly before each meeting. Please note that food must be ordered in advance of the meeting.

We hope that you or a close family member are able to attend this session as we believe that you will gain a good understanding of how we teach maths as well as getting an opportunity to spend time with your child.

## Breakfast morning dates

8.50-9.45am

**Year 6** - Thursday 25th Jan

**Year 5** - Thursday 1st Feb

**Year 4** - Thursday 8th Feb

**Year 3** - Thursday 22nd Feb

**Year 2** - Thursday 29th Feb

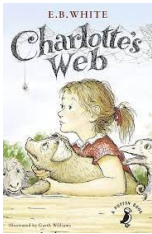
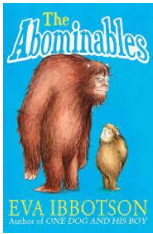
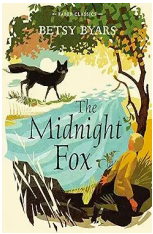
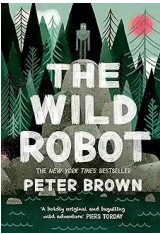
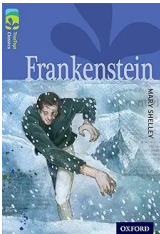
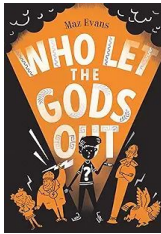
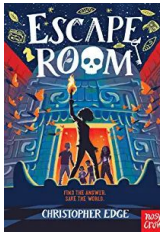
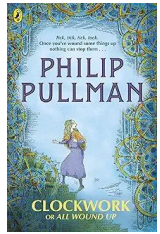
**Year 1** - Thursday 14th Mar

**Reception** - Thursday 21st Mar



## Class readers

For children in KS2 (Years 3-6), it will help significantly if they had a copy of the class reading book so that the children are able to read along. The books are listed below. Please note that the Greenvale bookshop do hold copies of class readers and sell them for a small donation. They are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

| Year 3  |   | Year 4  |   | Year 5   |   | Year 6  |   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| Spring 1  | Spring 2  | Spring 1  | Spring 2  | Spring 1   | Spring 2  | Spring 1  | Spring 2  |
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*Greenvale Bookshop - Opening hours*  
 Wednesday 4-6pm  
 Saturday 10-4pm



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