

Greenvale Primary School

February Newsletter



Important dates:

Mon 19th Feb- booking goes live on Arbor at 6pm for Parent Consultations.

Thurs 22nd Feb- Yr 3 Breakfast Morning

Thurs 29th Feb- Yr 2 Breakfast Morning

Fri 1st March- FOG Race Night

Mon 4th March- Parent Consultations

Weds 6th March- Parent Consultations

Thurs 7th March- World Book Day

Thurs 14th March- Yr 1 Breakfast Morning

Thurs 21st March- Robins Breakfast Morning

Thurs 28th March- Break up at 2pm for Easter-no Afters!

Mon 15th April- Back to school.

A note from Mr Bowden...

It has been a short yet busy half term at Greenvale. As mentioned on my previous newsletter, we are still doing what we can to address issues with attendance at the school. Should your child's attendance be of concern, we ask for your support in working together to ensure that your children are given the best chances possible.

On another note, I wanted to thank you for your engagement and support with our new approach to home learning. The children have amazed us with how quickly they have adapted to the new approach and it has been lovely to hear of the children who have already been completing a number of the 'Soaring for the Skies' activities. A reminder that we will present children with certificates based on the number of activities they have completed at the end of the Spring term.

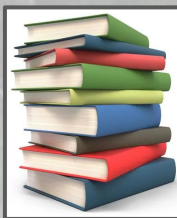
Do have a look at the 'Soaring for the Skies' activities. It is likely that most will have a visit included in their activities and it may provide you with a fun day out over the half term! Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 19th February.

Mr Bowden

Football - Greenvale make the cup final

A very big well done to the football team who were victorious against St Aidans Primary School on Monday, winning 6-3 and making it into the first final of the Small Schools' Cup for a number of years.

We will let parents know the date of the final and welcome any support that the Greenvale community are able to provide.



After changes

As you will be aware, we have kept our prices for wrap around care static for the past two years. As a result, given the significant increase to energy and staffing costs, the provision is currently running at a loss.

We know how important this service is to our parents and are currently revising our costings, ensuring that this is sustainable and in keeping with local schools in our area. It is likely that any changes will come into play with effect from 15th April 2024.

10 before 10 - Old books

A plea for any copies of any 10 before 10 books. We would greatly appreciate any donations so that these can be enjoyed by other pupils. These can be given to Greenvale bookshop.

A reminder that our book lists are updated every two years.

LGBTQ+ History Month



In February, we will be commemorating LGBTQ+ History Month through a themed assembly.

This month serves as an important opportunity for us to recognise and celebrate the diverse experiences and contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals throughout history. At our school, we are committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment where all students feel valued and supported. We believe in the importance of creating a safe space where everyone can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for your ongoing support in creating a school environment that embraces diversity and promotes equity for all.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health week with a focus on children finding their voice.

We spoke about what mental health is, what we can do to improve this and focussed in on what happens when people speak up. We spoke specifically about the work of Greta Thunberg and how she was able to use her voice to gather support for an important cause.



Friends of Greenvale

As you will be aware, a couple of weeks ago, a communication was sent to parents regarding changes in roles within the Friends of Greenvale.

I wanted to take the opportunity to state just how appreciated and vital the work of FOG is and how without this, the school would struggle to manage with its financial commitments.

Since the letter went out, we have yet to receive any expressions of interest which is of concern given the role that FOG play in creating a sense of community and raising money for the school.

Katie Hayes (current chair) and I would be very happy to meet and discuss this further with anyone who would be interested to know a little more.

The next Friends of Greenvale meeting will be held at school on 21st February at 7pm. All parent / carers are very welcome to attend.

Teacher Led Clubs

In recent years, we have always provided plenty of notice to parents and carers when new club lists are being released, as well as clear timeframe in which to apply for clubs.

Over the last couple of years, we have seen an increase in the number of parents requesting that their children join clubs after this deadline. Whilst it may not appear a great issue, a significant amount of administration time is then spent having to add individual payments onto accounts, and reissuing club registers, all of which takes time.

As a result, we have had to be firm with our deadlines for the teacher led clubs and not accept children after the deadline has passed.

The only exception to this is for football and netball training where training is compulsory to play in the school teams. If a late sign up has been agreed with Mr Bowden, these will now incur a mandatory £5 administration fee.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that payments are made within the stated time frame.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that parent consultations take place on 4th and 6th March. Parents will be able to book appointments, via Arbor, on Monday 19th February from 6pm when booking goes live.

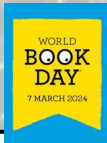
Please take time to review the targets set from the last meetings in November. These will outline specific targets that you will be able to support your child with. This will form the first part of your child's parent consultation.

Following this, teachers will discuss your child's current attainment as well as any areas for further development.

A reminder that appointments last 10 minutes; should you wish to discuss any specific matter that may exceed this time, please arrange a separate time to meet with your child's class teacher.



The Great Greenvale Book Bonanza



During March, we celebrate World Book Day and have a range of activities planned to create excitement and enjoyment around books.

This year Mrs Harrison has come up with an activity called the 'Great Greenvale Book Bonanza' which provides the children with a number of different activities to complete around the topic of reading.

Children who complete all of the activities will be awarded a prize for their efforts.

Activities include visits to the Greenvale bookshop, a local library, as well as activities such as taking photos of your children reading in interesting places. We know that the children will thoroughly enjoy taking part. Communication regarding World Book Day will be sent shortly.

A reminder that on World Book Day itself (7th March), children are invited to dress up, ideally as a character from their 10 before 10 books.

Breakfast mornings

A very big thank you to all those who have been able to make our breakfast mornings. These have been very well attended and have hopefully provided parents with an insight into how we teach Maths at Greenvale.

We also hope that you enjoyed the mathematical challenge that you were provided with. Thank you to our chef Mrs Savage too for providing carrot cake from our Diner menu for all our parents and carers to sample.

Please see the dates of the remaining breakfast mornings. A reminder that the invitation can also be extended to grandparents.

Breakfast morning dates

8.50am-9.45am

Year 3 - Thursday 22nd Feb

Year 2 - Thursday 29th Feb

Year 1 - Thursday 14th Mar

Reception - Thursday 21st Mar



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