



Newsletter – 17th December 2021

“Every Achievement Counts”

Stars of the Week

I'd like to take this opportunity to nominate our whole school community as stars for this week; parents, pupils, governors and staff.

It has been a very busy term with many good things (Outstanding Ofsted) and some not so good things (Covid) but we've come together to support one another.

Our pupils continue to shine and be an inspiration to us each and every day.

Covid Reminders

Sadly, Covid has raised its head again with London having particularly high rates of infection and positive cases. Greenmead hasn't been immune to this over the past two weeks with 4 positive cases being reported. Thanks to Nicky for his excellent Test and Trace procedures in making sure that all contacts are informed of possible cases, results of Covid test results and co-ordinating with parents, staff, the LA and PHE. It's been a busy few weeks for him. We will continue to email you with any updates and will be reviewing our risk assessment and contingency plans over the holiday and will share this with any other updates and guidance likely to come out over the holidays via email towards the end of the holidays.

In the meantime, please can I remind you of;

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- ***a high temperature*** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- ***a new, continuous cough*** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- ***a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste*** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these symptoms you will need to book a PCR test, regardless of the result of a Lateral Flow Test.

If you have one of these symptoms but also have other symptoms that might be of cold such as runny nose or sore throat, you still need to book a PCR test.

Thank you to staff for their resilience and extremely hard work in keeping classrooms open where possible and ensuring that pupils are still having fun and achieving in school. Where it has not been possible to keep classes fully open the staff have continued to work hard with parents to ensure that home learning is set up and appropriate for each individual child.

Please stay safe over the holiday period.

Key Diary Dates

Spring 1 term

4th January INSET day – no school for pupils

5th January Pupils return to school

Half term

14-18th February

1st April End of term (1pm finish for pupils)

Please note a change to Summer term dates:

Additional INSET day in lieu of Queen's Jubilee

Bank Holiday agreed by DfE for all schools

Friday 1st July 2022 – no school for pupils or staff

Save the Date

The FOG committee have started to plan for some in-person events this year, Covid regulations depending. Details will be shared closer to the time but do save these dates in your diary.

Valentines Bingo for the Whole Family

Thursday 10th February (3.30pm)

Quiz Night for Adults

Thursday 28th April (evening)

Summer Fair for the Whole Family

Saturday 18th June (late morning/early afternoon)



Christmas Shop

Well done to all the pupils who made so many fantastic items for our Christmas Shop this year.

Thank you too to parents, carers and staff who bought items.

We raised £165 which means that each pathway will get £55 towards their class fund.

Thank you to Karen for co-ordinating the making of items and putting the shop together.

THANK YOU!

Goodbye

We are sorry to say goodbye to Jax, who is our School Business Manager. Jax has been a tremendous support to parents, staff and the school and has loved interacting with Greenmead pupils. She will often be found chatting to pupils in the corridors. Jax is moving onto another school and we wish her well in her new adventures. We were unable to recruit to her role in the first round of recruitment. We will be advertising the vacancy again in the hope that we'll be able to do interviews in mid-January.

Community Generosity



Thank you to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association of the Southfields Mosque for their generous donations to Greenmead. Today they delivered toys and games for all the classes as Christmas gifts.

Christmas Greetings

Thank you to everyone who has sent us cards, gifts and messages with Christmas greetings. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, with an opportunity to be with family and friends and to have fun and rest. We also wish everyone a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on the 5th January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year