



Greenvale Primary

Newsletter

GREENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

April 2017

Key Dates

Fri 28—Yr 5 Cake Sale 3:15/20 (& it is NOT a Bags2Sch day)
Sun 30—Grounds Day 9-12 noon

May 2017

Mon 1—Bank Holiday—school closed
Mon 8—**Fri 12** Y6 SATs Week
Wed 10—PGL Meeting for Y5 @ 2.50pm
Fri 12—Y3 Cake Sale 3:15/20
Wed 17—Class photographs
Fri 26—Robin Class Cake Sale 3:15/20
Fri 26—closing normal time for half term

Mon 29 May- Fri 2 Jun-Half Term Holiday

June 2017

Mon 5—back to school
Mon 5—6:30 FOG Summer Fair Mtg
Thu 8—School Closed (General Election)
Fri 9—FOG Mufti Day (Lucky Dip prizes) & Y6 Cake Sale 3:15/20
Mon 12—NSPCC Assemblies KS2 9:00 + KS1 9:45

Thu 15—FOG MUFTI Day—Jar Tombola prizes
Fri 16—INSET Day school closed
Mon 19—Athletics heats—Croydon Arena
Tue 20—Athletics heats—Croydon Arena
Wed 21—Athletics finals—Croydon Arena
Fri 23—FOG MUFTI day—Bottles
Sat 24—12-3.30pm FOG Summer Fair
Tue 27—Y2 Brighton Visit

July 2017

Mon 3—Robins class visit by coach to British Wildlife Centre
Fri 7—Reports out
Thu 13—Sports Day
Sat 15—FOG Family Day & BBQ (11-4)
Mon 17—6.30pm FOG Trustees Meeting
Wed 19—Y4 Pizza Express Visit
Thu 20—closing at 2pm for Summer
Fri 21—INSET day

School term dates for the next academic year are now on our website (www.greenvale.croydon.sch.uk)

Ofsted visit

A big thank you to everybody for all your kind messages of support last week, and to those of you who completed the Parent View survey on the Ofsted site during the limited timeframe given.

We are very proud of Greenvale, and we were very pleased and proud to show the Inspector, Sir Robin Boshier, around our school on that day.

What was particularly pleasing was that he was able to spend a considerable amount of time talking with pupils, either in classes or in small groups, so he could really get to know Greenvale. He commented on what lovely and well-behaved children we had, and how much he really enjoyed meeting them all.

We should receive the report of the Ofsted inspection very soon and can then provide you all with the details of it and the outcome.



Miss Mendez

We are delighted to formally announce that Miss Mendez is expecting a baby in June (which many of you may already have noticed informally!). She will therefore be starting her maternity leave at the start of June at the end of this half-term's holiday.



We will be welcoming Mr Bathmaker to the staff team as the class teacher in Year 4 to cover this maternity leave. He will be joining us just before this side of half-term for the handover and to get to know the children in the Y4 class.

We are all wishing Miss Mendez well at this wonderfully exciting time for her and her family.

Holidays

Reminder: All unauthorised absences of 5 days or more must (and will) result in a fine in accordance with the school's statutory policy. Headteachers are unable to authorise absences for any family holidays taken during term-time, and only have the discretion to authorise a maximum of 1 or 2 days' absence for a family wedding, a funeral or for a specific religious observance.

Whilst we do appreciate that booking time away as a family costs considerably more during the school holidays, you, as parents/carers, are obliged by law to ensure your children's attendance. Thank you for your compliance with this legislation.

Attendance

A big "Well Done!" to Year 5 topping the Attendance League Table for the Spring Term (and to Year 4 for being so very close runners-up).

Year Group	Attendance
Rec	94.3%
1	95.4%
2	96%
3	96.4%
4	97.7%
5	97.9%
6	97%

We will now be updating parents in the newsletters on attendance by the year-groups on a half-termly basis.

General Election—School closed—Thursday 8th June 2017

As you will no doubt be aware, the Prime Minister has called General Election to take place on Thursday 8th June. We have now been informed by Croydon Council that the School is to again be used as a Polling Station and we must therefore close it to pupils on that day.

I am sure we will see many of you out and about exercising your franchise on the day, and apologise for any inconvenience that the short-notice of this closure may cause.



Well done Ethan!

In March, Ethan Martin from Year 6 took Greenvale through to the final of the Croydon Borough Primary Schools' Swimming Gala for the third year running. He came a respectable 5th place in both the boys' open butterfly and boys' Year 6 breaststroke 25m races.

Lauren Yabsley from Year 4 was first-reserve in the girls year 4 freestyle and, although didn't get to swim this time round, she was determined to stay and show her support for Greenvale and Ethan proudly wearing her Greenvale top.

In January, Ethan qualified for 5 races to swim as an elite swimmer for his age group in the Surrey County Championships and finished 19th place overall in the County for the 10-11 year old category. Over the February half-term, he got to spend the day and swim and train with his idol James Guy, Olympic silver medallist in Rio 2016 and Michael Jamison, Olympic silver medallist in London 2012.

Well done, Ethan!



Breakfast Club

As you will know, prior to the Easter break, we sent out an email regarding the changes with our morning breakfast club.

We would like to let you know why the decision had to be made to increase the cost of breakfast club and the considerations taken into account, such as:

- The increase in staffing costs
- Legislation obliges us to ensure that all the food provided in school, which includes Breakfast Club and "Afters", is compliant with the School Food Standards.
- The cost of Breakfast Club has stayed the same for more than 5 years and at £3, we were the lowest of all of the neighbouring schools by some considerable margin.

Our clerk to the Governing Body works in another local school and has recently researched the costings of breakfast clubs in other schools nearby. Out of the nine schools listed, at £5, we have now brought ourselves into line with the average cost, which we believe is fair when considering that no pre-booking is required, and that more than an hour of childcare can be provided along with a hot and nutritious breakfast. Our clerk's school has recently increased their daily charge to £5.50. Governors felt that when considering the cost of other childcare providers, £5 still represents good value, despite being aware that any increase may well lead to a negative response from parents. Governors were also very aware, however, that we need to ensure that Breakfast Club must be financially viable for it to continue being run in-house.

In order to try to ameliorate this increase to those parents who currently use their employers' pre-tax childcare scheme, we shall now be accepting Childcare Vouchers towards payment for Breakfast Club, and it will move on to Parentpay accordingly.

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NOTICE

Summer term — children will be able to use the field on Fridays after school providing they are **closely** supervised and within sight of their responsible parent / carer.
 Thank you for helping to ensure that the children are able to continue to enjoy this privilege.

Homework stars

A very big "Well Done!" to Lewis Markley who was one of the Y3 Homework Stars for last half-term but was missed off the last Newsletter. Sorry Lewis!

AFTERS — after school care

Our after school club have had a change to their menu which brings all food provided at Greenvale in line with the current Government Food Guidelines and all the afternoon meals are now prepared by our Chef, Mr Fuller. A copy of the menu is available in the entrance foyer.

We would be very keen to hear your suggestions for the Afters menu. Please bear in mind that all items suggested must fit within the School Food Guidelines.

FENCING - Help!

We need to install fencing alongside the path beside the field and wondered if there was anyone who would be prepared to oversee this project. We have a team of 15 willing workers, can purchase the fencing and posts, but do not have the expertise or tools to carry out the job. Please contact Mr Bowden if you think you can help (either in person or by phone or email: dbowden@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk).

PGL meeting — Year 5

We are holding a meeting to provide you with information about the PGL residential visit booked to take place in September 2018 for our current Y5 pupils. The meeting will take place in the Y5 classroom at 2:50pm on Wednesday 10th May.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Although it seems like it has only just started, Active Kids Vouchers at Sainsbury's comes to an end next week on Tuesday 2nd May. Please bring in any vouchers you may have lying around as soon as the promotion ends to ensure we can order the items and equipment we need to save us money for the coming year. Thank you all for being so keen on collecting for us and for posting them in the box in the Foyer.