



Greenvale Primary

Newsletter

GREENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

May 2017

Key Dates

May 2017

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 / Science week

Mon 5—6.30 FOG Meeting for Summer Fair

Wed 7—Y4 PGL meeting

Thu 8—General Election—**School Closed**

Mon 12—NSPCC Assemblies
KS2 9:00 + KS1 9:45

Wed 14—Y1 visit Museum of Childhood

Wed 14—Y5 Warlingham Science Day

Thu 15—Y3 Ancient Egypt Workshop

Thu 15—FOG MUFTI Day
Lucky dip 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

Thu 22—7pm New Reception Parents

Fri 23—FOG MUFTI day—Bottles

Sat 24—2-4.00pm FOG Summer Fair

Mon 26—Y5 Riddlesdown Science Habitats session

Tue 27—Y2 Brighton Visit

Thu 29—2pm New Robins Visit

Thu 29—Y5 Camping

Fri 30—Y4 Soundstart Concert 9am

July 2017

Mon 3—Robins class visit by coach to British Wildlife Centre

Tue 4+ Wed 5—Warlingham Induction

Thu 6—1:30pm Y6 Dress Rehearsal

Thu 6—6:30pm Riddlesdown Induction

Fri 7—Riddlesdown Induction Day

Mon 10—Y6 Performance

Tue 11—Y6 visit Harry Potter World

Thu 13—Sports Day

Sat 15—Family Summer Sports Day incl. Dad's football tournament & BBQ

Mon 17—6.30pm FOG Trustees Meeting

Wed 19—Y4 Pizza Express Visit

Thu 20—closing at 2pm for Summer Holiday

Fri 21—INSET day

Ofsted Report

As you will have seen on Parentmail, we are now in a position to share the findings of our latest Ofsted inspection with parents and families.

We were incredibly happy with the outcome and the very positive report written by the Inspector following his visit. We are now keen on working hard to make further improvements to our school to ensure that it continues to be a happy place where children are able to learn and thrive.

We would like to thank all the many parents who have passed on their congratulations to the staff following the email to notify parents. Your support and recognition of our endeavours are greatly appreciated and valued by us.



Change of school E-mails / PMX

Following a review of budgets, and seeking the most cost-effective solutions, the school will shortly be transferring from PMX Parentmail to the Teachers2Parents email provider. This is the company who provide our text messaging service.

Teachers to Parents will also be providing us with a service for booking appointments for Parents' Consultations (which will next take place during the Autumn term).

We have been able to carry over information previously provided, so there is no action parents need to take to be ready for the change-over.

For those parents who use the Parentmail App, this will obviously stop working once we have made the switch. All parents will continue to receive emails directly to their email accounts.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any issues with receiving emails, sending an email to: enquiries@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk



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Effortless Communication

Welcome to Mr Bathmaker

We are pleased to welcome Mr Bathmaker to our school who will be teaching in Year 4 after half term as cover for Miss Mendez's maternity leave. He has been teaching in class with Miss Mendez this week to ensure a smooth hand-over and to enable him to get to know the children.

Mr Bathmaker has worked in a number of Croydon schools and has many years of teaching experience. I am sure everyone will make him feel welcome and part of the Greenvale community.



Change the date—Year 6 Production

Following the release of open-day dates for new Y7 pupils, we have had to change the date of the dress rehearsal of our Y6 performance.

The dress rehearsal will now take place on Thursday 6th July in the afternoon. If there are any grandparents or family members who are unable to attend the main performance, providing we are notified in advance, we will be more than happy to welcome them at the dress rehearsal. The provisional start-time is likely to be 1.45pm.



The main performance will now take place on Monday 10th July at 7pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase prior to the performance.

Science Week

We are thrilled to announce that the first week back after half-term will be a whole week focusing on Science.

This follows on from the previous successes of themed weeks such as Enterprise and Creative Arts, held in recent years.

Children will be visiting different classes and participating in a wide variety of science experiments linked to Fairy Tales. We have no doubt that the children will enjoy these activities immensely.

In addition to these class-based activities, we have also invited visitors into the school to bring even more excitement to the week.

For pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1, we have the ARC Centre who will bring in a selection of their animals for children to see. Please rest assured that none of these animals are dangerous and your children will be safe.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils will experience 'The Science Boffins' who are coming in to lead a Science Assembly and will then take each class for their own session packed full of exciting experiments.

Further information will be provided shortly via email and we look forward to sharing pictures and work from the week in due course.



CDFAS Project

We have been extremely fortunate to have been part of this exciting art project.

Several pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been working alongside a local artist in a project funded entirely by the Croydon Decorative and Fine Arts Society (affiliated to the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS), which recently changed its name to the Arts Societies).

The artist has involved children in working together using a theme of 'dogs' to learn different sketching and printing techniques on textiles, as well as the skill of appliqué.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and their artwork is being combined into large banners for display very shortly. We will let you know as soon as they are up for viewing.

A big thank you to the CDFAS for funding this wonderful and inspiring project.



Tissues



Our pupils are getting through the supply of tissues very quickly with either summer colds or hay fever-related sneezes etc.

Please send in a box of tissues to your child's class to help. As you can imagine with a whole class of pupils, boxes do not last long and we really do want to keep the pupils feeling as comfortable as possible.

Thank you.

Water

At last summer appears to have arrived. We have had some heat and sun for a few days and would just remind you that your children should be bringing in their water bottles to ensure they are properly hydrated throughout the day.

Pupils do seem to prefer their own water bottle to using the water fountains so we do ask that they are reminded to fill them and bring them in.

Suncream and sun-hats

Please remember to send your child in with a named sun-hat and to apply suncream before the start of the school-day. Please do not give suncream to children for self-application—they do often get a little carried away and can be overly-generous with application to both self and others.

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NOTICE

Just a reminder that Sports Day is on Thursday 13th July, with KS2 races in the morning, and KS1 and Reception in the afternoon. As in previous years, we will be inviting parents, carers (and other race-goers) to join us for a picnic lunch on the field.

School Dinners / Packed Lunches

We recently sent home a letter via Parentmail regarding lunches at school.

Please feel reassured that all food provided for breakfast club, school lunch and after school club is compliant with the Government's food regulations which have been put in place to keep children healthy, well-nourished and to provide them with the knowledge to make healthy choices in the future.

If you choose to provide your child with a packed lunch, understandably as parents, you will also have opinions about what should be included for lunch, but we do have to promote and urge the recommendations provided by nutritionists regarding the best foods for lunch-boxes for healthy children and adults of the future. You are no doubt aware of recent publicity showing that added sugars in certain foods have a negative impact on children's learning, as well as the ongoing national debate about childhood obesity which has put a sharp focus on the role for our schools – not only ensuring that our nation's children eat healthily, but that they can learn about food in a way that will also support their healthy adult lives. All other schools in the country follow the same rigorous policy of promotion of the healthier options available, with some schools having gone down the route of a total ban on packed lunches. There is a useful resource on healthier packed lunches to be found on <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx> with links to the Change4Life website as well.

We are talking about setting up workshops in the autumn term to help with putting together a healthy lunchbox and hope to bring fresh ideas to inspire you and give your children more variety. This is still in the early stages but once we have put things together we will be inviting you along. Bon appétit!