



Recently at Greenfields...

Happy New Year! Welcome back, although I am sure we are all now back in the swing of school, work and alarm clocks! It was so great to hear all of the children's excitement over their new toys and presents for Christmas, and to hear what you have all been up to over the holidays. Father Christmas must have had a very heavy sleigh to carry all of those presents. Most importantly, the break gives us all time to spend with our loved ones and really enjoy a break from the daily routine – so I'm glad so many children have told me about spending time with families and friends and to them that is the most important gift we could give them.

We have welcomed 7 new families to our Nursery this January, so we finally have a class in school with 30 children. This makes me so happy! Nursery applications for next year are open, with the closing date the 14th February, so please do apply if you need a space, and spread the word. It would be wonderful to have a Nursery of 30 from September! Our Reception admissions applications are 3 times the amount we had last year. Families will find out later in the year if they have been successful in gaining a place for 2020/2021. I want to thank you all for the part you have played in increasing our reputation as a school and helping us grow, and for supporting me as I make changes. More children means more funding, which means we have more resources and money to spend on bettering your child's education. Right now, money is very tight in school, and so every child really does make a difference!

The outdoor area continues to be the bane of my life, especially with the weather and what it does to our lovely space. I have managed to purchase some astro-turf to make some of the space more useable, but am looking for any help in laying it. If any parents know of anyone who has experience in this area, please could they let the office know? Especially if you know about turf removal and leveling. To keep costs minimal it would be amazing if we could lay this ourselves. Similarly, should anyone have tree surgery knowledge, I need multiple quotes for some work to some of the trees on site. If you have laid some fake grass at home and have some experience, would you mind helping us?

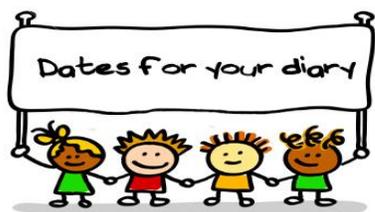
The windows project is nearing completion, and by the time I write again, should be very nearly done. Thank you all for helping us run as smoothly as possible. A reminder though that the fences and barriers are there to keep us all safe and protect us. I cannot believe that one mother took her children through a clearly fenced off area just so she didn't have to walk a few steps on the grass. The children have been excellent in following the safety rules. As parents we need to be setting the example. Please do not walk through fenced off areas at all.

A reminder again about on-line safety. New devices for Christmas are often set up in haste and parent locks and net nannies forgotten. Please do not give in to pester power and download games and apps which are not age appropriate. TikToc, Whatsapp, Minecraft, YouTube all have age ratings for a reason. Already I have had to speak to some children about the online conversations they

have had, and how dangerous they can be. Please remind your children about speaking to strangers through gaming. People are not always who they say they are, and this makes our children incredibly vulnerable. Please do visit www.ceop.co.uk or www.thinkuknow.co.uk and explore the online safety messages.

Having said that, I have created a Facebook page for the school. I will use this to share good news about Greenfields in the local community via the South Oxhey page when I need to share information to a wider audience than the App reaches. Please do share the 'like' and encourage friends and family to like the page and then notifications such as the Tesco's tokens will pop up on their timelines. We are part of the Bags of Help Scheme until April, so please encourage everyone you know to pop their blue token in our slot at the stores.

Kate Day



30.1.20	Year 2 Class Assembly gam Governors Meeting 5.30pm
6.2.20	Year 1 Class Assembly gam
10.2.20	Feeling Good week
11.2.20	Valentine's Disco – FOGs 4.30pm EYFS and KS1 6pm KS2
12.2.20	Parents Evening
13.2.20	Parents Evening
14.2.20	Nursery Applications close
15.2.20	Half Term Week
24.2.20	Back to School
26.2.20	Intra School competition Ys 1 and 2 – Multi Sports
4.3.20	Intra School competition Ys 3 and 4 - Handball
5.3.20	World Book Day – Pyjamas and Bedtime Book
12.3.20	Year 5 Class Assembly gam
19.3.20	Reception Class Assembly gam
23.3.20	Assessment Week
26.3.20	Nursery Class assembly gam Governors 5.30pm
27.3.20	Y6 Trip to the houses of Parliament
2.4.20	Whole School Easter Egg Hunt
3.4.20	Easter Hat Parade End of Term 1.15pm

Attendance



Nursery	93%
Reception	90%
Y1	96%
Y2	97%
Y3	92%
Y4	99%
Y5	98%
Y6	98%
Overall Week ending 10/1/20	95%

We continue to walk that fine line of 95% as a school which is great news. This term we will not only be awarding 100% raffle prizes but also 3 £5 Amazon voucher winners for the most improved attendance. Holidays will be an automatic removal from this possible prize. Medical appointments are always dealt with on an individual basis, and I urge you all to make dentist and doctors' appointments outside of the school day, or if that is not possible around lunch time so that children do not miss too much learning. All day medical appointments are not accepted unless in exceptional circumstances.