



## Recently at Greenfields...

The longest January on record comes to a close today, and for many it is a historic day as we finally leave the European Union. Whilst January seems to have gone on forever- the Brexit saga certainly feels like it- it is now only 2 weeks away from half term and another break. Therefore this term always feels rammed full of learning as it passes by at the speed of light. Year 2 certainly showed off how much they had been learning with a wonderful assembly this week full of maths, music, models and magical learning moments. At the beginning of the year Y2 studied a book called "There's a Rangtan in my Bedroom" (Iceland tried to use it for their Christmas campaign in 2018 and were blocked as it is quite political) and have certainly learnt about the impact of deforestation and the worlds increased use of palm oil. I'm very proud of how maturely they have written letters to various organisations asking them to stop these practices. Shame on them for not responding to the letters of children, whose futures our actions are jeopardising.

The windows project is so nearly finished it is unbelievable that just 8 weeks ago (in school weeks) we were starting it. The school looks and feels so different, especially in heating terms. It finally looks smart and inviting. A huge thank you to you all for helping us during this challenging time. We have some small parts yet to do – groundworks mostly- which will be done in half term. We are also fortunate that County have decided to pay for some of the corridor doors to be replaced too, so that everything fits together and we can securely lock off areas and keep the school safe. This too will be done in

half term.

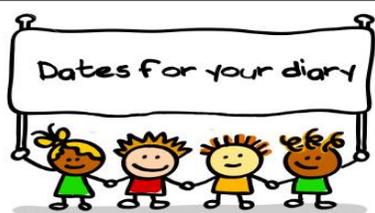
With the school now looking so smart, it seems a good time to remind all parents that I also expect the children to be wearing their school uniforms and abiding by our uniform policy at all times. **That means green/school logo jumpers and cardigans, white polo shirts or shirts and black or grey bottoms. This also includes black school shoes.** There are far too many brightly coloured trainers or inadequate footwear around in the classrooms. If your child is not wearing correct footwear, they will be asked to wear correct ones the next day. If this persists, they will be given black plimsoles to wear inside. If they do not have the correct jumper, they will be given one from our second hand stock for the day to wear. Please ensure that after half term all children have correct shoes and tops.

The last two weeks of term are jammed packed, especially with Wellbeing Week in the last week. Mrs Weller has already sent a letter home about this, and we are all looking forward to Wellbeing Wednesday where all children will be mixed up and working together to support each other making things. This is also a non uniform day and we are asking the children to wear the colours of the Colour Monster – red, blue, yellow, green, pink, black or a mixture of there. We also ask for a £1 donation on Wednesday to go towards the cost of the resources needed for the activities. On Friday Normans are holding their fundraising day for Great Ormond Street Hospital. This sits perfectly with our Wellbeing theme. We ask that all children bring in coins to cover

the letters GOSH. Each house will have a letter to cover, and the house that raises the most will receive extra play after half term. Saxons raised £327 on their day through your generosity- I wonder if Normans can beat that? Start saving your loose change now and we will see.

The last week of the half term also sees Parents Evening taking place. You should have already received a letter and the correct number of slips for your needs. To support my staff wellbeing, each class is offering different late nights to fit with the needs of the teachers, so please read it carefully. If you cannot make the times offered, please speak to your class teacher to arrange an appointment. On the evening we will also be giving you the Data Sheets we have for each child. Please ensure you complete it and return it during the meeting. We must have the correct names and contact details on our systems in case we need you!

*Kate Day*



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	Wellbeing Wednesday – non-uniform £1 donation Parents Evening
13.2.20	Parents Evening
14.2.20	Nursery Applications close Norman Fundraising Day - GOSH
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	81%
Reception	93%
Y1	98%
Y2	99%
Y3	91%
Y4	99%
Y5	95%
Y6	96%
Overall Week ending 10/1/20	94%

This year, so far, we have managed to hold the 95% attendance overall needed to ensure Ofsted do not criticize us for attendance, but there are only 41 children with 100% continued attendance and this week for the first time we slip below the magic 95%. In the last few days I have made over 20 phone calls to families where there is no good reason why their attendance is not over 90%. Most families were shocked when I phoned and said your current attendance means the children have missed the equivalent of 1 day a week since September (80%) or half a day a week (90%) At this point in the year, 1 day equals 1% attendance, so 10 days or more is a lot of learning time. Please do trust us and send your child into school. We will send them home if they are really not well, but reasons such as headaches, sore throats and oversleeping are not acceptable for missing an entire day. Bring your child in and you will be surprised how quickly a headache goes; a sore throat does not stop learning; and we can cope with grumpy children! Please support us in maintaining 95% and teach your children good habits and routine.