



# Newsletter

04.10.19

## Recently at Greenfields...

Thanks to all those who came to our open classroom last week to see what the children had been up to in the first few weeks of school. All of the children have been focussing on the theme "Sustainable Planet" and have been learning about the importance of recycling, conservation and land use through their chosen texts. There have also been some great discussions and lessons which simply cannot be captured. Please continue to discuss this at home and help the children explore their understanding of the vulnerability of the planet and their role in protecting its future. It was a shame not more parents chose to come in at the end of the afternoon to see the work and encourage the pupils, especially as so many come to collect their child at the end of the day. Being a part of the school and celebrating the learning is an important part of the children's education, and they love sharing their work with you. I know this is not something that the school has historically encouraged, but there is much research which backs up the fact that, the more involved parents are in school and working with their child's school, the better their results and progress will be. We have had two events so far to which parents have been invited, and take up so far has not been great. Are we timing things wrong? Would you prefer morning meetings or evening ones? Please let me know how we can improve our working together.

Another way parents can get involved with the school and the direction it takes is by being a Parent Governor.

Next month we will be having elections for the two spaces which will need filling. I will shortly be sending out letters and information about this ready for ballot, but if you are interested in working with the governing body and helping to improve the whole school, please do come in and find out more, either by talking to Mr Ray, our chair, or seeking out Katie Tarrent (mum of Evie-Mae in Y4) or Jose Tamero (dad of Eira in Y6) our current parent governors.

I am really pleased with our charitable giving so far this year and the care our community is showing others less fortunate than ourselves. We raised £145 through donations for Jeans for Genes, and £327 for MacMillan; Saxon's chosen charity, through our coffee morning and cake sale. Charity continues this week and next with our harvest festival. The Trussel Trust have been in and talked to the children about how vital the donations are for their work and Liz Guest from All Saints Church has shared with the children the meaning of harvest for Christians, and the importance of looking out for each other. On Monday we will be donating all food brought for our Harvest Assembly on Monday morning to the local foodbank for others whose need is greater than our own. Thank you in advance for your help and support for this. Please only send in food which is unopened and in date. This is our last charity event this half term before Children in Need and Christmas next half term.

*Kate Ray*

# Attendance for the Year



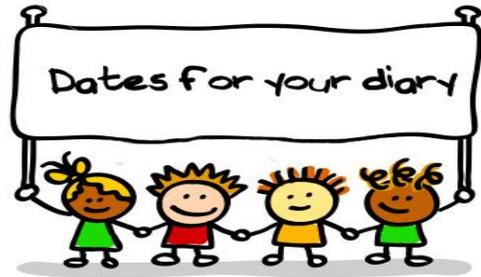
Nursery	92%
Reception	95%
Y1	99%
Y2	97%
Y3	97%
Y4	95%
Y5	99%
Y6	97%
Overall Attendance w/c 23/9/19	96%

We continue to hold our attendance at around 96% which is great, but I'm also very aware that colds and tummy bugs are more likely to affect our figures in the coming months, so it really is important to try to be in school as much as possible to raise every child's attendance so that any bugs do not bring them below that 90%.

I can see from the registers that currently have 55 unauthorised absences. This is not acceptable – this means we have no reason on record for a child being off and no one has rung in to tell us where their child is. Having made some visits to empty houses, we would much rather know your child is on holiday with you. Please tell us before you go so we do not worry.

Can I also reiterate that sore throats and headaches are not illnesses which really equate to a day off school. You know your child best, but sore throats can be dealt with by frequent drinks; and headaches do wear off after a time. Please trust the staff; we will send your child home if they are really under the weather and not able to learn.

Heads up for events next year...



7.10.19	<b>Harvest Assembly</b>
21.10.19	Y5/6 Bikeability Course all week Individual Photos and Sibling photos
23.10.19	Halloween discos Nursery-Y2 4.30 – 5.45pm Years 3-6 6-7.30pm
25.10.19	<b>TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
28.10-3.11	Half Term
7-10.10.19	Reception Open week taster sessions
7.11.19	Year 5 Class Assembly
6&7 11.19	Parent's Evenings 3.30pm – 7pm
11.11.19	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
11.11.19	Year 6 Class Assembly - Remembrance day
14.11.19	Year 4 Class Assembly
15.11.19	Children in Need
21.11.19	Year 3 Class Assembly
27.11.19	Y5 Kidzania trip
28.11.19	FOGs Movie Night
5.12.19	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
11.12.19	<b>Christmas Concert Performances</b>
19.12.19	<b>Christmas Party Day</b>
20.12.19	End of Term 1.15pm



**Harvest** Assembly with the Trussel Trust is on Monday. Please be as generous as you can and send in boxed, tinned or packets of food and baby items so that we can help others in our community who really need our support.