



# Newsletter

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## Recently at Greenfields...

We made it!

How is the shortest term always the most tiring and jam packed – although I've finished the teachers diary for the Summer term, and I don't think there is a spare day in there! This past fortnight seems to have been the longest ever, with class assemblies, awards, trips and goats. Today it has been my pleasure to give every child a Easter Egg from school and wish them all a happy holiday.

Things like the farm and the eggs have been paid for this year by our fundraising efforts. We have also purchased the benches outside each classroom which now stores their outdoor toys, but also will give you somewhere to wait (when the rain stops hopefully!), new collapsible tables for events and new resources for calm areas for the classrooms, as well as ducklings which EYFS will see hatch after Easter. That's £3000 spend on things we simply would not have been able to afford without our fundraising this year. Thank you so much for helping support us through things like discos, the fairs and our Christmas Market and Mother's Day sales. Next terms we do have some events, but we have decided to run a smaller summer fair, with School Council taking the lead on this, and make a bigger do of Inflatables Day, which we will be having in September like we did this year. The Summer is always so busy and the fair always clashed with other events and clubs, so the staff have requested this. I look forward to helping the School Council arrange a great event for everyone in school.

In the parental survey, which I hope you have seen the results of, the age and presentation of the school came up. We are in the line for a new roof from Hertfordshire Council and this is holding up some of our planned improvements as it will mean quite a bit of disruption and redecoration for the school. However, last night, the Governors agreed we start to improve the toilet facilities across the school on a rolling programme. This will now become the focus of some fundraising to ensure that we can create restrooms that our children feel comfortable in and use without worry.

This morning I was also able to award a small prize to the attendance raffle winners. Every child gets their name in the draw for every week they achieve 100% attendance. Well done to the following children: Besarta, Aria, Amelia, Ditmira, Josh, Eysla, Shriya and Alex. The whole school really has been working on attendance and I thank you all. Just over half the school achieved good attendance last term. I really wish we could be completely green next term!

Lastly, I have updated the calendar to have everything on it so far, including class assemblies and trips. We cannot send Piotas every day for something happening, so please do put them all in your diary or your phone calendar, and make sure you read newsletter through to know what events mean and need.

Have a lovely break everyone, and see you on the 15<sup>th</sup>

*Kate Day*

## Year 5 runners



Following the fun run at Greenfields, the elite runners were invited to take part in the regional race at Cassiobury Park on Saturday. Those who could turned up ready and raring to go. Whilst we did not receive any medals, the team absolutely did themselves and the school proud, turning in personal bests and really giving their best to the race. Well done to all involved, and to their families for taking them and supporting.



## Attendance Spring Term

Nursery	93.26%
Reception	95.44%
Year 1	95.62%
Year 2	96.15%
Year 3	93.33%
Year 4	95.41%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	97.04%

Moving in the right direction. Let's aim for amazing attendance in the summer! Thank you all!

## Easter Bonnet Parade

As always, you did not disappoint. Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade was a delightful way to end the term, and I am always impressed by the effort, ideas and originality shown by some families. This year our winning head pieces were worn by:

Nursery: Charlotte and Shiv

Reception: Evan and Florence

Year 1: Jake and Maria

Year 2: Maci and Arlo

Year 3: Mia and Heet

Year 4: Alice and Noah

Year 5: Laura and Oliver

Year 6: Yutika and Riley

Please look at Piota to see all the photos of the amazing winning hats.

A huge thank you to Mrs Evans, Mr Adak and Miss Wilds for judging!

## Uniform and Jewellery in School

More and more children have been wearing jewellery in school, and I have been asking more and more children to take it off, put it in their bag and take it home, only for them to wear it again the next day. It is very clear in our uniform statement, that Jewellery is not permitted in school, other than a pair of plain stud earrings and a watch. This is due to health and safety. There have been horrific cases where children wearing hoop earrings have had them pulled out and ears ripped during innocent playground games (and even just removing jumpers) and children have had serious neck accidents when a chain has been yanked or caught.

Items like crucifixes and St Christopher's are not obligatory religious jewellery and do not have to be worn to show your commitment to the Christian faith. Please stop sending your child in wearing them.

A reminder that cycling style shorts and sports leggings are not part of our uniform policy. We have worked hard to ensure that all our uniform can be purchased in the cheapest retail outlets, and so we do expect all children and families to adhere to our policy.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

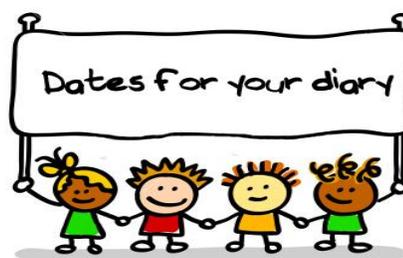
Emma Mulholland's period as Parent Governor has run out and so we have a vacancy. Emma though is very happy to stand again and represent the views of parents in the school, and does a great job of it – being responsible for Wellbeing of both pupils and staff. Emma is George (in Y5)'s Mum and has been a part of the Greenfields family for over 12 years, as well as having nephews who attend the school.

Emma is very happy to stand again.

Should anyone else wish to take on the role though we will need to hold a ballot. So I now invite anyone else to show their interest and speak to either myself or our Chair of Governors Zoe Baines should they wish to put themselves forward. If you would like to show an interest in this role, please contact me by the **19<sup>th</sup> April**. We will then hold an election

If no one else wishes to stand, Emma will automatically be voted in again for a 4 year role.

Please think carefully if you would like to be a part of the team which drives Greenfields forward and supports the whole community. Thank you.



2-5 <sup>th</sup> April	Happy Camp
11 – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Happy Camp
15.4.24	TERM STARTS Ducklings Arrive
17.4.24	Y5 Tag Rugby Competition at Greenfields
22.4.24	Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony
23.4.24	Maths Workshops for Parents
25.4.24	Y4 Class Assembly
2.5.24	Y3 Athletics Competition at Woodhall Local Elections – Hall in Use
6.5.24	Bank Holiday
9.5.24	Y3 Class Assembly
13 – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
17.5.24	Vikings Charity Day – Break the Rules
23.5.24	Year 1 Class Assembly
27-31 May	Half Term
3.6.24	Training Day
6.6.24	Y4 trip to COAM Year 5 Trip including Overnight
7.6.24	Y6 Cricket @ Bushey Cricket Club Y5 residential continued
11-14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential – Willow Tree
13.6.24	Y2 Class Assembly
20.6.24	Years 1&2 Trip to London Zoo
21.6.24	World Music Day Music workshops in school
24.6.24	Cystic Fibrosis Day – Wear Yellow
28.6.24	Nursery and Reception trip to Paradise Park
3.7.24	Y6 Production
8 – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Monday	Skateboard and Scooters Workshop Hip Hop Dance workshops
Tuesday	Circus Skills Day KS2 Water Polo
Wednesday	Sports Day
Thursday	Inter Year Group Challenges Transition Day – new classes
Friday	The School is Lava
15.7.24	Reports Out
16.7.24	Open Classes – all welcome
17.7.24	Awards Assembly
18.7.24	Nursery and Reception Graduations
19.7.24	Y6 Leavers Assembly



### Summer 1 Half Term reminders

Swimming: Years 3 and 4 - Tuesday

Forest School: Year 6 - Wednesday