



# Newsletter



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## Recently at Greenfields...

What a difference the sunshine makes! We have had such an uplifting week at Greenfields this week, purely down to the sun being out, the weather taking a turn for the better and the sunny mood everyone is in. Learning continues to strive forwards, and today I've been looking at our writing with our Learning Advisor. We are so impressed with the vocabulary the children are using, the sentence they are trying and the ideas they are generating. This stems from reading and modelling with the children. So thank you for continuing to read with the children at home and talking to them about their books and ideas. What a difference it is making.

With the sunshine comes the perennial problem of children taking off their clothes! This leads to a huge increase of jumpers and cardigans left around the school site. Please do ensure these are labelled so we can return them to the children when they are forgotten on the playground. We have also seen some interesting uniform choices come in. Can I take a moment to remind all parents that shorts should be plain black and loose, not the skin tight cycling variety, unless they are being worn under dresses for modesty. Shorts should be plain and not covered in sports logos as well. We accept that PE shorts might have a logo on them, but these should not be uniform wear. Open toe shoes are not allowed for health and safety reasons. Our uniform policy has always been black shoes. These can be trainers, but still black – again this is beginning to lapse. I appreciate your support in following our policy and keeping Greenfields looking smart.

Warmer weather also means the start of trying to remember

water bottles, hats and applying sun cream when necessary each day. Please do not buy the Stanley style cups for school – these get knocked over / spilt so easily and they do not have stoppers to stop the contents flooding out, especially when they are being carried around the school. Ideally, water bottles need screw tops or closures which keep the liquid in!

Thank you to all those who ordered Mother's Day gifts. The children will visit the 'shop' next week. If you didn't manage to order your gift, you can still purchase by sending cash into the office by Wednesday of next week. The children will choose their gifts during the week and bring them home for you.

Someone who really will be celebrating Mother's Day this year is Mrs Pearce, who we heard on Tuesday has safely delivered a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations on the birth of Ava, and we know Oliver is a very proud big brother. I have sent the family all our love and cuddles, and I know Mrs Pearce will be in to show Y6 her latest addition when she is able.

We only have 2 weeks now until the circus price increases. Please get your tickets ordered!

Finally, good luck to our good friends at Electric Umbrella this weekend who are on BGT! We will all be cheering you on!!!

*Kate Day*



### Attendance 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery	92.15%
Reception	88.28%
Year 1	94.14%
Year 2	96.36%
Year 3	93.79%
Year 4	93.21%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	92%

As you can see we did not have a great week last week, and actually today attendance has been the worst I have ever seen it at 86%. We have to be better than this. Too many children are off for no valid reason and holidays / days away from school. Some facts for you:

- Children who attend school every day in Y6 are 30% more likely to reach age related standard in their SATs.
- Children who miss 10% of school (attending less than 90% of the time) earn on average £10,000 less than others aged 28.
- Children who are persistently absent are 60% less likely to be employed

Sobering thoughts...

### Eater Bonnet Parade

As is tradition, at Greenfields we end the Eater Term with our Easter Bonnet Parade. All children are expected to make a head piece at home and bring it in on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April to parade in the hall. All parents are invited to join in the fun. Prizes are given to the two best hats in each year group. This is your two week notice to get crafting!

And a reminder – we finish term at 1pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## Notices

- Y4 Forest School is on Mondays – remember a change of clothes, starting straight after half term. Next half term will be Y5
- **Swimming for Y4&5 is on Tuesdays - the last half term for y5. Please remember to check you have everything you need in your bag. Year 3 will start swimming after Easter – make sure your costumes fit now!**
- Ring the office or send an email by 9.30am please to tell us your child is going to be absent for the day. And remember, sickness means 48 hours clearance before they can come back from the time of the last incident. Please do not send children back in sooner for unexplained sickness.
- **School closes at 1pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. There is no after school club this day. Please ensure you have arrangements in place for your child to be collected on time.**

## Rubbish and other things!

I have recently done the Staff Wellbeing Survey – the parent one will be coming out soon. However, one thing that did come up repeatedly was the rubbish left on site. We are trying so hard to teach the children to respect the school grounds, to put things away and be safe – not on bikes on the school site. Please help us by ensuring that the treats you give at collection time are disposed of in bins, and litter is not just dropped on the floor. Please do not encourage them to get toys out of the benches to play with as then they get left lying around and the foxes spoil them. If your child rides a bike to school, encourage them to put it away safely and tidily.

I have also spoken to all the children about dropping rubbish on the floor at lunch time and expecting some magic fairy to pick it up! There are many children we have notice who are throwing away unopened sandwiches and items from their lunches. Please do ask the children what they want to eat, and expect the rubbish back so you can see what they have had. We will only be letting yogurt pots and finished packets into the school bin so you can see what is being left.

A reminder too, that grapes must be cut in half – they are the most common choking hazard for children.



## LAST MONTH OF REDUCED TICKET PRICES

This summer, the circus is coming to town! I know it feels early to be talking about June, but this is going to be a huge thing for Greenfields, and I so want to make a success of it – it's been booked for 2 years – this is how popular Happy's Circus is! 3 months and counting...

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Gates open 11.30am for fun, activities and food.**

**Big Top opens at 1.30pm ready for the 2PM show**

I am offering tickets to Greenfields early at a reduced price before they go on general sale in South Oxhey, so please reserve your seat as soon as you can.

You will need to pay for your seats via Arbor and email us at [Circus@greenfields.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Circus@greenfields.herts.sch.uk) with your name, ticket request and payment reference for the reduced price. Come the Easter holidays I will sell whatever tickets we have left to the local community, and the price will increase too – so pay early to bag the deal.

For Greenfields early discount, the prices are:

**Children: £10 a ticket**

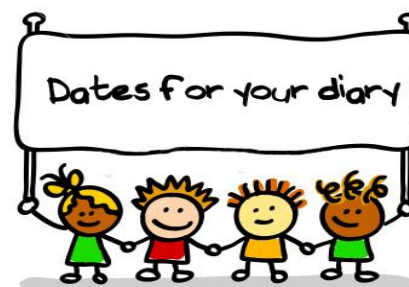
**Adults: £12.50**

**Family of 4: £40**

**Plus booking fee**

Equally, if you are unable to use Arbor, the office can help, so pop in and see them. We have 600 tickets to sell, and I'm really hoping it's a sell out.

If you run a local business and would like to hire a pitch, please do get in touch via the email address above. We have certain limitations as to what we can sell, so we do need to ensure nothing conflicts with the circus contract.



24.3.25	Mothers Day gift Sale
3.4.25	Awards Assembly
4.4.25	Easter Bonnet Parade End of Term 1pm
22.4.25	Training Day
23.4.25	Term Starts
1.5.25	Polling Station
2.5.25	Y5 trip to Kew Gardens
5.5.25	Bank Holiday
12.5.25	Y6 SATs week
16.5.25	Break the Rules Day
20.5.25	Y6 Residential
22.5.25	Y1 Class Assembly
23.5.25	Reception and Nursery trip to Mead Open Farm
26-30.5.25	Half Term
2.6.25	Training Day
6.6.25	Circus Day in school
8.6.25	Happy Circus Day
19.6.25	Reception Class Assembly
24.6.25	Y4 Electric Umbrella in St Albans event
26.6.25	Y1&2 trip to the seaside
3.7.25	Y3&4 trip to Legoland
9.7.25	Y6 Production
10.7.25	Hertfordshire transition day Nursery Class Assembly
14 - 18.7.25	<b>Sports Week</b> Monday – Rock up for KS2 / The Floor is Lava for KS1/EYFS Tuesday – Ninja Skipping / KS2 Water Polo Wednesday – Sports Day Thursday – Haka Dance / Inter class games Friday – games / Y5 summer fair
16.7.25	Sports Day
18.7.25	Nursery / Reception Graduation
21.7.25	Awards Assembly Leavers Assembly to school
22.7.25	Y6 Leavers Assembly Term Ends 1pm

