



Newsletter



22.11.2024

Recently at Greenfields...

Well, this was not the week we had planned at all! Coming in on Monday ready to work with our School Education Advisor and to be greeted by three classrooms underwater was not the best of days...but...how great is Team Greenfields? I have been so humbled to work with such a resilient bunch of teachers, such a supportive group of parents, and such an irrepressible cohort of children! Need help tidying up – here we are, Mrs Day... Need us to move our classroom and have to cope with not our usual routines, lessons and environment Mrs Day? – not a problem...Need a hand with washing things so they don't have to be thrown- I'm here to help Mrs Day. Just wow Greenfields! I do have to say a public thank you to Laurel Swan for spending an entire day mopping, brushing water, removing tiles and tidying up, Steve Allard for mopping and lending us a dehumidifier, Claudia Nunes and Sabrina Robcuic for the dehumidifiers and Sanja Kocevski for all the washing loads. Thank you all for delivering children to the right classrooms and collecting on time. But mostly thank you to the children and staff who just kept going!

I always describe Greenfields to people as a school of 8 classrooms, 2 offices and a lot of outside ground. When 3 classrooms suddenly become unusable overnight, many schools would have just closed and said they could not open – or at least closed to the classes affected. Thankfully, the insurers came again yesterday to check how the drying out progress is going, and all the classrooms are good, with no damage to the floors and carpets in Years 4 and 5. Y6 have lost their lino floor, but that can be replaced. What was really hard to work through has actually resulted in very little damage in the fabric of the building, and other than a few bits

of furniture to replace and some books, we have some through. So now after a swarm of bees, an infestation of caterpillars, a fire and a flood, I'm wondering what can be sent to try us next...

Meanwhile, school life has carried on. Year 6 led the whole school in an exceptional Remembrance Assembly and shared poems and thoughts about the day with a packed hall. So many friends and family joined us. It was incredibly moving. Year 2 had a fabulous day with their Great Fire of London workshop and impressed the facilitator with their knowledge – I think they even taught her something! Year 5 went to the South Oxhey Fun Run at Woodhall and did really well; Fun Runs are not fun for everyone, but everyone gave it their all and represented us brilliantly showing true determination and resilience. Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 are beginning to practise their Christmas Nativity Story, whilst KS2 and beginning to belt out their Christmas songs, so there is definite positivity in the air. Added to this we had a visit from Electric Umbrella, who we will be working with next term to support our music curriculum. Electric Umbrella taught the whole school the beginnings of our Christmas song, 'Kindness isn't just for Christmas' which we cannot wait to share with you at our shows in December. Tickets will become available very soon, so make sure you get yours.

See you all for a hot chocolate and cookie in the dining hall...

Kate Day



Attendance Autumn 1

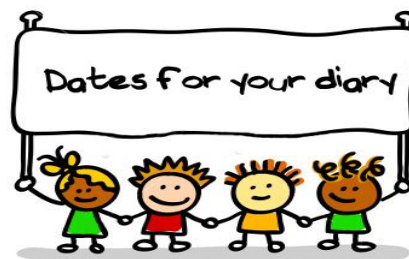
Nursery	83.8%
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	90.1%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	95.6%

Attendance continues to be something I am worrying about, especially given the news that Ofsted will judge us on how good a school we are with attendance data, and there is nothing I can do about it. Please do not make dentist and doctors appointments during the school day unless in an emergency, and please do not keep children off for reasons which do not stop them from learning. All this week attendance has been low, and we are now only at 94% for the year which is the worst it has ever been.

Equally, please help us by phoning absences in so we do not have to chase you. The office should have received a call by 9.30am. If no-one is available to answer, please leave a voice message so we know not to chase you.

Non Uniform Day 2nd December

The chocolate tombola is by far one of the most popular stalls at the Christmas Fair – but one of the most expensive to run. We do ask that on Monday 2nd December, the children come to school in non uniform, but bring in a donation of at least £1 to enable us to go and buy all the chocolate needed to keep this stall going (last year I had to go and buy more mid fair!). Thank you very much for supporting this.



27.11.24	No Pen day! Stay Active sessions for Years 5 and 6
28.11.24	Y4 Class Assembly 8.50am
2.12.24	Non Uniform Day – Christmas Fair fund donation Y3 Healthy Heroes workshop
6.12.24	Flu Jabs in school
10.12.24	Dress rehearsals
11.12.24	Christmas Shows 1.30pm and 5pm
12.12.24	Christmas Shows 9am
13.12.24	Christmas Fair
16.12.24	Awards Assembly Christmas Lunches Class Parties
17.12.24	Whole School to the Panto
18.12.24	End of Term. 1pm finish
19.12.24	Training Day
20.12.24	Occasional Day holiday
6.1.25	Term Starts



This year we are having 3 shows:

Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm and again at 5pm, and Thursday 12th December at 9.15am.

We do ask that all children attend all three shows this year, as the Nursery and Reception have quite important roles. If you feel your Nursery or Reception child cannot cope with the 5pm show, please speak to their class teacher, but we do ask that everyone else makes the effort to bring their children back to the evening. However, we will be limited on ticket numbers so not all parents can come to every show, and there will only be 2 tickets per family to start with. Please make sure you get your slips back in to request tickets with time, as the shows are very popular and do sell out.

Tickets will go on offer in December.