

GREENHILL NEWS

Monday 21st September 2009

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1. A New School Year

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members of the school community, staff, children and parents, to Greenhill School. Last year was another busy and successful year for the school and we are certain that this year will be just the same. We look forward to working together with you all this year.

2. Welcome Assembly

On Friday 25th September we will be holding our special 'Welcome' assembly for the new children who have recently started school. The Year 6 class will lead the assembly. Coffee will be served after the assembly.

Please note that the **Presentation Assembly** where certificates and birthdays are celebrated will be on **Thursday 24th September this week**. Parents are invited to attend.

3. Life Education Caravan - Learning Centre

We are pleased to inform you that the Life Education Caravan will be in school this week. The Caravan is a mobile classroom complete with a specialist teacher who will be working with all classes to explore aspects of the Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum.

We have planned two Parent Sessions where you can come along to meet the teacher and find out what the Life Education Centre Programme is all about. The sessions are on Thursday 24th September from 2.50pm - 3.20pm and Friday 25th September from 9.45am to 10.25am. There is no need to make an appointment.

We also have on sale promotional wooden toys for £1.00 each to support the Life Education Charity. The School Council will receive 20p for each toy sold. These can be purchased from the School Office.

4. School Information requirements - URGENT

School is required to keep up to date contact details in case of emergency. **Please can parents ensure they notify us of any changes to contact details or emergency contact numbers.** Thank you. If families have separated it is helpful if both parents provide us with contact information. All details are strictly confidential.

5. Staffing news!

Can I take this opportunity to welcome back Mrs Julie Mason and Mrs Jenny Moulding who have resumed duties following their respective Maternity Leaves.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Stacey McCann and Ms Jenna Chapman for their hard work and support over recent months as Midday Supervisors. Both ladies have recently left us to pursue other careers, we wish them every success.

6. Birthdays and Birthday Books

Please note that each week during our presentation assembly, we celebrate the children's birthdays that have taken place since the last assembly as well as those whose birthday is on that day.

The BirthdayBook scheme has proved very successful and we are grateful to all parents who have donated a book to celebrate their child's birthday. Parents may wish to donate a suitable book, rather than send in sweets or treats which are not allowed as we are a Healthy School. We place a special book plate certificate in the front of the book as a commemoration of the event prior to it being added to the library. Each child is provided with a personal certificate during the presentation assembly.

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7. Parents Surgery

Parent's surgeries are an important part of communication between parents and the school. The purpose of Parent's surgeries is to allow an informal opportunity for parents to meet with Mr Pilling to discuss any issues relating to school, matters of concern or simply to find out information about the general life of the school. From the visitors that I met last year the discussions were worthwhile and helpful for both parties. The next surgery will take place on Monday 28th September from 4.30pm to 6.30pm, no appointment is necessary.

8. NSPCC

This year we have adopted to sponsor 'NSPCC' as our annual charity. On Wednesday 14th October a representative from NSPCC will be visiting school to talk to the children about the work of the charity and to invite the children to take part in a sponsored activity to raise funds. We hope that you will join us in supporting this worthwhile organisation.

9. School Library Books

Miss Kisby has recently audited the School Library and has found that a number of Library Books are still outstanding from last year. Can we request your help in checking whether you have any books at home and returning them to school. Thank you.

10. PE Kit

Please can we enlist your help in ensuring that your child has a full PE Kit (That fits!) in school for their PE lessons. It is vital that all children have **pumps** for their PE lessons. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring Training Shoes, **in addition**, for their Games lesson only. To assist you in ensuring your child has their kit on the right day the PE lessons take place as follows:

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| Year R | Wednesday & Thursday | Year 3 | Thursday & Friday |
| Year R/1 | Monday & Tuesday | Year 4 | Monday & Friday |
| Year 1/2 | Tuesday & Wednesday | Year 5 | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 2 | Monday & Thursday | Year 6 | Wednesday & Friday |

11. School uniform & property

Please can I request your assistance in ensuring that all items of clothing or property belonging to your child/children are **clearly labelled** with your family name. Lost property is already beginning to pile up. By naming items we are able to return them to their respective owners. Sadly many items are never claimed and have to be disposed of as we cannot trace the owner.

12. Medication

Can I remind parents that following LA guidance no staff member is able to administer **any non-prescribed** drugs to pupils e.g. Aspirin, Calpol, etc. and that these drugs should not be sent in to school. In the rare occurrence that a child requires a **prescribed** drug to be administered during the school day the school requires that the medicine should be delivered by an adult to the school office along with a letter of consent giving clear instructions for the administration of the medicine. **Do not** send any medicine in with a child. Please assist us in this matter. Thank you.

13. Anaphylaxis in school

Can I advise parents that we have a growing number of children who have severe allergies, particularly to nuts and would politely request that parents avoid sending nut products to school. Thank-you for your assistance.

14. Morrison's 'Let's Grow' Vouchers

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Please note that school is collecting the Let's Grow' vouchers this year. Please send any vouchers into school. Thank you.

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