

Greenway Academy

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Welcome to our new families who have joined us at Greenway this term. We are also thrilled to have new children joining different Year groups in the next few months.

Free Courses for Parents/Carers

As part of our whole school holistic approach to supporting all families and pupils, we have bought a site licence for all parents/carers to access any or all of the following four courses:

<https://solihullapproachparenting.com/schools/>

There are now 4 courses included:

- Understanding your child (main course, 0-19+ yrs)
- Understanding your child with additional needs (main course, 0-19+ yrs)
- Understanding your child's mental health (accompanies UYC and UYC-AN)
- Understanding your teenager's brain

These courses are extremely useful and are often a prerequisite for assessments for children such as ADHD screeners or accessing certain family support services. We will send the password through separately along with the flyer.

Athletics Competitions

We are thrilled to be able to take part in competitive events again. Earlier this month, two Year 3 teams went to Forest School to compete against other schools in various athletic events. Our children were brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will also have athletics competitions over the next couple of weeks. The school office will be in touch if your child has been selected for this event.

Later this term, we will take part in the Horsham area cross country event and we have also entered netball and a variety of football competitions.



Leadership Award
Horsham District

For us at Greenway, it is important to us that as many children as possible have a chance to represent their school in sport. Therefore, please know that we are mindful of trying to offer an opportunity to different children each time where we can.

In the Summer term, we will enter our children into a cricket competition. Thank you to Mr Donnelly, who is kindly coaching our cricketers at the moment.

New Clubs

As you are hopefully aware, we have a multitude of clubs for children to choose from. The clubs are all taught by specialist coaches that we buy into school using sports premium funding. It is so lovely to see the children trying out new sports such as dodgeball and basketball at lunch times. The take up has been brilliant and we have over 120 children taking part in lunch time clubs. In addition, we welcome coaches in the mornings teaching table tennis and netball.

There are still spaces available in some clubs, so please contact the school office if your child is interested in joining a club.

The recorder assembly went down a treat and as a result, we now have 34 pupils waiting to start recorder. It is our intention to eventually have a recorder ensemble across the school and a school orchestra. These are all part of our music action plan for this year.

Communication

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are available before school and after school at the school entrances. We are on a rotational timetable to ensure that we are available for all of our parents throughout the week at our different gate entry points. Therefore, please do feel free to chat to us if there is anything you would like to ask or let us know.

Please still feel free to contact the class teachers at drop off or pick up. We have the Parent Teacher Conferences in February where there will be a chance for an individual meeting to discuss your child's progress and targets.

Online SATS Meeting Y6 - Parents/Carers only

A reminder for our Y6 families that there will be a TEAMS meeting at 5pm on 31st January lead by our Year 6 teachers. At this meeting, there will be a presentation informing parents about how SATs week works and how they can help their child. We will also show a timetable for how the week is structured. The link will be sent to the appropriate families in due course. **If you would still like to book a place at the meeting, please contact the school office.**

Behaviour Expectations

We have been busy working on clarifying our high expectations around behaviour in and around school. This includes how we move around the corridors, how we leave assembly, how we line up after break and lunch and how we greet people in the morning.

Pupils have responded very well to this. Please ask them what the expectations are!

Thank you as ever for your on-going support.

Kind regards,

Natasha Boulton
Head of School

Key dates: -

Monday 31st January: Year 6 SATs Evening – 5:00pm (Now moved to online)

Wednesday 9th February: Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:45pm to 8pm

Friday 11th February: Whole School Awe & Wonder Day

Monday 14th February: Parent Teacher Conferences – 3:45pm to 8pm

Tuesday 15th February: Learning Showcase – 3:40pm to 4:10pm

Thursday 17th February: Last day of Spring Term 1

Friday 18th February: Inset day – school closed to pupils

Monday 28th February: First day of Spring Term 2

Monday 14th March to Friday 18th March: Mock SATs Week

Friday 18th March: Comic Relief Day

Monday 4th April: Autism Awareness Week

Friday 8th April: Last day of Spring Term 2

Monday 25th April: First day of Summer Term 1

