



NOTABLE DATES 2020—2021

Thursday 17th December
Break up for Christmas

Friday 18th December
Staff inset day

Monday 4th January
Students return to school

Friday 12th February 2021
Break up for half term

Monday 15th February
2021—Friday 19th February
2021
Half term

Monday 22nd February 2021
Students return to school

Heads Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw near to Christmas we look back on one of our most challenging terms. It has been quite tricky keeping the school open with numerous staff isolating themselves or at home with an isolating dependent. We have had a total of 7 cases but so far these have been fairly contained. We celebrate every time a member of our school community returns fit and well enough for school.

We have missed many of the activities that usually bring us together like assemblies and enrichment activities. This has made us more determined to return back to normal as soon as we can. The Recovery curriculum has given us lots of opportunities to bring our activities together as a whole school and to share our achievements. We have all definitely enjoyed being back together in school.

This Christmas week has felt different from other years but we have all still had fun together- watching Pantomimes and Magic shows and having classroom Christmas lunch. Everything we have done has ensured that we are as Covid safe as we possibly can be.

Next term please ensure that you revisit the parent guidance for Covid safety sent home last term. Please ensure that you do not send your son/daughter to school if they are unwell as we will continue to send home any student who seems unwell -we want to ensure everybody in school is as safe as possible.

During the Christmas break we will continue to support contact tracing via email, text and letter if your child needs to isolate. Please ensure you check for correspondence and read it carefully.

I hope you all have a peaceful but healthy happy Christmas.

Best Wishes

Lynne.



POSITIVE COVID RESULTS

As I am sure you are aware schools have to continue to support the contact tracing. Thus if your son / daughter becomes unwell and tests positive for the virus then you should notify the school.

You can do this by

- Either by ringing the school and selecting option 2 -Reporting a Positive Covid case. You can leave a message there.
- Or you can email Schoolcontact@greenvaleschool.co.uk and inform us.

You need to let us know the following.

- * Name and Date of birth.
- * First day of symptoms.
- * Last day in school.
- * Date of test.
- * Date of conformation the test is positive.

After 23rd December we will no longer be contact tracing until we return to school in January. However, you should still contact us to tell us if you or anybody in your family tests positive.

Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you think you might be eligible and if you get certain welfare benefits, you can apply for free school meals for your child.

You could save up to £400 a year if your child gets free school meals and it will mean they get a healthy school lunch every day. Please visit the Lewisham website page regarding free school meals. There you can check whether you are eligible and also apply online. Not only do you get free meals but the school receives some additional funding. Check it out!

We Need You!

We are still looking for one extra School Parent Governor. Could you help us with this and play a part in the strategic direction of school? It would require you to attend one evening meeting every term and also one-day time meeting. Contact Lynne or Aaron if this interests you and we could put you in touch with another Parent Governor to share their insights. Thank you!



Jack Petchey Winner

This half term Sophie won the Jack Petchey Award. Her nomination is below:-

Sophie has settled into her new class and is really happy. She has embraced her new routine and is really happy being in school. She is calm, communicative and ready to engage with adults in her class. We are so Pleased that Sophie has made so much progress and we look forward to her achievements to come!



Recovery Curriculum

Magnolia students have really enjoyed working in Recovery curriculum lessons this term., Making pizzas, Decorating hope stones for the hope trail in the sensory garden.



Making an African necklace.



Decorating the 'Thankyou Tree.'

Well done to all the hardworking students in Magnolia Class. Amazing work!



Shoe Box Hampers

Olive class have been working with the Legendary community club to provide shoe box hampers for young people across the Lewisham borough. Olive class were able to design and display posters asking anyone willing to donate to the hampers. The response was AMAZING! We were able to fill 13 boxes with nice things such as, shoes, socks, scarfs, shower gel and many more items that will be delivered to vulnerable young people and their families this Christmas.

Olive class just want to thank all the parents and members of staff who gave generously to this cause. Thank you for joining with us to make another child's Christmas special this year.

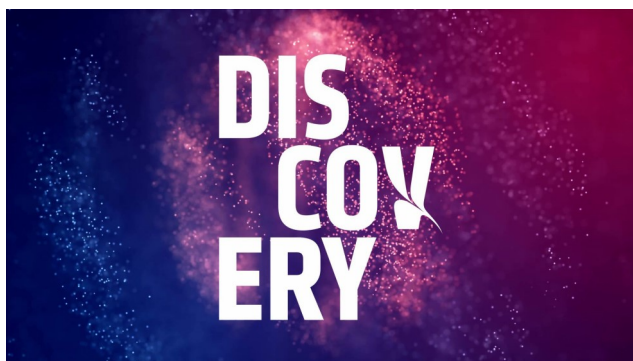
Merry Christmas!



Dr Bike

Dr Bike came to Greenvale School and serviced staff cycles.

Thank you Alan



LSO Discovery online event: A singalong Christmas

Where: [LSO's YouTube channel](#)

What: A chance to sing along and celebrate the festive season with the LSO from the comfort of your sofa, in a concert led by LSO Choral Director Simon Halsey – including seasonal favourites and works from the gospel world.

Who: London Symphony Chorus, London Symphony Orchestra, Simon Halsey conductor & presenter.

Link: <https://bit.ly/3kmUmoI>

