



Greenvale School Newsletter

December 2021



NOTABLE DATES
2021—2022 &
2022—2023

Friday 17th December
Break up for Christmas

Monday 20th December—
Monday 3rd January 2022
Christmas Break

Tuesday 4th January 2022
Students and staff return to
school

Friday 11th February
Break up for half term

Monday 14th—Friday 18th
February
Half term

Heads Message

Merry Christmas to every member of our School Community!

It has been great getting back to most of our more usual activities most of this term.

This has included trips to Downham leisure Centre for trampoline lessons, visits to Brockley Rise Community Education Centre, Beckenham Place park and to the local allotment. The students have enjoyed getting back to holding assemblies together and our more regular Key Stage activities like football club and Jack Petchey dance club.

Staff have worked very hard to maintain high standards of hygiene which, until recently resulted in very few cases of Covid 19 in the school.

Recently we had a cluster of Covid cases so we returned to wearing masks, Key stage bubbles, reducing visitors to the school and increased social distancing. This seems to have effectively reduced cases.

Don't forget the following;

Please do not send your son / daughter to school if they are unwell. This is especially relevant for the 3 key symptoms –
a temperature
a new continuous cough
a loss of taste or smell

However, we are also seeing a greater range of symptoms recently so please keep your son / daughter at home if they are at all unwell when we return after Christmas. This enables us to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you.

Please call using the Covid option on the answerphone phone option or email schoolcontact@greenvaleschool.co.uk if you need to report a case or the results of a Covid 19 case.

If your son / daughter has contact with a positive case they should have a PCR test. There is no need to isolate unless they have symptoms or have a confirmed case.

Thank you for your on-going support.

It has been lovely to be so Christmassy the last two weeks. We have had socially distanced / online activities as we decided to only allow one Key stage into the hall for any event.

These activities have included a Pantomime, a rap and lyricism workshop and a Christmas music concert.

Most of these were limited or with Social distancing but were still thoroughly enjoyed by all of the students.

Our Christmas Concert was, as always, a real delight. Our students are so amazing and their peers loved the opportunity to applaud whether in person or on-line.

And of course we had our usual I-Movie Assembly and Christmas dinner which were great fun. Every class makes a festive I-movie that are all revealed on the last day. We all love watching one another's performances.

And lastly Lisa made a return of the Great Greenvale On-line Bake-Off. This was so well received by the students last year that we had a Christmas special! As always it was so much fun.

Wishing all of our school Community a happy and healthy Christmas!

Lynne



Jack Petchey Winners



This half term the winner was David

David has Settled into Magnolia Class very well. He is becoming more confident, he transitions calmly and is able to stay well regulated. He is able to focus on his work for longer periods of time and he listens well. He responds appropriately and calmly to direction and is communicating effectively. He is doing this by beginning to use Makaton more regularly. David is joining in group work more consistently and has begun to proactively engage with his peers. During his school day he is happy and relaxed!



Greenvale raised £133.19 for Children in Need.
Thank you to everyone

Food allergies

We will only be sending food home with a food label, or a list of ingredients, to ensure we protect those with allergies. The 14 allergens are: **celery, cereals containing gluten (such as barley and oats), crustaceans (such as prawns, crabs and lobsters), eggs, fish, lupin, milk, molluscs** (such as mussels and oysters), mustard, peanuts, sesame, soybeans, sulphur dioxide and sulphites. Please can you also make sure you only send in food to share (e.g. birthday cake) with a clear label and list of ingredients.

Thank you





A big thank you to Gisela Graham, who sent us a gift box of Christmas goodies to us this year. These were only available to Greenvale Staff this year as there wasn't a Christmas DISCO, but over £150 pounds was raised for the school fund.

REMINDER 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 even if this is during the holidays.

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.

Thank you for your support.

