

Gresham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Whole school attendance

97.7%

Thank you for your continuing support.

Highest attending class

Y4

99.7%

Upcoming dates/events :

Monday 28 th Jan	No events today
Tuesday 29 th Jan	Swimming Y4 Girls football V Kenley (home)
Wednesday 30 th Jan	Hi 5 netball tournament (invited children)
Thursday 31 st Jan	Soundstart for Y3
Friday 1 st Feb	Children bringing books home Merit assembly - 2:45pm All welcome

Croydon Swimming Gala

On Thursday, we took part in the Croydon Schools Swim Gala at Purley Pool. The children swam fantastically. Mrs Steele, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Keeble were astonished at the standard of the swimming that was on show and the sportsmanship and encouragement of all the children given to one another. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parent helpers on the day and those that help each week to make swimming at Gresham such a success. A particular huge thanks to Amelie and Ben for being brilliant runners on the day.

L (Year 6) "I hope it inspires others to swim".

A (Year 5) "It was fun, I wish I could do it again".

W (Year 4) "It was amazing".

S (Year 3) "I was really nervous, but I want to do it next year".

A massive thank you to Mrs Keeble who takes the children swimming every week and who organised the children for the gala, It is an enormous amount of hard work.

Lateness - A reminder that all children should be in the playground each morning ready for the bell to ring at 8:55am. If, for any reason, your child is late to school, please ensure that they enter through the school office. Please let the school office know why they are late (for our records) and also let the office staff know if they require a school lunch as the school cook needs to know the numbers by 9:30am.

Also, please ensure that you are on time to pick your child(ren) up at the end of the school day. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 finish school at **3:10pm** and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 finish at **3:15pm**. It is not acceptable for parents/carers to be late on a regular basis picking their child up. However, if you know you will be late picking your child(ren) up, please inform the school office as soon as possible so that the office staff can reassure your child by letting them know your whereabouts. This also applies to after school club, which finishes at **6:00pm**.

The Gresham Garden Project - The Garden Project may appear to have ground to a halt over the winter but rest assured lots is being organised in the background in anticipation of the next "Big Build" volunteer events. These will be held on:

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH and SATURDAY 23RD MARCH both 9:30am until 4pm. You can stay all day or come for a morning (9:30-12:30) or afternoon (12:30-16:00) slot.

The main activities will be digging and planting with a bit of painting (a smaller dedicated team hope to complete the heavier duty work over February half term).

As before, these BIG BUILD events are family friendly so you may bring your school aged children along. Let them take pride in helping to build their new school environment!

This is our final push to complete the new garden facilities in time for all Gresham children to start to enjoy the benefits of outdoor lessons when they return after the Easter holiday.

If you are able to lend a hand on either or both of these dates please can you contact Sarah Burwood. You'll usually find her loitering outside Reception or Year 2 Willow classrooms each day. Alternatively, you can email her at Sarah.Burwood@btinternet.com to confirm your attendance or ask any further questions.

Once completed, the gardens really will be a fantastic facility for your children to explore and allow them to extend their learning into the outdoor environment.

Please can you continue to collect bottle tops.

Books Home - if your child is in Years 1 - 6, you will be receiving their school books next Friday evening. This will include their English, Maths, R.E and IPC books. Please take some time next weekend to look through your child's books with them and ask questions about their various pieces of work. We hope you find the book look useful. Please could we ask that all books are returned to school on Monday 4th February, so that the children can continue to use them in their lessons the next week. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Drinks in School - Just a reminder that children should only bring in pure water, a carton of pure fruit juice or milk to drink.

PA NEWS - We have a PA meeting at school at 8pm on Wednesday 30th January. All welcome

Attached is a poster with information about the *Gresham* 2019 Ball.

**Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter.
We hope you all have a
lovely weekend!**