



## Gresham Village School and Nursery

### Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear All,

Welcome back everyone for the summer term. Many thanks for the feedback that you gave us through the parents' survey before the Easter break. This is your 'new look' newsletter, which I will try to publish every fortnight. In this issue, I am attaching the dates for the coming term and giving you information about transition, as I know this is something you might be thinking about.

At the beginning of next week, we will be sending out this term's terms-on-a-page. The teachers are also organising visits for each class, some of which appear in the dates below. It promises to be a very exciting and busy term.

Take care

Marc

#### End of year transition

I am currently finalising class arrangements for September and will let you and the children know within the next couple of weeks who their teachers will be for next year. We are really aware that change creates mixed emotions in children, such as excitement, but also some worry or anxiety, so preparations for transition will be beginning soon for all classes.

- New class teachers will be visiting their new classes several times during the term to spend time with them, including reading stories. On the whole, the children are familiar with all the teachers already, but we feel that this helps to facilitate the change.
- There will be parent meetings for children transferring to Reception and Year 1, as we know this can be a significant change.
- We are liaising with the high schools regarding the Y6 transition. The children will be attending their respective high schools in the second half of term for induction days.
- Thought is being given to the transition of some children, particularly those with SEND to ensure they are well prepared for the change.
- Our PSHE theme for the second half of term is Growing and Changing. Part of the learning in each class's programme includes preparing for change.

### Green cards

Congratulations to Arlo M, Cody, Daisy D, Alexei, Phoebe D, Hunter B, Ned, Annalise, Tabby F, Isaac and Leon, who all received Green Cards this week and in the week before the Easter break. The children should all have brought home a green card certificate to show you. Green cards are given by teachers to celebrate 'wow' moments in learning and for sustained good progress in lessons.

## Celebrating ...

Last term, twenty of our budding artists joined forces with Cromer Junior School to work with local artist, Kate Munro, on an art project with the theme of birds using mixed media techniques. The work that they produced at the workshop is being exhibited at Cromer Artspace on the West Prom in Cromer. Last night, I was delighted to meet so many of the children and their families at the private viewing and was amazed by what they had achieved. If you did not manage to get there, the exhibition can be viewed until 29<sup>th</sup> April. Here are some examples of the children's work (apologies that I had phone difficulties and could not take pictures of everything).





### Dates for the summer term

Date	Event	Notes
Wed 24.4	KS2 trip to see The Boy at the Back of the Classroom at the Theatre Royal.	We will be back for a late lunch. Please see letter.
Fri 26.4	Parents' Café with focus on transition.	
Mon 29.4	Key Stage 1 cross country at Mundesley Junior School.	Details at the beginning of next week.
Wed 1.5	Class photos	Please can children come in school uniform and bring PE/ Forest School kit as required. Reception can wear their uniform for PE.
Fri 5.5	Sports Day Activities afternoon, led by Y6 for YR to Y5.	Children will need to come in PE kit. No parents for this event.
Mon 6.5	Bank Holiday- school closed.	
Thurs 9.5	Year 4 Bikeability	Details to follow.
Mon 13.5	Y6 Reading SAT	
	Clubs start	Letter next week.
	Reception and KS1 Celebration Assembly, 2.30pm	Parents invited.
Tues 14.5	Y6 Grammar, punctuation and spelling	
Wed 15.5	Y6 Maths papers 1 and 2	
Thurs 16.5	Y6 Maths paper 3	
Thurs 23.5	Kingfishers and Kestrels trip to the Science Museum in London.	Details to follow soon.
Fri 24.5	End of half term Inter-house cricket Y5 and 6.	School closes at normal time.
Mon 26.5- Fri 30.5	Half term holidays	
Mon 3.6 and Tues 4.6	PSHE days	New theme: Growing and Changing.
Week of 3.6	Year 4 National Multiplication Check	
Thurs 6.6	New Reception Parents' Meeting, 6- 7pm	This is for all parents of children starting in Reception in September.
Week of Mon 10.6	Year 1 National Phonics Check	
Tues 11.6	Owls, Wrens and Robins Sports Day, 1.30- 3pm	Parents invited.
Tues 25.6	Kestrels visit to Whitlingham Broad- water activities	Parents invited. Please bring a chair!

	Swallows and Bitterns Play-in-the-woods	
Thurs 27.6	Staff training day- school closed	
Fri 28.6	Parents' Café, 9am	Parents' forum focus
	Key Stage 2 Sports Day, 1.30- 3pm	Parents invited
Mon 1.7	Wrens visit to Sheringham Park	
Thurs 4.7	Friends' Summer Fayre after school	
Mon 8.7	Move up afternoon	
	Open Classrooms, after school to 4.30pm. Years 1- 6.	This is a chance for your child to share their work with you.
Fri 12.7	Kingfishers and Kestrels performance, 1.30pm	Parents invited
	Annual school reports out today	
Week of Mon 15.7	No PE this week	
Fri 19.7	Leavers' Assembly, 9.15am	We are working on a new format for this year.