



# Greenvale School Newsletter

## February 2021



### NOTABLE DATES 2020—2021

**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**

**Wednesday 31st March 2021**  
**Break up for Easter**

**Thursday 1st April—Friday**  
**16th April 2021**  
**Easter Holiday**

**Monday 19th April 2021**  
**Students return to school**

### Heads Message

Hello Everyone,

We would all like to say a big thank you for all of your amazing on-going support this term. So many parents have been very complimentary about our home learning offer and I know that our staff love an opportunity to interact with students even if only on a Zoom. We miss seeing everyone in school.

In school we continue to work hard to keep our students and staff safe. In combination with Passenger Services staff we are seeing approximately one positive case every week. We appreciate how hard the isolation periods are but thank you for contributing to keeping everyone safe. Just to remind all parents that if your son / daughter is required to isolate you MUST be able to collect them from school as soon as possible after you are notified. We are no longer able to bring young people home if they need to isolate.

I hope you are engaging with the on-line learning. Please remember that all participants must always be fully dressed and that background activities and conversations are being shared with others so please restrict these when your young person is on-line. There is a lovely Maths treasure hunt which I am sure you can enjoy together alongside videos on Road Safety, Music, Dance and Careers. Our staff are amazingly talented and have produced these lovely resources—I hope you are able to enjoy them!

Next week will be half term and we are looking forward to a change of routine. We hope that shortly after half term we will be informed by the Government of the plans for reopening schools. As soon as we know we will call you to discuss your son / daughter. We will continue to work closely with your wishes regarding safety and any potential return to school.

I hope that you will all continue to stay safe and healthy. We cannot wait to all be back together safely. Best wishes



*Lynne*



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## **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 half-term.

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](mailto: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.

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## **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!

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**THANK YOU, GREENVALE**  
**FOR TAKING PART IN SAVE THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Your donation of £87 could help change a child's life.



## Home Learning

Elm and Oak class have been learning so much during online lessons and having so much fun. Our topic this term is Our World, so far we have been learning about England, Scotland and China and listening to traditional stories from those countries ... here are pictures of Mia and Jonathan working hard at home. Jonathan is showing us the jewellery he made and some Jack and the Beanstalk work. Mia created some natural artwork like a Scottish artist, Andy Goldsworthy, we were learning about and has completed some amazing Maths work, counting and working on number bonds. Keep up the amazing work Elm and Oak!



In school the students in Elm and Oak class that have been in have been enjoying exploring a range of musical instruments. We have played along with music from around the world to fit with our topic and used with the sensory stories we have been telling ... and obviously just for a bit of a boogie! Soul loved African drumming, Honor joined in and Bluebell and Honor found some great beats to accompany their keyboard tunes.

What a musical group!



## Choir.

Arthur, our amazing music teacher has been having a very mixed ability Choir group every week. It has been a huge success and a firm favourite with students who are being very independent and creative.



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## Parent Governor

Last term we asked for Parent Governor nominations and only received one. Hence I am delighted to announce that Felicia Samuel parent of a student in Key Stage 3 has agreed to become our latest parent Governor. This is wonderful news as she works in Education and will definitely be a fantastic addition to our governing body.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our other Parent Governors Lavine Noonan parent of a young man in Key stage 4 and Kinga Hubner parent to a young lady also in Key Stage 4. They all support the school by representing our parents at Full Governors and Committee Meetings every term.

At these meetings our Governors receive reports on how the school is running including subjects such as curriculum, achievement, Educational Visits, attendance, Finance , staffing and of course Covid to name but a few subjects.

Our parent governors play a vital role , holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through their children, they have a first hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the ‘consumers’ point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

We are very grateful to all three of them. Thank you!

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## DISCO

We were disappointed that the annual Disco was not able to take place, but we hope that the biscuits donated by COVUE –IT and chocolates donated by Bouygues– ES were enjoyable.

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## Jack Petchey

Acer Class nominated Harish for a Jack Petchey Award. The award nomination said,  
“Harish has worked so hard and has made such great progress with his learning throughout the year. Because of this, Harish is now able to complete activities by himself and for himself. Some learning highlights include: working happily at his TEACCH workstation - triumphantly placing his finished activities in the “finished” box, walking to class every morning independently, hanging his coat up on his peg hook with a fair degree of accuracy, happily transitioning from his favourite activities to other activities and saying good morning by making eye contact and giving us all a huge Harish Smile. He understands his daily routine and on the odd occasion that the staff in his class have had to alter this he has reminded us of what the routine is. During lockdown, Harish has attended almost every online session that has been on offer. This took Harish a little bit of time to understand and to build his new routines but though lots of amazing support by Harish’s mum lessons now are much more successful. He is now listening better during the online sessions and he can engage in the lessons more. Harish consistently puts in effort to do his best and has overcome lots of barriers to his learning this year and that is why we think he should receive the Jack Petchey Award.”

Harish will now be able to buy £250 of resources for his class with Jack Petchey money and he can choose the things he loves. His class team will help him to do this. Well done Harish!

