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Message from Mrs Duncan

As I write this, I can hear the chirping of the chicks we have in school at the moment which all the children have enjoyed talking to, stroking and in some cases holding. This makes me think of Spring and hopefully warm, bright days ahead. Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support which was evident during our parents' evenings with the large numbers who attended. I like to think that we are a community all working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your children. Have a lovely restful break and I look forward to working with you all again next term.

Peacemaker's Parade -Tuesday 21st March 2017

On 21st March the school joined the Peacemaker's Parade in Gravesend Town Centre. Representatives from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 took part in creating giant willow feathers to hold in the parade as well as flags created by Year 5's. The parade was in honour of 400 years since Pocahontas' death. It began at the riverside where speeches were given by both the Mayor of Gravesend and dignitaries from Pocahontas' village in Virginia, America. After parading through the town centre and market hall, the parade finished at Pocahontas' statue by St George's Church. All the children taking part received a commemorative 'Pocahontas400' medal. The willow feathers that they created are now on display, hanging from the market hall roof.













Year 5 visit to Methodist Church – Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Year 5 attended 'Why Easter?' at Gravesend Methodist Church to find out about The Easter Story and Christian beliefs around it. They took part in a range of activities which included a quiz and craft activities.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were able to round off their RE topic this term and have a better understanding of Christianity and The Easter Story.



Date	Attendance		Punctuality
Week beginning 20th February 2017	Potter 99%		Rowling Inkpen 
Week beginning 27th February 2017	Morpurgo 99%		Ahlberg Dahl Rowling Carle Sachar Dahl 
Week beginning 6th March 2017	Ahlberg 98.8%		Dahl Sachar 
Week beginning 13th March 2017	Ahlberg 100%		Inkpen Ahlberg Sachar Dahl 
Week beginning 20th March 2017	Carle 99.3%		Donaldson 

E-Safety Competition

Congratulations to all those children who entered our e-safety competition. We had over 60 entries! I am pleased to announce that the winning entries are:

Winner (Reception/KS1) – Megan (Potter)
 Winner (LKS2) - Hayden (Donaldson)
 Winner (UKS2) – Emilija (Rowling)

Each winning child will receive a £10 Game voucher. All entries will be receiving a certificate from Greenacre. I really hope you enjoyed taking part. I think one of the most important messages from the e-safety day is the 'Tap, click, think, stop, tell someone,' message about what to do to stay safe when using the internet.

Mr Penning ICT Coordinator

Red Nose Day

What an excellent day, raising money for such a worthwhile charity. Huge thanks go to Mrs.Edmonds who planned and organised the whole day and also the children who joined in with the sponsored events with such enthusiasm.

A fantastic £1250.91 was raised. Well done.

Walk On Wednesday Design a Trophy Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the competition-it made it very hard to choose our three winners. They won some lovely chocolate prizes.

Congratulations

Komal Preet Year 6 - 1st Prize
 Alfie-George Yr 1-2nd Prize
 Matthew Reception– 3rd Prize



Reception Stay And Play Sessions

Since October last year, Reception have had a weekly stay and play session for all parents. We have had a lovely response from a lot of the parents who regularly come and enjoy seeing what their child has been getting up to in class. The children have been showing their parents the learning environment and parents have had the chance to speak to the teachers to find out how their children are progressing and what their next steps are.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

In Term 5, stay and play will be on Friday mornings.

End of Term 4 And New Inset Day

Term 4 finishes on Friday 31st March 2017.
Term 5 begins on 18th April 2017. We have an inset day on Friday 16th June 2017 when children do not need to attend school.

September 2017

We have vacancies for September in our Reception classes. Please contact the office if you would like to secure a place for your child at our Ofsted 'good' school (December 2016).

Polite notice

If your child needs to be out of school for any reason e.g. medical appointment, a pupil absence form needs to be completed at least a week in advance and a copy of the appointment letter needs to be attached to this form. The pupil absence form is available from the school office. Thank you for your support with this.

Snacks At Playtime

Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring in fruit for their snack at playtime and this is something we actively encourage. Key Stage 1 children are provided with a piece of fruit or a vegetable. Other snacks are not to be brought into school.



Uniform

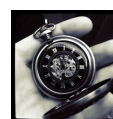
Our uniform policy is that children should be wearing plain black shoes with no other colour on them. Please support us in making sure your child has the correct footwear.

There has also been a marked rise in children having shaved letters and designs in their hair. This is not appropriate or acceptable in school.

We would appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Punctuality

Please remember the school gate opens at 8:40am and ALL children need to be in their class no later than 8.50am. Children who are late to school miss the beginning of their learning and a lot of the early morning input. Registers will close at 9am. Any child who arrives at school after 9am will be put in as an unauthorised absence.



Free classes at The Grand in Gravesend – Contact Diljeet Nota at 01474 320123 for more info

Free English for speakers of other languages at The Grand in Gravesend.

Adults on Tuesday 6.30-8.00pm

Young People on Thursday 5.30-7.00pm

Free classes at The Healthy Living Centre in Dartford – Contact Healthy Living at 01322 311265 for more info

Free English for speakers of other languages at The Healthy Living Centre in Dartford

Adults on Monday 2.30-4.30pm

There are also Free Maths Courses at the moment for adults whose English is reasonably good and can understand Elementary level instructions. They can gain qualification from Entry Level 2 at the Adult Education Centre.

Skills for Life-can you help?

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure you are aware I have recently joined Greenacre Academy Trust as their Skills for Life Manager.

'Skills for Life' is at the heart of all we do within the Trust – we encourage our young students to reach their full potential both in their academic and personal progress throughout their time at school, equipping them with the vital skills they need for secondary school and adult life.

My role is to help to provide opportunities to develop the other skills and attributes for life alongside the curriculum as a basis for their development as lifelong learners in their adult, social and working lives, enabling them to reach their full potential.

Our values (RECIPE for success) will be used to foster skills for life through activities that will help develop personal and social skills. The skills we aim to promote are relevant from the early years through to the end of Key Stage 2 and beyond. We will attempt to provide a range of activities and opportunities to engage children with people from various professions and industries so that they begin to understand what the world of work entails.

We want to continue with the fortnightly careers assemblies but we would really appreciate if you could help us with the following:

Can you or your company come in and talk at one of our Careers Assemblies?

Do you have a trade and would be willing to give up some time to work with our students?

If so, please contact me and I will be absolutely delighted to talk to you. Your contribution would be so much appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read this – please help us to inspire our young people

Kind Regards

Lisa Smith
Skills for Life Manager
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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am each morning Monday to Friday, in the school hall. It is £1.50 to have breakfast and play or £1.00 to just play -payable on the day or weekly.

Parents should accompany their children to Breakfast Club and wait with them until it is open.



After School Club

After school club runs from 3.30pm-5.00pm, Monday to Friday in Year 1, Browne class. The cost is £3.50 payable daily or weekly.

Children need to be collected from the ramp access at the back of the school opposite the Nursery entrance. There is a door bell on the windows facing the car park labelled 'After School Club'.

Should you need to contact After School Club please call 07833 464136.

