



May 2018

Gravel Hill Primary School Newsletter

I would like to make all parents/carers aware of a few pieces of information.

REMINDERS/NOTICES:

Keep us Updated:

If you have changed your telephone number, address or email address please remember to tell the school so we can keep your details updated on the system.

Parking: Please may I remind you that when dropping off and collecting your child/ren please do not obstruct driveways or park on the cycle lanes outside the school gate. Bexley council have asked us to pass on to all parents/carers these are not parking bays and that traffic wardens will be issuing tickets to all who park in the cycle lanes.

E Safety: More and more children now have access to the internet and use social media. We would like to remind all parents to keep vigilant. The following is a very useful free online magazine that can help with e-safety: <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/?mc>

Walk to School Week: We will be running a "walk to school" week the week beginning Monday 21st May.

Volunteers: We have sent a letter to all parents/carers asking if you could volunteer to help with various events at school, such as helping with trips/library visits, listen to the children read, helping with special events such as Inflatable days, fetes. If you can give up some of your valuable spare time please contact the school office. Thanks very much as this could make a real difference.

Pupil Daily Absences – We would like to remind all parents/carers that if your child is absent from school due to illness you will need to call the office on 01322 521343 selecting option 1. If we haven't heard from you we will send a text asking why your child is absent. If we still haven't heard from you by the afternoon there is the possibility that we will send a representative to your home to check that everyone is OK.

Paper-Free – Letters

We still have some parents that are not receiving any letters - this is because we do not have an up-to-date email address. All letters are now sent out electronically via email.

- We will aim to send all letters on a Monday or Friday (in an emergency we may have to send out on Tues/Wed/Thurs).
- The letters will also be put on the website

If you are not receiving the letters please give the office an email address.

Lunch Arrangements:

Could I please remind all parents that dinner money **MUST** be paid by the Monday for the week ahead, preferably using the School Gateway system www.schoolgateway.com. If payment is not received, your child **will not** be able to have a school dinner – they will not go without food completely as on the first day of non-payment they will be given a roll and salad from the salad bar. It will be your responsibility to provide a packed lunch (or payment) from the following day. If your child is off sick, a credit will be carried over to the following week.

Lost Property - School Uniform:

We have had quite a few items of lost property that have no names in. Please put names of all items that your child brings/wears into school so that they may be reunited with their owner as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Friday "Shop": We will continue to be sell a few items in the playground at the end of the school day such as – sweets, school caps, hats, coasters, pens and second **hand** school uniform. During the Summer term we will be selling ice lollies. All proceeds will go into the School Fund.

Term Dates:

If you would like to check all term dates and any up-coming events please go onto our Website www.gravelhillschool.co.uk and click on Term Dates and Events.

Appointments During School Hours:

We have had quite a few children leaving during the afternoon to attend medical appts recently. Please arrange for all non-emergency appointments to be after school or during school holidays as this can impact on your child's learning. Obviously there are some hospital appointments that cannot be rearranged easily – this we understand.

EVENTS:

Scootfit – all Year 1 and Year 2 took part in a morning of scootfit last week. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves going around the playground and over small ramps.

Year 3 Family Golden Time: Year 3 parents/carers were invited in for an afternoon of scootering.

Celebration Assemblies: Congratulations to all were given awards last term.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Parent Workshop: All parents/carers are invited to attend a parent workshop run by an independent safeguarding consultant. This will be held on Wednesday 13th June at 9.15am. A letter with more details will be sent via email in the next few weeks.

Summer Trips

We are in the process of organising all of the class summer trips. Please see below for more details. The Year 6 and Year 4 letters have been sent out to be followed by the other year groups shortly.

Reception:	Shorne Country Park – Pond Pioneers – 11 th June
1B/1L:	Eagle Heights – 5 th June
2ST/2SH:	Horton Kirby Environment Centre – 7 th June
3D/3S:	Greenwich Maritime Museum - 14 th June
4Pe/4PB:	Victoria & Albert Museum of Childhood – Bethnal Green – 24 th May
5A/5C:	Greenwich Observatory – 18 th July
6L/6T:	Snowboarding @ Chatham Ski Centre – 18 th May

Inflatable Day – Friday 6th July 2018

July is fast approaching and we will be holding an Inflatable Day on Friday 6th July. We hope to have a few stalls/tables selling a variety of goods. **If you are interested in hiring a stall/table for £30.00 please contact the school office** and give us more information about what you wish to sell. There will be 2 sessions running during the day (morning and afternoon), exact details (cost of entry etc) to be confirmed nearer the time.

KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 18 th May	All Day	Year 6 – Summer Trip – Chatham Ski Centre
Thursday 24 th May	All Day	Year 4 – Summer trip – V&A Museum of childhood
Tuesday 5 th June	All Day	Year 1 – Summer Trip – Eagle Heights
Thursday 7 th June	All Day	Year 2 – Summer Trip – Horton Kirby Environment Centre
Monday 11 th June	All Day	Reception – Summer Trip – Shorne Country Park
Thursday 14 th June	All Day	Year 3 – Summer Trip – Greenwich Maritime Museum
Friday 22 nd June	Morning	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 29 th June	Morning	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 4 th July	Morning	EYFS Sports Day
Friday 6 th July	Am: time/Yr groups tbc Pm: time/Yr groups tbc	Inflatable Day – letter to follow
Wednesday 14 th July	All Day	Year 5 – Summer Trip – Greenwich Observatory