



Greenhall Nursery

Newsletter

Summer (1) 2017

Learning together, having fun!

From the Headteacher

It has been a busy half-term and the children have been enjoying the recent sunshine!

The staff have been busy developing the outdoor area, including our vegetable garden. We are growing strawberries, raspberries, potatoes, carrots and a range of herbs and the children have loved being involved in this. We are really excited about the planned future development of the outdoor areas and look forward to watching this take shape over the summer months.

One of the highlights this half-term has been having the chicks from living eggs. It has been a fantastic experience for the children to watch the seven chicks hatch from the eggs. We have also had a visit from Year 5 at Parkside Primary. All of the children enjoyed this visit and we look forward to a group of children from Greenhall visiting Parkside to attend a party that Year 5 are planning for them. As some of you may be aware, we have an eye-gaze in nursery that we use as an alternative access method to the computer - children can cause changes onscreen by looking or using eye movement. This has been really exciting for us all and we look forward to seeing the children's progress over the coming months.

We are busy planning transition visits for the children who will be leaving us at the end of the summer term and preparing for new children to start in June. If you have any questions or queries about the transition process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely half-term holiday - let's hope the good weather continues over the bank holiday weekend! I look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 5th June 2017.





Summer Fete

Saturday 24th June 2pm-4pm

If you are able to help on the day please let us know. We also need the following; Tombola items, Toys, Books / CD's / DVD's, Teddies, Raffle Prizes, Chocolate and bottles of wine / beer / soft drinks.



Conductive Education
is my superpower!

As you are aware we have had 2 Conductor students with us since the Spring term. Erin and Sarah have been a valuable part of the team and we are delighted to announce that they passed their facilitation exam. We wish them well with their continued studies.

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th June - New half-term begins
Friday 9th June 1:15pm - Parent Coffee Afternoon
Tuesday 13th June - Father's Day lunch (Nursery & Reception)
Friday 16th June Father's Day lunch (Nursery)
Tuesday 20th June - PODD workshop
Saturday 24th June - Summer Fete
Thursday 29th June -Sports Day
Monday 3rd July -Parents Evening
Friday 21st July - End of term (early close)
Children leave at 1:30pm

'Little Learners' Governor-run Provision at Greenhall

We are busy planning for the expansion of 'Little Learners' from September 2017. We will be surveying Greenhall parents regarding any requirements for wrap-around care for September after the half-term holiday. Several months before each holiday, we will survey parents to see what interest there is in holiday provision and then, assuming that this is viable, taking bookings in advance to enable us to plan and prepare for this.

For **parents with children who think they may be entitled to the 30 hours of free funding** , visit <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/childcare/families/EarlyEducation/Early-Education.aspx> for further information.

PODD Workshop

Following the success of the PODD training, we are pleased to announce that we will be putting on a PODD workshop on 20th June. Look out for a letter after half-term to book your place.

Class photos - 13th June

We are looking to take our own class photos in house this year as Tempest are unavailable. More details to follow.

Parent Coffee Afternoon

We will be hosting a coffee afternoon on Friday 9th June at 1.15pm. An opportunity to meet other parents, chat and share your experiences.

The Governing Board

The Governors at Greenhall are responsible for overseeing many of the strategic decisions of the school. They act as a 'critical friend' to the Headteacher, supporting, challenging and representing different parts of the school community.

We have vacancies on the Governing Board. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

To contact the governors, please email
governor@greenhall.staffs.sch.uk

Thank you to **Road Chef** at **Norton Canes** for continuing to host collection tins for us and for Janet & Jill for their support.