



## Newsletter February 2018

### Alice House Hospice

The School Council would like to thank you for your support in helping them complete the Bright Sparks Challenge for the Alice House Hospice. With your help and generosity they raised £260.

### Stichell House

The children are continuing to go to Stichell House spending time interacting with the residents. Class 1, 2 & 3 are going this term and doing lots of activities the children really enjoy their visits

### Parking when Driving to and from School

We received a telephone call from one of our neighbours, who was quite upset, asking for parents to be extra considerate parking their cars when dropping off and collecting their children from school. On various occasions, they have been unable to take their car out of their drive as it has been blocked.

We have permission from the Hope & Anchor pub for parents to park in their car park and walk the children up to and from school.

If it is necessary for you to drive your child/ren up to school, please be extra careful and mindful of pedestrians. The safety of children is paramount.

Also please refrain from parking in the staff car park as this is for staff only.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### Nursery Places

There are currently nursery places available in school for April 2018. If you know anyone who may be interested and who has a child who will be 3 years old before April 16th, please let them know.

### Thirty Hours Free Childcare for Three Year Olds

Greatham School are also offering thirty hours free childcare for 3 years olds. This scheme began last September. To qualify, both parents must be working a minimum of 16 hours per week and earning up to £100,000 each.

If you require any further information, please contact school or Kim Rowntree on 014292 84881.

### After School Clubs

There will be no Activity After School Clubs week beginning Monday,

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March apart from Year 6 Booster Club. This club will be on 29<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> April until 10<sup>th</sup> May. All other clubs will commence week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April. A letter will be sent home after the Easter holiday with more information regarding the clubs.

### Methodist Film Club

Greatham Methodist Film Club presents a half term holiday Disney double bill at the Methodist Church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Lady and the Tramp at 6pm

Snow White at 7.30pm.

Doors open at 5.30pm for refreshments.

You can go at any time for either or both films. More refreshments will be served at 7.15pm

### Cross Country

We are very proud of all the children who represented Greatham School at the town cross country finals. A very big well done and good luck to Frankie Coulson who qualified to represent Hartlepool schools in the county finals in March.

### SATs 2018

KS2 (Yr 6) SATs tests take place week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May. Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taking part in optional SATs. Year 2 will also take their SATs during May. Please avoid taking holidays during these dates and the weeks leading up to them.

## Dates for your Diary – 2018

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February:	School finishes for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February:	School re-opens.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February:	Class 3 at Stichell House
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February:	Mid-Year School Reports go out to parents.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February:	Parent Consultation Evening from 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February:	Parent Consultation Evening from 5pm to 7pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	7 a-side girl's football
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Class 1 Worship at 9am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March:	High 5 Netball
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class 4 at Teesside Barrage & Transporter Bridge
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class 2 at Stichell House
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class 2 Worship at 9am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March:	Year 6 height & weight screening.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March:	Reception height, weight & vision screening.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class 2 at Snappy Spring at the Borough Hall
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Council meeting @ Eskdale Academy
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class 3 Worship at 9am
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March:	M & M Production in School: The Little Princess
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	Class 4 Worship at 9am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March:	Easter Service in Church at 10am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March:	School closes for Easter

Our school website is updated regularly:  
<http://www.greathamschool.org.uk> or

### Attendance

Attendance figures show that more than 12% of children have dropped below 90% from September to February 2018. 2% have dropped below 85% and 769 sessions were lost. 249 of these were unauthorised absences, due to holidays taken during term time. Please continue to consider the impact on your child's education before booking a holiday during term time.

### Wear Your Pools Shirt Day

Hartlepool Borough Council would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Wear Your Pools Shirt Day. A total of £2,644.17 was raised. £120 was donated from Greatham School. Well done everyone and thank you for your support.

### Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches will take place in the Community Centre on:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
from 12 pm to 2pm.

Any donations of soup or raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

### World Book Day 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Attached is a World Book Day Book Token. These can be used in participating bookshops. School hosts a book fair and coffee morning on alternate years. The next event will take place in March 2019.

### Snappy Spring

As part of the TVMS programme class 2 will be taking part in Snappy Spring at the Borough Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are invited to attend the 30 minute performance which begins at 1.40pm to 2.15pm. Entrance fee is £1 which is paid on the door.

### Head Lice

There have been several incidents of head lice in school recently. Please check your child's head regularly (at least once a week) to try and prevent infestation

**School re-opens for pupils on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 8.45 a.m.**