



Newsletter February 2019



Scholastic Book Fair



A Scholastic Book Fair will be held in school from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March. The fair will be open each day to everyone from 2.45pm until 3.30pm except Thursday, when the fair will be open from 9am to 10am at the Coffee Morning (information below). Children/parents can purchase any of these books; full payment must be made by either cash or cheque (payable to Greatham School). A book fair leaflet and a £1 book voucher are attached to this letter. The voucher can be used as part payment for any of the books priced £2.99 or more. School will receive up to 60% commission of book sales and this will be distributed between all four classes in new books chosen from the fair. The Scholastic Book Fair is a wonderful way to get the children excited about books and reading, with an extensive range of brilliant books for all ages. A wide range of books are available to purchase or order, so please encourage your child/ren to spend their well-earned pocket money on the lovely books on sale each day.

World Book Day Coffee Morning

On Thursday 7th March from 9am to 10am there will be a coffee morning, cake stall and raffle in school. The children and staff can dress up as a book character of their choice. A book prize will be given to the best entry in each class. After you have dropped off the children, please come into the new school hall and have a cup of coffee, tea or juice, have a look at the book fair and watch your child in the book character competition. Any donations of raffle prizes or cakes would be gratefully received.

As part of our ongoing efforts to help the environment, Greatham Primary School has signed up to be part of a new Teracycle campaign. This is the 'Writing Instruments Recycling Programme'. We are collecting, for the foreseeable future, any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction tape, correction fluid pot, mechanical pencil and eraser pen - cap included, regardless of their composition (plastic/metal).

We have been approved to be 'Bic Community Champion' and a public drop off collection point for this particular campaign for Hartlepool and the surrounding areas. We are asking people to have a sort through their old pens and bring them in to be put into our collection box, ready to be sent for recycling.

For every single writing instrument that we collect to be recycled, one penny will go to our chosen charity, which is Alice House Hospice. So please spread the word to your family and friends, to people at work and to anyone else you can think of to support this campaign, which not only helps our environment but also helps a very worthy local charity.

Thank you.

After School Clubs

There will be no Activity After School Clubs week beginning Monday, 1st April apart from Year 6 Booster Club. This club will be on 4th & 25th April & 2nd & 9th May. All other clubs will commence week beginning 29th April.

A letter will be sent home after the Easter holiday with more information regarding the clubs.

SATs 2019

KS2 (Yr 6) SAT tests take place week beginning 13th May.

Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taking part in optional SATs

Year 1 will take the Phonic screening Check in the week beginning Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June

Year 2 will also take their SATs during May

Dates for your Diary – 2019

Friday 15th February:	Mid-Year School Reports go out to parents
Friday 15th February:	School finishes for half term
Monday 25th February:	School re-opens
Friday 1st March:	Class 1 Worship at 9am
Monday 4th March:	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Tuesday 5th March:	Class 1 at Stichell House
Wednesday 6th March:	Multi Skills Festival for class 2
Thursday 7th March:	World Book Day Coffee Morning at 9am
Thursday 7th March:	Tri Golf at Rossmere for class 4
Friday 8th March:	Class 2 Worship at 9am
Friday 8th March:	Class 3 at Fens for Tag Rugby
Monday 11th March:	Class 3 at Shildon Locomotive Museum
Monday 11th March:	Parent Consultation evening from 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Wednesday 13th March:	Parent Consultation evening from 5pm to 7pm
Friday 15th March:	Class 3 Worship at 9am
Friday 15th March:	Class 2 at Stichell House
Tuesday 19th March:	School Council at Golden Flatts School
Friday 22nd March:	Class 4 Worship at 9am
Friday 22nd March:	Class 3 at Stichell House
Thursday 28th March:	Year 5 at Stichell House
Friday 29th March:	Class 4 at St Hild's to see We Will Rock You.
Friday 29th March:	Table Tennis tournament for year 5 & 6 at Brierton
Thursday 4th April:	Easter Service in Church at 10am
Thursday 4th April:	Easter Egg Raffle & Paste Egg Competition.
Friday 5th April:	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 23rd April:	School re-opens.

Our school website is updated regularly: <http://www.greathamschool.org.uk> or
follow us on Twitter@GreathamCofESch

Attendance

Attendance figures show that more than 4% of children have dropped below 90% from September to February 2019. 1% have dropped below 85% and 583 sessions were lost. 144 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.

Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches will take place in the Community Centre
from 12noon to 2pm on:

Monday 25th March 2019

Monday 8th April 2019

Any donations of soup or raffle prizes would be gratefully
received. All proceeds go to charity.

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.

Stichell House

The children are continuing to go to Stichell
House spending time interacting with the
residents. Class 1, 2, 3 & year 5 are going this
term and doing lots of activities. The children
really enjoy their visits.

World Book Day 7th March 2019

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 2021.

School re-opens for pupils on Monday 25th February 2019 at 8.45 a.m.