



# Greenhall Nursery

## Newsletter

### Spring (2) 2017

*Learning together, having fun!*

#### From the Headteacher

The educational climate continues to be one of constant change but despite the challenges, we are committed to ensuring the very best for our children.

The Spring term has been action-packed and it has been a pleasure to see the children continue to progress and develop. This term has brought changes as we have said 'goodbye' to several children and welcomed some new ones to Greenhall! Our learning environment has seen changes with the addition of some new soft play equipment which the children (and staff!) love and some great displays featuring photos of the children engaged in their learning.

We have enjoyed PODD training this term and are really excited about using this more across the setting as part of our Total Communication approach. If you want to find out more about PODD, a good starting point is to visit 'PODD Europe' or 'We speak PODD' on Facebook. We will also be hosting a parental workshop in the Summer term so keep a look out for more information.

I have had the opportunity to visit a range of other settings this term, both in Staffordshire and in other Counties. This is something I always enjoy and find a great learning opportunity but I always feel proud of the setting that I return to—the resources at Greenhall are fantastic, the staff are highly skilled and work really hard and it is a privilege to work with the children and families. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 24th April 2017.

#### The Governing Board at Greenhall



Sandra Turner



Rod Goldthorpe



Ali Brown



Jo di Castiglione



Kate Anderson



Jonathan Price



Robert Tedstone

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, and are particularly interested in people with expertise in Finance / HR / buildings. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

To contact the governors, please email [governor@greenhall.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:governor@greenhall.staffs.sch.uk)

### New Greenhall website

We are really exciting to have launched our new school website. This will enable you to keep up to date with all the latest news and events. Visit

**[www.greenhall.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.greenhall.staffs.sch.uk)**

COMING SOON..... The Toy Library catalogue will soon be online on the new website so that you can browse what is available to borrow.

### Dates for your diary

Half Term—Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Class Group Photo's - 13th June

Fathers Day Lunch (Reception & Nursery) - 13th June

Fathers Day Lunch (Nursery) - 16th June

Summer Fete—Saturday 24th June 2017

Sports Day - Thursday 29th June

Parents Evening—Monday 3rd July

School Closes for the Summer—Friday 21st July

Return to School— Wednesday 6th September 2017

### Mother's Day Celebrations

It was lovely to see so many of you in Nursery for our Mother's Day Celebrations. Hedgehogs class enjoyed making clay flowers and maypole dancing whilst Badgers and Foxes enjoyed decorating biscuits and making handbags!

World Book Day—raised £14

Comic Relief 'Cake Bake' - Raised £59.03

### Special Events & Community Links



Conductive Education  
is my superpower!

In March, we celebrated Conductive Education Awareness Week with open mornings, a visit from Circusology and dressing up as superheroes!

We also had a drumming workshop by Sam, one of the Keele medical students and a dance workshop by Forest Tribe as part of an African themed day



Thank you for all the chocolate donations for the **Chocolate Tombola**. We had a very successful day on 1st April and raised £338.40 towards the playground development.

Thanks to all those who supported the **quiz**, it raised £300 towards the playground development.

Thank you for filling up your **smartie tubes** with coins. We raised £234.67 towards a new music system for the pool area.

Thank you so much to all the community for supporting us by sending in your old clothes for **Bags2school**. We raised a massive £172.

### School Dinner—Price Increase

School dinner prices are increasing from April 3rd 2017. The cost of a school dinner will increase from £2.15 to £2.30

This price increase will not affect children in receipt of UfSM or FSM . If you require information on how to apply for Free School Meals, please contact the office.

Please make sure you send in all monies at the beginning of the week or on the first day that your child is in that week. Thank you for your assistance.

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