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**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to the summer term - and a very warm welcome to Miss Harper who is now teaching in school three days per week. We hope you will be very happy with us at Greenhaugh.

We are all keeping our fingers-crossed that the Government's 'roadmap' will continue as planned .

We have included possible dates for some potential events later this term at the end of the newsletter- but these will obviously be kept under review as the term progresses.

**Class 1 and Class 2 learning this half term**

Last term, Class 1 were observing some frog spawn. This has now hatched- and the pond is full of tadpoles.

This half term, the children will be studying 'lifecycles and habitats' in more depth. We are all excited about the prospect of the eggs in the incubator hatching in a few days' time! In history, the children will be learning about two remarkable women- Grace Darling and Mary Anning. The Year 2 children will be basing their literacy work on a fantastic book- George's Marvellous Medicine.

There was also a very special arrival in school today inside a parcel addressed to Class 1.



In Class 2, the history theme will be 'The Vikings'. The children will be continuing to base their literacy work around 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and some of their science work will involve distilling sea water to try and make fresh water to drink so that they can survive on an island. We hope to have a 'survival' afternoon later this half term to round off the work on this fantastic book- more details to follow.

Last half term, the children completed some amazing art work based on the book.



We have been very fortunate in securing some grant funding towards the purchase of new dictionaries, atlases and thesauruses. The children in Class 2 have made great use of their new atlases in mapping out the journey of the 'Peggy Sue' in 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.

#### **Library books and reading books**

Staff have been working hard to re-organise and refresh the library. The children will shortly resume bringing home a library book in addition to their reading book. We are continuing to invest in new books for school- both reading books and library books- again using the grant funding which we were given by the Archibald Trust.

In Class 2, the children will bring their books home on a Thursday to be returned by Tuesday of the following week. Children in Class 1 will bring their books home on a Monday and a Thursday.

#### **Extra Layers**

Although we are now into the summer term, the weather has yet to catch up! Please could I remind parents that the windows will be kept open in the classrooms and so the children are welcome to wear extra layers in school until the weather warms up.

### **F.O.G.S (Friends of Greenhaugh School)**

Who we are:

We are a group of parents currently consisting of a committee of Stephanie Wakefield- Chair, Laura Chadwin - Secretary and Rachael Moore - Treasurer with help from other parents.

What we do:

We meet a couple of times a term to gather thoughts and plan fundraising events for the school, including social events for families and children. Some of our popular events have included: Curry Night, Halloween Movie Night, Pie and Pea Quiz, School Fair.

Why we do it:

We aim to fundraise for Greenhaugh Primary School to provide the children with new books and resources, transport to swimming, subsidise outings such as Winter Wonderland and in-house events e.g. Dark Skies to enrich their learning experience and quality of their experience in school. We have also contributed to items that the school has identified to develop learning - eg the Shed and gardening tools.

What we need:

We would love to see new parents join our meetings so we can diversify based on everyone's skills, willingness and ideas. Please do consider dropping in on the meetings, the more the merrier and we would love to hear any suggestions for events or fundraising suggestions.

**Next meeting : Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm via Zoom all welcome!**

Details on the FOGS Facebook page.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

We are planning to hold parent consultations on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. There will be more details of how these will be organised closer to the time.

**Dates for your Diary**

<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30 pm FOGS meeting via Zoom</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Parent Consultation evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Parent Consultation evening</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Finish for half term</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b><i>Sports day/ Summer Fair (provisional date)</i></b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>11 am End of Year celebration followed by BBQ lunch (<i>provisional date</i>)</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Term ends</b>

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch. If I don't know there is a problem, I can't sort it out.

Kind regards,

Jo Trotter ( Interim Headteacher)