



Update

This term has flown by. We are already through three quarters of the year. 'My curriculum' is ensuring our learners are introduced to exciting content each day. Here are a few examples of the opportunities over the past couple of months:



Our weekly Café on a Wednesday afternoon continues to be a hit for learners across the school



We had safari animals visit the school before Easter

And a great 'stay and play' event organised in our Early Years classes



Communication

At Greenside we are always seeking to improve our practice and approaches. Communication of what we doing in school is important and we want to give you advance warning of events coming up. The following communication methods are used:

Newsletters – These half termly newsletter are sent home in home/school books and will be uploaded to our website

Greenside Facebook page – Our page (<https://www.facebook.com/greensidespecialschool/>) often displays what is happening in the school, event photos and reminders about events. If you access Facebook, we recommend you 'like' and 'follow' the page to stay informed

Letters – Letters are sent home for a specific reason, often to gain permission. These will be sent in paper form via your home/school book

Parentmail – Sometimes we send letters and information by Parentmail, this text message service does have cost, but we will use it to inform of school closures and other important information

Evidence for Learning Assessment

As many of you are aware we track the progress made by our learners through an online app. Since September parents have been able to access this tool. This is a new feature and one that only a handful of special schools have set up. It is still in its infancy and we want to gain feedback to plan for next year's growth and change of how we use this product.



If you haven't been able to complete the survey it is available here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q6GBRZ3>

If you prefer please request a printed copy through the home school book.

If you have any access concerns, please email Alex directly alex.tomkins@greenside.herts.sch.uk

Future dates

Please make a note of the following dates and details

Event	Date	Timings	Further info
Parents Evening	Wednesday 12 th June 2019	5pm – 8pm	A letter to plan for timings to be distributed on 3.6.19
Sports Day	Wednesday 19 th June 2019	School day	Details of the organisation to be shared by our Sports Lead Rob by 5.6.19 – by letter
Leavers Prom	Tuesday 9 th July 2019	Evening	Invites and details to be shared by Prom organisers
Celebration Evening	Tuesday 16 th July 2019	Evening	Our annual celebration evening- where the school is open and we show case the successes of the year Further details by letter Tuesday 2 nd July
Last day of term	Wednesday 24 th June 2019	Finish 2pm	

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Inset Day	Monday 2 nd September 2019		School closed
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019		School closed
Start of new year	Wednesday 4 th September 2019	8.50 start	New school year
Half Term	28.10.19-1.11.19		School Closed
Inset Day	Monday 4 th November		School Closed
Parents Evening	Wednesday 4 th December 2019	Evening	A letter to plan for timings to be distributed closer to the event
School Closure	Friday 6 th December 2019		School closed – occasional day
Christmas Break	23.12.19-3.1.20		School Closed
Half Term	17.2.20-21.2.20		School Closed
Easter Break	6.4.20-17.4.20		School Closed
Half Term	25.5.20-29.5.20		School Closed
Parents Evening	Wednesday 10 th June 2020	Evening	A letter to plan for timings to be distributed closer to the event

TBC – Leavers Prom 2020, Celebration Evening 2020 and two inset days – one in the spring term and Summer term.

We are trying to organise externally supported training and the dates cannot not be fixed until September. Both dates will be shared with parents ASAP in autumn term.