



Green Lea First School Newsletter – December 2018

We are now well underway with our Christmas celebrations – and time is passing so quickly! There is a postbox in the corridor if children would like to post Christmas cards to each other. Reception children have done a fabulous job of decorating the Christmas tree and children are busy being donkeys, angels and shepherds all around the school.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances will take place next Tuesday (11th) at 1:30pm and 6pm. Both performances are scheduled to be very busy with around 90 people at each one. The playground will be open for cars to park there – however, we cannot open this until 1.05pm for the afternoon performance as children will be on the playground, so please don't arrive before this. Please be patient and bear in mind that your car will probably get blocked in the carpark. Extra car parking is available at Mr Hine's farm (Coton Farm).

Children will be able to go home after the afternoon performance, once they have changed, but must be back at school by 5:30pm. Children and staff have worked hard on the production and are very excited to perform to everyone. Please also bear in mind that it will be difficult to allow latecomers into the hall as the children will be sitting by the doors into the hall.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday and thank FOGL who will be serving drinks in the evening, and also holding a raffle.

Nursery

The nursery nativity will take place on Thursday 13th December at 9:30am.

Monday 10th December

There will be a full dress rehearsal on the morning of the 10th. Our PE lesson will then take place with West Midlands Sport on Monday afternoon – so children should come to school in their PE hoodies/trainers on that day please. On Tuesday 11th children can come to school in their usual school uniform.

Clubs

Craft Club has now finished until after Christmas, it will re-start the second week back in January. Many thanks to the ladies who run this club – the children really love it and we appreciate the volunteers who give up their time so that this may take place.

Tuesday – There are no more after school multi-skills sessions this term. It will re-start in January.

Thursday and Friday Yoga

The last Friday yoga will take place on 14th December. The last Thursday yoga will take place on Thursday 20th December. Yoga will recommence in January – these clubs remain extremely popular. Thank you to Mrs Blaize for accommodating so many children.

Football

Friday football will not take place on Friday 7th December as Mr Cranson is unavailable. There will be a session on Friday 14th instead.

Christmas Party

We have had to change the date of the Christmas Party from 17th December due to unforeseen circumstances. We will let you know the new date next week. This party takes place in school time and the WI provide a wonderful buffet for the children. Sometimes there is even a special visitor!

Lollipops disco

Every year the Lollipops staff organise a disco during one of their sessions. This year it is on Wednesday 19th December. Money raised will go to school fund this year. Children will be given a light tea, disco, watch a film and do some art/craft activities. This offers excellent value for money and gives parents time to do that last minute Christmas Shopping. Thank you to the Lollipop's staff for organising this.

Children in Need

We raised £53 for Children in Need on our non-uniform day. Thank you for your donations.

Holidays in term time

Please take time to read the Staffordshire County Council Code of Conduct for taking holidays in term time and penalty notices. <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/welfareservice/Attendance/home.aspx>inder of term Holidays can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If you do not have an exceptional circumstance then a penalty notice may now be issued. This Code of Conduct is adopted by all the schools in our Stone Cluster including the middle and high schools. Our attendance policy is on the school website if you would like to read it.

Our attendance figures are very good at Green Lea and I thank you for your support with this.

Singing in the Church

Thank you to all the parents/carers and children who will be singing in the church on Sunday 16th December – I think we have more than we ever have before! Children do not have to wear school uniform and can wear something Christmassy. The service starts at 4pm. Children can sit with parents/carers in the church and I will call them to the front for our two slots. This is a lovely, community event and I am sure all who attend will enjoy it.

Christmas Play	All children, Tuesday 11 th December at 1:30 and 6pm
Pantomime	Nursery pantomime visit – Tuesday 11 th December
Nursery Nativity	9:30am in the school hall on 13 th December
Singing in the church	4pm, 16 th December at Milwich Church
Wind in the Willows	18 th December (in school time)
Singing at the Rectory	Thursday 20 th December (Just year 4 children in school time)
Christmas Party	All children, to be arranged
Lollipops Disco	Wednesday 19 th December – 3:15 to 5:45
Last day of term	Friday 21 st December (Christmas Jumper day)
INSET	Monday 7 th January
Children Return to school	Tuesday 8 th January

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