



Green Lea First School Newsletter – May 2019

Half Term

It has been a very short half term – we break up again on Friday 24th May and return to school on Monday 3rd June. I hope everyone has a lovely holiday with some sunshine!

New Starters

We will be very pleased to welcome our new starters for reception on the following dates: June 21st from 9:30am to 11:30am, Wednesday 26th June 9:30am to 1:30pm and Monday 1st July 9:15 to 11:30am. Children who are in nursery will be taken to class 1 and collected by nursery staff.

Transition

The year 4s will attend Christchurch Academy for transition on the 1st and 2nd July. Details will be forwarded as soon as they are received from Christchurch. Children will need to be taken to and collected from Christchurch on both days. We will keep you informed!

Swimming

I am aware with swimming lessons that some children are being kept in armbands even though they can swim without. Mrs Davies raised this with the swimming teacher last week and I have also spoken to Entrust who provide the service to ask them to look again at the situation. On the positive side the new facilities at the leisure centre are a huge improvement on previous years and the children really enjoy the sessions.

After school clubs

Please note all clubs finish at **4:15pm** (except music which finishes at 4pm). It would be appreciated if you could collect your child promptly. If you cannot get back to your child in time Lollipops can provide further after school care, this will incur a charge.

After School Clubs

Monday	Choir and Music
Tuesday	Multi-skills
Wednesday	Craft and dance
Thursday	Yoga
Friday	Yoga and football

SATs

The year 2 children have now completed their statutory tests (SATs). Thank you to Mrs Hart and Mrs Davies who ensured the children worked hard without becoming stressed! Well done to the children for approaching their work with such a sensible and mature attitude.

Sports Day

There is a sports morning being held on Friday 5th July. Nursery and reception children will take part from 9-10:30 and years 1-4 will take part from 11-12:30. Parents are welcome to attend to watch the appropriate sessions. Children will

take part wearing their house colours and they will gain points for their team. Organising the sports morning in this way will cater for the increased number of children and also means that children will be active for the whole session rather than sitting around waiting. Mr Maguire is organising the morning with the PE staff who teach the children in the school. More details will be sent nearer the time. There will be no Forest School on this day.

Friends of Green Lea

There is a FOGL meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 21st May in the Green Man. All welcome to discuss the summer fair. The provisional date for this is also the evening of 5th July.

Dates

Monday 3rd June	School open to staff and children
Tuesday 4 th June	Swimming (years 2, 3 and 4)
Monday 10 th June	Phonic check week
Wednesday 12 th June	Photographs for leavers, class photos and nursery (AM)
Thursday 13 th June	Meeting for September's new reception parents 5:30pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Class 2 visit to Gladstone Pottery
Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd July	Y4s at Christchurch Academy
Wednesday 3rd July	Y3/4 Athletics at Rowley Park 4-5:45 (details to follow)
Friday 5 th July	Sports morning 9/10.30 (N/R) and 11/12.30 (Y1-4)
Monday 8 th July	Class 1 and Nursery visit to Hanley Museum
Wednesday 17 th July	Leavers' service at church (2PM) – children to leave for home from the church – details will follow
Thursday 18 th July	Last day for children
Friday 19 th July	INSET day for staff

Gardening

Mr Baggaley is very kindly gardening with a small group of children on a Thursday afternoon – many thanks to Mr Baggaley for keeping the school flowers looking so lovely.

Suncream

As the weather briefly improved it is timely to remind everyone that children need to bring a sun hat to school. Please apply suncream in the morning. If children need to apply more this can be done at lunchtime. However, please practise at home so your child knows how much to apply – it is very uncomfortable for them if they get suncream in their eyes. Also tell them that their suncream is only for them – so it is not used by children who may be allergic to it. All suncream should be named. Please also bring a coat to school every day in case the weather changes – particularly on a Friday. Thank you.

Leave of Absence

A reminder that leave of absence during term time may incur a fine. This is the policy of Staffordshire County Council which the school has adopted. If you do require a holiday form they are available to download on the website (parent section). The attendance policy is also on the website (policy section).

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