



Green Lea First School Newsletter – July 2019

Children break up for the summer holidays on Thursday 18th July. This will be at 3:15 as there are no clubs on this day. If you require Lollipops on this day it must be pre-booked with a collection time. A letter has been sent out to see if there is interest in a **holiday club** during the first week of the holidays. Please reply to this ASAP as, if there is not enough interest, the club will not run.

Transition

All our reception transition days have gone ahead without a hitch. The children have settled quickly into their new environment and we look forward to welcoming them all in September. Year 4s are currently having their Christchurch transition days – good luck to them. The rest of the school have moved up into their next year group as part of their transition. The classes for next year will be:

Class 1 (reception)	Mrs Masters
Class 2 (years 1&2)	Mrs Davies
Class 3 (years 3&4)	Mrs Hart

We aim to have a new building for nursery as soon as possible but definitely by Christmas. In the meantime they will use the hall and parts of class 1 such as their outdoors which will give them lots of space and a lovely outdoor area. Class 3 will be in the current nursery and class 2 will be in the current class 2. Nursery staff will be Andrea, Claire, Cathryn and Mrs Hammond. Teaching assistants will be Mrs Fletcher and Miss Britton. I will also have a teaching commitment in all classes. Forest school will continue to be led by Miss Swingewood. The car park is being extended the week commencing 12th August.

Swimming

Please remember swimming takes place for class 2 every Tuesday until the end of term.

Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Friday 5th July. Pre-school/reception will compete 9-10:30. You are welcome to attend – please bring your own deck chairs if you wish to. The weather is looking very favourable. I am trying to organise extra parking and will text this information later in the week. There are no violin lessons (longer lessons have taken place over the last two weeks to compensate) and no football due to the summer fair. Yoga will take place as normal on Friday 5th July. Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds.

Leavers' Service

This will take place on Wednesday 17th July at 2pm at the church in Milwich. All children will be taken to the church in the mini-bus and need to be collected from the church directly at 3:15pm please. This is a lovely service – all are invited to be part of it. We say goodbye to our Year 4s as they embark on the next, exciting stage of their education.

We will also say goodbye to Mr Baggaley, who has helped the school for many years with his popular gardening club, Derek, who is moving on to pastures new with the church and Becky, our lunchtime supervisor. Although Becky is employed by Chartwells Catering she has been working in Green Lea for a number of years and is very popular with the children and staff alike. We will miss them all and thank them for being part of life at Green Lea.

Non-Uniform day – Back to front day

The School Council have requested a non-uniform day before the end of term. They would like a “back to front day” with the money raised buying some activities for wet break times. Children can come in non-uniform on Wednesday

10th July for a £1 donation – they can interpret the “back to front” day as creatively as they wish! Thank you to the School Council for organising this.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will take place on Friday 5th July from 6-8pm. Thank you to FOGL for organising this. You should have received raffle tickets to sell – if you would like more please collect some from the office. This event is always a great success and the weather forecast currently looks positive. If you are able to offer help do not hesitate to see a FOGL member or leave your name at the office, and we will pass it on.

Milwich Festival and Duck Race

This is a very enjoyable event which takes place on Saturday 13th July. The children sing two songs at around 4pm to open the music festival. Please bring your child along if you would like them to take part. Andrea Hodson will meet the children as, unfortunately, I am away that weekend – it is a week earlier than usual. Thank you to Andrea for agreeing to organise the children.

Forest School – Year 4 parents – Friday 12th July

Miss Swingewood would like to invite year 4 parents to attend a forest school session with their child. This will give parents an insight into activities that take place and children will enjoy showing their parents some of their skills. Every year group of parents will be invited in September and October to do the same thing. Thank you to Miss Swingewood for organising this. If you would like to attend with year 4 (grandparents welcome if parents cannot come) please come at 10:45 for an hour.

Library Books

Please return school library books before the end of term.

Clubs

There are no clubs other than music/choir in the last week of term. Parents are invited into class at 3:45 on Monday 15th July to hear some of the songs from the movies that children have been learning. Lucie, the dance teacher, is also welcoming parents at the end of the dance session on Wednesday 10th July at 4pm so that children can showcase their dancing.

Gladstone Pottery

Class 2 had a very successful visit to Gladstone Pottery last week. They were commended for their behaviour by staff at Gladstone and should be very proud of themselves. They have produced some gorgeous artwork on plates which they will bring home at the end of the year. Well done to Class 2 and thank you to all the staff and helpers who accompanied them.

Athletics (Y3&4)

Rowley Park athletics event takes place on Wednesday 3rd July. Thank you to all the children who have agreed to attend – you will enjoy the experience and I look forward to supporting you with Mrs Hart.

Next Year September

Please note children do not return to school until Wednesday 4th September

Dates

Wednesday 3 rd July	Rowley Park 4pm (Year 3 and 4)
Friday 5 th July	Sports day 9/10:30 and 11:00/12:30
Monday 8 th July	Class 1 and preschool visit to Hanley Museum (packed lunch required)
Saturday 13 th July	Duck Race and Music Festival (Green Man) Milwich 4pm to sing
Wednesday 4 th Sept	Children return to school

Many thanks – K Wilson (Head teacher)

