



## Green Lea First School Newsletter – September 2019

Welcome back to school after the summer break. It is lovely to see everyone. The staff have worked really hard over the summer and inset days to get the classrooms prepared for the children and they are looking lovely. Many thanks to everyone for all of the generous gifts received at the end of term. These are very much appreciated by myself and all the staff. We hope that all our new starters at Christchurch have enjoyed their first day.

### September

PE and outdoor days are Tuesday and Friday (Forest School) so hoodies/joggers etc should be worn on these days. Please also bring a waterproof coat as Forest School takes place in all weathers. A pair of wellies left in school would be appreciated for use at break times and for Forest School. Children are not allowed to wear ear-rings for PE. All clothing should be named so that, if it is lost, it can be returned promptly to the correct owner. If your child has to take time off ill – please advise school before 9:30am on the first day of illness.

### After School Clubs

Yoga and football clubs are due to start this week. Other clubs start in week 2.

Monday	Rugby with Mrs Hughes (years 2-4) 3:15 to 4:15 details to follow
Tuesday	Multi-skills with West Midlands Sport 3:15 to 4:15 (all children)
Wednesday	Dance with Luci – cost £3 per session 3:15 to 4:15 (all children) Craft from October 2 <sup>nd</sup> (years 2-4) – a one off £5 charge to cover all materials
Thursday	Yoga with Mrs Blaize 3:15 to 4:15
Friday	Yoga with Mrs Blaize and football with Mr Cranson both 3:15 to 4:15

### Violins

Violin lessons will begin on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September for years 1-4 if your child would like to continue with this from last year. Please pay £24 for the term through School Money.

### Dinner Money

This should be paid through School Money please, you will receive a text when dinner money is due. School lunches are only charged to nursery, year 3 and year 4. Reception, years 1 and 2 lunches are funded by the Government.

### Car Parking

The car park has been extended and re-surfaced which, I am sure you will agree, is a great improvement. In order to help keep the carpark running smoothly please:

- \* Be patient driving along the lane and when parking
- \* Fill up all the spaces before parking in the middle across empty spaces
- \* Use the playground to park on at collection time
- \* When dropping in the morning please drop your child any time from 8:45 and then leave promptly

### ***For everyone's safety please:***

- \* Reverse into a space (where possible)
- \* Hold your child/ren's hands across the car park
- \* Do not let children run around the parked cars
- \* Look left as well as right as you leave the school (vans drive very quickly down the lane from the left)
- \* Ensure your child is fitted in a car seat suitable for their age as specified by law. See the following link if you are unsure <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

## Holidays

A polite reminder that holidays in term time cannot be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances – for which proof will be required. The Staffordshire County Council policy states parents will receive a fine – please see the attendance policy on our website if you require further information.

## Photographs

Individual, sibling and nursery photographs will be taken on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 9AM.

## Forest School

All children will take part in Forest School on a Friday. Nursery and reception will have their sessions in the morning and years 1-4 in the afternoon. Miss Swingewood will be assisted by Miss Britton and there will also be small group tool work taking place.

## Nursery & Lollipops

If your child is in nursery please now use the white middle doors and bring your child into the hall at 9am. Children can be collected at 3pm and staff will bring your child to you once they see you through the door. There is also now a nursery bell on the middle double doors. Lollipop children can also be dropped off and collected from the middle white doors. Nursery children now also have access to the outdoor area at the back of the school and a sensory room for younger children. Both these areas enhance the provision we already offer.

## Lunchtimes

To cater for the increase in numbers, lunchtimes will now start at 11:45 for the younger children and then be staggered across the years 1-4.

## ECO/School Council

The ECO committee and school council will remain the same as at the end of the last academic term as they have many projects to work on and complete. We will hold new elections for these committees in the Spring term. Miss Britton will run the school council and Mrs Fletcher the ECO committee. Please can children continue to wear their badges. Thank you.

Many thanks

K Wilson  
Headteacher

### ***Dates for the diary:***

Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 9am

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 1st November

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November (from 3:30pm)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

All after school clubs start

Violins start (years 1-4)

FOGL AGM at school – all welcome 7pm (TBC)

Photographs (siblings, individual and nursery)

Harvest Celebrations in school – details will follow

INSET day (children not in school)

Half term

Parents' evening

Theatre visit

Break up for Christmas – Christmas jumper day

INSET day (children not in school)

Children return to school

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