



Green Lea First School Newsletter – October 2019

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd October at 2pm. Donations to the local foodbank at Stone Community Hub are welcome. If you would like to donate, please bring non-perishable food or toiletries into school the week commencing 21st October ready for delivery. We will be joined again by a member of the Stone Community Hub who will talk about the valuable work they do in the community. Children will be free to leave after the service. Craft club, dance and Lollipops will run as normal.

INSET

Friday 25th October is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils. Staff will undertake training on that day.

Forest School

Please remember Friday is Forest School day and we will go outside whatever the weather. Children should have warm, waterproof clothes now the weather is getting colder.

FOGL

FOGL are organising a Halloween trail on 27th October from Milwich Village Hall. This sounds like lots of fun for all and a great fundraiser. There is a FOGL meeting 10th October 8pm at the Green Man – all welcome. There is also a FOGL meeting at 9:15am at the village hall in Milwich.

Dance Club

The dance club has spaces if your child would like to join. It is an ideal club for children from reception to year 2. If your child would like to try it please let the office know.

TAG Rugby

The last TAG rugby club will take place on 14th October. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for her time with this – the children have really enjoyed it. The children who have attended TAG rugby in years 2, 3 and 4 will be taking part in a tournament at Stone Rugby Club on the afternoon of 22nd October. You should have received a consent slip if this concerns your child.

Theatre Visit

You will have received a letter about a theatre visit at Christmas for years 1-4. Nursery and reception are having a theatre group visit school with a lovely production of Aladdin. This will be an exciting addition to their week as they will have the chance to see the performance and talk to some of the characters. FOGL have kindly agreed to fund an experience for all the children through school and, as such, there will be no cost involved for the Aladdin visit. Thank you to FOGL for this. The Aladdin performance is booked for Monday 16th December.

After School Clubs

After half term the following clubs will be available:

Monday – (no club until after Christmas)

Tuesday – multi-skills

Wednesday – craft and dance

Thursday – yoga

Friday – yoga (football will return in the Spring term)

School Council

The school council are organising a dress up day on Thursday 24th October for a £1 donation. They would like children to dress up as a scary character. More details will follow directly from the school council and Miss Britton.

ECO

A big thank you to Ethan for getting compost bins and water butts to be used in school. These will help the school a lot in our effort to be more ECO friendly.

E-Safety

Please ensure that if your child is playing games online with school friends they do not use their full name and that the games do not allow other unknown members to join in. If you would like more information about keeping your child safe online the NSPCC (www.nspcc.org) have information or www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.

Link

Mrs Davies has formed a link with the Royal School for the Deaf in Derby. Children have been learning sign language so they can communicate with the deaf students. The students are going to visit Green Lea on a Friday to take part in Forest School. This is a very exciting development for the school and one that all children will benefit from.

Year 4

Year 4 children were given a talk and information by Christchurch Middle School last week. It was lovely to see Millie and Mac-John back at school and they are clearly enjoying their new adventure.

Governors

School governing bodies are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Together with the headteacher, who is responsible for day-to-day management, they set the school's aims and policies. A list of our school governors is on the website. They play a valuable role in steering the strategic direction of the school. If you have any issues regarding the day-to-day management of the school, these issues must come to the headteacher and not a governor. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please give your details into the office as we have vacancy. Governors have been in school this week talking to children to gain their opinion on different aspects of school life. Thank you to all the Governors who give their time and advice on voluntary basis.

Lego Visit

Stafford College are hosting some lego workshops next year. They are aimed at years 2, 3 and 4. Two mornings have been booked – these are free and transport is also funded by Stafford College. I am sure the children will really enjoy these – I know we have a few lego enthusiasts in those year groups.

Pine Cones

Miss Swingewood would like to the children to bring in some pine cones after the half term please. If you go for any walks over the holiday please collect some for use at Forest School. Many thanks.

Questionnaire

Thank you very much to everyone who replied to our parent questionnaire back in July. We were very grateful for the lovely comments and positive feedback. More details of the results will be published on the website shortly.

Dates

Harvest	Wednesday 23rd October 2pm
Return to school	Monday 4 th November
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th November (details will follow after half term)
Christmas Play	R-Y4, Wednesday 11 th December (1:30pm and 6:00pm)
Break up for Christmas	Friday 20 th December (wear a Christmas jumper)
INSET	Monday 6 th January
Children return to school	Tuesday 7 th January
Lego visit	Thursday 30 th January (9:30 to 12:30)
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