



Green Lea First School Newsletter – November 2019

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for attending the Harvest Festival last half term. Everyone was very generous with donations and I am sure you will agree that the children performed brilliantly!

Christmas Performances

We have started to practise our Christmas Nativity, Prickly Hay. This will be performed on Wednesday 11th December at 1:30pm and 6pm in the school hall. More details will follow nearer the time. All children from reception to year 4 will take part.

Parent/Carers' Evenings

You should have received your letter for our parent/carers' evenings which will take place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. All teachers will be seen in the hall. Lollipops will continue as usual in Class 1 – there will be no dance, craft or yoga clubs on these nights. The teachers will discuss how your child has settled in, the progress they are making and give out targets which can be worked on at home. Appointments will be no more than 10 minutes. If you feel you have anything to discuss which may take longer do not hesitate to make a separate appointment as we aim to keep to time if at all possible. We look forward to seeing everyone – please enter school through the white double doors. Children should not be allowed to run around the hall during appointments, as this is disruptive to other parents who will be seeing their child's teacher.

Parent Governor

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please contact the office. Governors play a vital role in the strategic leadership of the school – if anyone would like to find out more about the role do not hesitate to see me.

Friends of Green Lea – Halloween Walk

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween Walk and helped to raise just over £200. Many thanks to the new committee for organising this and thank you to the outgoing committee for all your hard work last year.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 15th November. This will be a non-uniform day with a £1 charity donation. The school council will be organising activities and would like to have a cake stall if any parents would like to donate cakes to sell. If your child would like to buy cakes please send change in a named envelope and no more than £1.

After School Clubs

The following clubs are currently running.

Monday – (no club currently)

Tuesday – multi-skills (all children)

Wednesday – craft (Years 2, 3 and 4) Dance (R, Y1 and Y2)

Thursday – yoga

Friday – yoga

Dates until Christmas

Parents/Carers' evenings	Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th November
Children in Need	Non Uniform day Friday 15 th November & cake sale
Milwich Nativity	Village Nativity around Milwich at 4pm—all parents and children welcome—organised by the church. Sunday 8 th December. Meet at the village hall dressed as an animal, king, shepherd etc ... Refreshments will follow at the village hall.
School Nativity	All children, Wednesday 11 th December (1:30pm and 6:00pm) at school. Children can return home after the first performance and come back to school for 5:15pm
Theatre visit	Years 1 to 4 Thursday 12 th December
Milwich Carol Concert	Organised by the church in Milwich—4pm—all welcome. The children sing 2 songs and sit with their parents for the remainder of the service. A lovely, Christmassy event. Sunday 15 th December. Dress in own Christmassy clothes – not school uniform.
Aladdin	Nursery and reception pantomime in school Monday 16 th December
Christmas lunch	This is kindly prepared by members of the church. Tuesday 17 th December (Children to wear normal PE clothes on this day as the coaches will play games with them in the afternoon).
Party Day!	Hot Christmas dinner, film afternoon, disco (during a lollipops session) 3:15 to 5:45. All children welcome. Come to school in your party clothes! Wednesday 18 th December – details will follow £7 per child. Fundraiser for school.
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December, Christmas Jumper day £1 donation for charity.
INSET (Staff only)	Monday 6 th January
Children Return to school	Tuesday 7 th January

Staffing

We are pleased to advise that Cathryn Walters is now working in school as a TA, mainly based in class 3. Claire and Andrea are working in the nursery. Before/after school staffing remains the same.

Homework club

A homework club will be held on a Tuesday lunchtime from 12:30 in class 3 for children who may wish to do some of their homework at school. They will have access to Ipads and computers if they require them. Please encourage your child to come if they have not had time to complete their homework, need to read their home/school books or just wish to do more.

School Closure due to adverse weather

The school will only close due to adverse weather as a last resort. Last year we did not have to close at all. You will be advised by text as soon as a decision has been made if the school needs to remain closed. There will also be a notice on the Staffordshire Council Council website under “school closures”.

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Headteacher