



## Green Lea First School Newsletter – 4th December 2019

Hello everyone. I don't know how December came around so quickly but I think it has taken us all by surprise! The stage is now up for the Christmas production of Prickly Hay and children and staff are practising most days ready for the performances.

### Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances will take place next Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>) at 1:30pm and 6pm. Both performances are scheduled to be very busy with around 100 people at each one. The playground will be open for cars to park there – however, we cannot open this until 1.05pm for the afternoon performance as children will be on the playground, so please don't arrive before this. Please be patient and bear in mind that your car will probably get blocked in the carpark. Children will be able to go home after the afternoon performance, once they have changed, but must be back at school by **5:30pm**. Children and staff have worked hard on the production and the children are very excited to perform to everyone. Please also bear in mind that it will be difficult to allow latecomers into the hall as the children will be sitting by the doors into the hall. We look forward to seeing everyone – thank you to FOGL who will be serving refreshments in the evening and have also organised a raffle. Nursery children will be watching the dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon.

**Regarding tickets** – there was an allocation of 2 tickets per family for each performance. The evening performance can only accommodate this number. If you would like extra please see Mrs Hodgson and we may be able to accommodate extra at the afternoon performance. There will be no dance/craft on this day and dance money will be reimbursed.

### Lollipops – last day of term

As is normal practice, Lollipops will close at 4:30pm on the last day of term (20<sup>th</sup> December). Children must be booked in if you require a place on that evening.

### Nursery

The nursery will be performing The Night Before Christmas on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. Nursery parents/grandparents welcome.

### Friends of Green Lea

You should have received a note requesting donations for the Christmas Hampers. Donations should be in school by 5<sup>th</sup> December so they can be prepared in time for the Nativity. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Items required are chocolate, alcohol, baby essentials, children's toys, nibbles, nuts, crackers, chutney, jams, Christmas puddings or boxed cake. Many thanks on behalf of FOGL.

### Theatre Visit – The Prince and the Pauper

The theatre visit for years 1-4 will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The children will need to wear their Green Lea Hoodies and normal school uniform. A packed lunch is required please which the children will have when they return to school.

**Clubs** - There are no clubs in the last week of term. They will restart the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The last craft club is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### Car Seats

**Could I please remind everyone that children should be fitted in car seats by law. It is likely that the police will be doing spot checks in the area – please advise other people who may be collecting your child from school. We are happy to keep car seats in school if they need to be passed on to other people.**

### Royal School for the Deaf

We are delighted to announce that some pupils from the Derby Royal School for the Deaf will be visiting Green Lea on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to meet the children and take part in a Forest School session. Thank you to Mrs Davies for organising this, and for teaching our children some sign language – the children are all very excited to meet their new friends.

### Christmas Buffet

The ladies from the church are providing a Christmas buffet for the children on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will be followed by some Christmas sport activities – so children should attend school in their normal PE kit. The Christmas buffet replaces normal school lunches and is delicious!

### Lollipops disco/Christmas Party

Every year the Lollipops staff organise a disco during one of their sessions. This year it is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Money raised will go to school fund. Children will be given a light tea, have a disco and do some art/craft activities. This event offers excellent value for money and allows time for parents to complete last minute Christmas Shopping. Thank you to staff for organising and attending this event for the benefit of the children. Children will already be in their party clothes

### Holidays in term time

Please take time to read the Staffordshire County Council Code of Conduct for taking holidays in term time and penalty notices. <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/welfareservice/Attendance/home.aspx>inder of term

Holidays can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If you do not have an exceptional circumstance then a penalty notice will be issued. This Code of Conduct is adopted by all the schools in our Stone Cluster including the middle and high schools. Our attendance policy is on the school website if you would like to read it. Our attendance figures are very good at Green Lea and I thank you for your support with this.

### ECO

The ECO committee are entering an ECO competition with Perkins in Stafford. They have worked very hard together and are a great team led by Mrs Fletcher. They submit their competition entry this week so we will keep our fingers crossed that we move onto the next stage. Thank you to all of them, and Mrs Fletcher.

### School Council

Thank you to everyone who provided cakes for the school council stall for Children in Need. A fantastic amount of £240 was raised for charity. Well done to the School Council who are led by Miss Britton – you all did a brilliant job!

### Nativity around the Village 4pm (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December)

This is a lovely community event organised by the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Sharon Hodson if you would like to take part (or school) and I can forward your details to Sharon.

### Christsmas Cards & Tree

There is a Christmas card box in the corridor if your child would like to send cards to their friends. Please label the name/class clearly. A huge thank you to Mr John Meakin for donating a Christmas tree this year and to Mrs Kite for sourcing it for us!

### Singing in the Church – for all children and their families

This will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. A letter will be sent out shortly.

Visitors	Royal School for the Deaf – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 10am, Forest School & Lunch
Christmas Play	All children, Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 1:30 and 6pm
Pantomime	Theatre company visit to school – nursery/reception 16.12.19 Aladdin
Theatre visit (Y1-4)	12 <sup>th</sup> December am, Prince and Pauper, return for lunch, packed lunch required at school
Nursery Performance	10am in the school hall on 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Singing in the church	4pm, 15 <sup>th</sup> December at Milwich Church – all welcome
Christmas Buffet & Games	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (wear hoodies and PE kits)
Christmas Party	All children, Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (wear party clothes to school).
Lollipops Disco	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – 3:15 to 5:45
Last day of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Jumper day)
INSET	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Children Return to school	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Lego visits	January 30 <sup>th</sup> and February 6 <sup>th</sup> (years 2, 3 and 4)
Standon Bowers (Y3/4)	March 26 <sup>th</sup> (Y3/4) and overnight to 27 <sup>th</sup> for year 4. Details to follow
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