



Green Lea First School Newsletter – February 2020

Active Maths

Children in years 3 and 4 are enjoying Active Maths sessions led by Stoke City on a Friday morning. This is a fun way to learn and reinforce maths skills. The children proudly told me they had completed 5000 steps in this session last week – so it is a great way to keep fit also. Active Maths will take place for six weeks and then continue with years 1 and 2 after this.

Lego Workshops

All the children in years 2, 3 and 4 have taken part in a Lego Workshop at Stafford College. This has been great fun – the children have had to construct a robot, then use coding skills to operate the robot. The children loved this and gained lots of new skills throughout the morning. The children were complimented on their behaviour and manners and we are very proud of how they conducted themselves on the visits. The visits were funded by Stafford College and we are very grateful to them to have had this opportunity.

Standon Bowers

Details about kit required will be sent out after half term.

Children's Mental Health Week

This national initiative has been taking place this week. I have led PSHE lessons in all classes about children's mental health and wellbeing. In reception and key stage 1 this has been about being brave. In key stage 2 we have researched ways children can help themselves look after their mental wellbeing. If you are interested in reading about this further there is a website www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

NSPCC

On 20th April the NSPCC will deliver assemblies to the children entitled *Speak Out Stay Safe*. More information will be sent out about these assemblies nearer the time. If you are interested in their work please see their website nspcc.org.uk

Choir

I have contacted Entrust about the possibility of a choir/music club, as a few people expressed an interest in this. They are looking around for a teacher to send to us, and I will keep you informed.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Children are welcome to dress up as a book character on this day. If children can bring a book into school that they do not want any more we will organise a book swap, so children may have a new book to bring home and keep. Other fun reading activities will be planned.

Nursery

We had a routine quality visit from Staffordshire County Council this week in nursery. The Early Years Advisor, Cath Foster, was very pleased with the provision we offer to our youngest children. She praised the hard work and dedication of our Early Years department who work tirelessly for the benefit of the children. Well done to everyone involved, this is a great team effort.

Plans for the new Nursery are moving ahead now with firms tendering for the work through Staffordshire County Council.

Dates for the next half term

Half term – Break up Friday 14th February and return to school for all children on Monday 24th February

Tuesday 25th February – FOGL meeting in the village hall at 9AM

Thursday 27th February – FOGL meeting at the Green Man at 8pm

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – dress up and book swap

Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March – Parents' evenings (letters to follow)

Thursday 19th March – Mothers' day performance (Nursery and Reception at 2pm)

Tuesday 24th March – Rev Starkey Assembly

Thursday 26th March and Friday 27th March – Standon Bowers (day visit Y3 and overnight Y4)

Thursday 2nd April – FOGL Easter Activities in school

Friday 3rd April – Break up for Easter

Monday 20th April – Return to school for staff and children

Monday 20th April – Speak out stay safe assembly NSPCC

Thursday 23rd April – a new after school Cricket club will be starting with Stoke City, details to follow

Friday 8th May – May Day (day off)

Further ahead:

Wednesday 17th June – Day visit to Perkins for the ECO committee – final of ECO competition

Monday 29th June and Tuesday 30th June – full transition days for Christchurch Middle School and Walton Priory Middle School. Children need taking to school by parents and collecting – more details will follow.

Wednesday 15th July – Leavers' service in church (PM)

Friday 17th July – Children break up for the summer holiday

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