



Green Lea First School Newsletter – March 2020

Coronavirus

Please be re-assured that school are following advice from Staffordshire County Council and Public Health England regarding Coronavirus. There are currently no plans to close schools and we are stressing to children the importance of washing their hands regularly as well as general good hygiene. Mrs Britton also gives the school a thorough clean each evening.

I am receiving updates daily both from the Government and from SCC. There is a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Parents can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone 0800 046 8687

Email: Dfe.Coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours are from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Children can only be authorised to be absent from school if they have been advised to do so by a medical professional. The name of the professional and period of isolation recommended will need to be provided to school.

If a child is kept away from school without a valid medical reason, then the absence is unauthorised as advised by Staffordshire County Council.

As this situation is constantly evolving I will, of course, keep you informed when I have new information.

Standon Bowers

All year 3 and 4 children should now have received their information regarding our visit to Standon Bowers at the end of March.

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

Parents' Evening

We look forward to welcoming everyone into school on the 16th or 18th of March for parents' evening. You should have now received your date/time to attend. Appointments will last no longer than 10 minutes and we would like appointments to run to time – so if you have an issue which might take longer please do not hesitate to make a separate time with the class teacher or myself.

School Lunches

The price of school lunches will increase to £2.30 from 1st April.

World Book Day

All children enjoyed world book day and looked amazing. Thank you for your support with this. The children enjoyed taking part in lots of activities, including producing a book token design for a competition. All children should have received a book token to spend.

Sports Day

Sports day will take place at school on the afternoon of 1st July at 1:30pm (Nursery to Y4).

Friends of Green Lea

FOGL are planning an exciting afternoon for the children just before Easter. More details will be sent out nearer the time. There will also be an Easter Bonnet parade.

Nursery

Plans are moving along for a new nursery building to be constructed on the back of class 1 – with building commencing in the summer term ready for September.

In the meantime it would be appreciated if parents could drop/collect from the middle white doors. Children will be brought to the doors at the end of the day. This minimises the need for adults to be in school – thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates for the next half term

Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March Parents' evening

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 should have been received

Friday 8th May – May Day (day off)

Further ahead:

W/C 8th June – Phonic Screening Check week for Y1 children

Thursday 11th June – Meeting at school for parents who will have children starting reception September 2020 5:30pm

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

Wednesday 24th June – Class photographs and leavers' photographs

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 1st July – Sports Day (PM)

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

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

Monday 20th July – INSET day for staff

Mrs K Wilson
Headteacher