



## Green Lea First School Newsletter – April 2020

Hello everyone

I sincerely hope you are all keeping safe and well during this time. At school, we remain closed and only open for children of critical workers. We generally have a few children in each day. If you need any help, guidance or just a chat, don't hesitate to call the school phone - leave a message if it goes to answerphone - and someone will call you back the same day. Alternatively, email me on [headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk)

### Thank you

Thank you to all parents/carers for your support and lovely comments about school during this time. Thank you to children for being patient and working hard at home. I would also like to thank the staff who have shown amazing commitment and selflessness during this time and continue to come into school without hesitation - always with a positive attitude and determination to provide a safe, secure and fun environment for the children who are attending. The children who are attending have shown a maturity beyond their years and adapted well to the new routines in what are very unusual circumstances.

### Parents' Evening Reports

Unfortunately, parents' evening did not happen in the Spring term. The teachers had written a termly report to discuss before the lockdown so I have enclosed that with this newsletter. The report will inform you of your child's attainment and progress and there is also a comment which your child completed. Teachers will be making calls home again soon, so if there is anything you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to ask them.

### Friends of Green Lea

FOGL donated their Easter Eggs to school on our last day in March. The children were able to have an Easter Egg hunt during Forest School. Many thanks for the donation.

### Yoga, PE and French

Our three subject specialist teachers are going to provide activities to be sent home. Mr Maguire has made some videos of games/activities which the children can play. Mrs Blaize will be sending some mindfulness exercises – may be useful for everyone in the family! Madame Elliott will be sending some French activities. These are all meant to be fun – please pick and choose what you would like to do – there is no expectation to do everything but they may provide some variation as time goes on.

### ECO Project

The Perkins project has been re-scheduled for June 2021.

### Middle School

All parents and carers of year 4 children should have now received an offer for their child's next move to Middle School. As soon as I have any further information I will pass it on to you.

### Reception 2020

I have contacted all the parents of our new intake for September 2020. We look forward to welcoming them all and I will contact them further once arrangements are clearer.

## New Build

This has obviously been put on hold for the time being.

## Calculation Policy

Mrs Hart has put together a calculation policy. This will inform you of how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division from years 1 to 4. It is a very interesting document and clearly shows progression through the age groups. Your child's year group calculations have been enclosed with this pack and the whole policy will be available shortly on the website.

## Music

Violin lessons can take place on line via the music department. If you are interested in this please let me know and I will forward your information onto them. We can arrange collection/delivery of violins from school if necessary.

## Return to School

Despite there being lots of rumours in the press about returning to school – as at the point of writing this newsletter, there has been no Government guidance received. As soon as I know anything I assure you I will let you know.

## Tests/checks

All the usual tests and checks for children have been cancelled this year. These are the year 2 SATs, year 1 phonic check, year 4 multiplication check and the reception reporting of Early Learning Goals.

## Relationship and Health Education (2020)

Please find enclosed some information from the Government about the teaching of the new curriculum for the above, which is mandatory from September 2020. I have also enclosed a sequence of learning opportunities for both key stage 1 (years 1 and 2) and key stage 2 (years 3 and 4 in our school only). I thought this would be interesting for parents/carers to see as often we are asked when certain topics will be covered – and you will see the things that will be covered here and then further topics are studied when children are at Middle School. If you have any comments about the attached do not hesitate to contact me. We have purchased a scheme called SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) to teach the subjects in a fun and child-friendly way. They have a website if you would like to have a look at it, and you will see that the scheme focuses very much on child wellbeing.

## Finally

Everyone please keep safe and well. Do not hesitate to contact school if you need anything. We will all be here when children return to help with their transition back into school whatever form it may take. Please do not get stressed or anxious about how much work your child is doing at home – all children are different and will respond in different ways to home learning. Well done to everyone for doing whatever you are able to – we appreciate it!

Kind regards,

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