



## *Green Lea First School Newsletter – September 2020*

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to everyone. This has been a very different September but the children have all settled in very well and are getting used to their new “normal” routines. Thank you to everyone for supporting us as we try to make school life as familiar as possible for the children. A warm welcome to all the new families who have joined Green Lea and I would like to stress that we still have an open door policy if there is anything you would like to discuss – please email initially [headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk)

Please find attached some information for parents and carers regarding Covid-19 symptoms. The information is from Northern Ireland, so the website address for test booking is not relevant, however, all other information is presented very clearly. It also highlights that children can attend school with a cold – if they are well enough to do so. If you do need to book a test I have been informed that booking at 8pm is the best time, when new test slots are released.

Just to keep you informed of some of our routines:

- No assemblies or large gatherings – although we still give out celebration certificates at the end of the week
- Essential visitors only to school
- Staggered lunchtimes in the hall with the two bubbles being kept apart
- Staggered start and finish times for everyone 8:40/3.05 and 8.50/3.15 by surname initial
- Children have their own stationery and equipment
- Regular handwashing throughout the day takes place
- Regular cleaning of surfaces takes place throughout the day
- If your child has to self isolate for 14 days – work and support will be provided by the class teacher.
- If your child has to miss school for 2/3 days due to waiting for a test result, the teacher has allocated time at the end of the half term to cover any missed lessons. Some work may be sent home to be completed.

### **INSET**

There are no Inset days until after the Christmas holidays.

### **Nursery**

The new nursery is now complete and is looking wonderful! The outdoor areas now need to be completed with paths and lights, so please continue to use the middle white doors for collection and drop off.

### **Theatre Visit**

Sadly our annual Christmas theatre visit has been postponed for 12 months.

### **Extra-Curricular School Clubs**

We will keep reviewing our position in terms of providing after school clubs. The music teachers will be providing violin lessons after October half term. We will send out more information in due course.

### **E-Safety**

Please ensure that your child is staying safe online. The NSPCC ([www.nspcc.org](http://www.nspcc.org)) have information or [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) to help with this.

## **Harvest**

Although we cannot have a Harvest Service this year we thought it would still be a good idea to donate some food to the Stone Community Hub foodbank. They are very grateful for anything that can be donated but in particular would like the following:

**Tinned Meat**  
**UHT Milk**  
**Small Jars of Coffee**  
**Jam**  
**Jars of Sauce**  
**Potatoes**  
**Custard**  
**Rice Pudding**  
**Fruit**  
**Biscuits**

If you would like to bring anything in we will deliver it to the foodbank on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Please send in your donation on this day only and we will provide a table outside to put the food on to. Please do not send fresh produce. Many thanks.

**Mrs K Wilson**  
**Headteacher**

Dates:

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Food to be brought into school for Harvest donation
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Break up for the October half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Return to school, children and staff
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for the Christmas holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff only in school, INSET day for children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School open to staff and children