



Green Lea First School Newsletter – November 2020

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone for your very generous food donations for the Stone Hub foodbank. They were very grateful for everything received and asked me to pass on their thanks.

Parent/Carers' Evenings

We were hoping to hold some kind of face to face parents' evening. Unfortunately, this is not now allowed this term. Staff will send out a short report by email for your child. You will then be offered the chance of a telephone call from your child's class teacher if there is anything further you would like to discuss, or if you require clarification on any aspect of their school life. The reports will be sent out on Wednesday 18th November and telephone calls will take place the following week.

Covid-19

We continue to follow the Government Guidance for the new lockdown. Guidance for parents can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the main symptoms (a high temperature, a consistent cough or a loss to smell or taste). If you need to give your child Calpol to reduce their temperature they should not be coming to school under any circumstances. If your child has any of the symptoms you should organise a test for them as soon as possible – and keep siblings at home until the result comes back negative.

At home time please continue to remain at your car until you see your child coming out of school with an adult and keep the gate as clear as possible once you have collected your child.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with any of the teachers, office or myself do not hesitate to email office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk or headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk and someone will happily help you with your query or request.

Friends of Green Lea

There is a FOGL meeting which everyone is welcome to attend on Monday 9th November via Zoom at 8pm.

Meeting ID : 715 0239 8119

Password : 2EGhHg

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss future fundraising activities. The money raised helps to buy additional resources or treats for the children.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 13th November. There will be activities planned in school and a non-uniform day with a £1 charity donation. Children can wear anything of their choice but please remember that it is still Forest School and the children will need to be warm. Year 3 will also have active maths, so will need something they can run around in. The children are busy planning the activities they would like to do which also includes a mini-marathon in class 3!

Christmas Treat

We have a special, exciting Christmas treat planned for the children on 9th December – more details will follow.

After School Clubs

We are currently only able to provide wrap-around care for children. This is open from 7:30am until 5:45pm.

Violins

Thank you for your interest in your children playing the violin. Violins are provided by Entrust free of charge and the small fee charged to cover the cost of the teacher means that these lessons are very good value for money and provide quality tuition to all children who participate. Mrs Hodgson will be texting parents regarding payment.

Dates until Christmas

Reports emailed out	18 th November – Telephone calls w/c 23 rd November
Children in Need	Non Uniform day Friday 13 th November
Treat for the children	Wednesday 9 th December
Last day of term	Friday 18 th December, Christmas Jumper day £1 donation for charity.
INSET (Staff only)	Monday 4 th January
Children Return to school	Tuesday 5 th January

School Closure due to adverse weather

The school will only close due to adverse weather as a last resort. We have not had to close for this reason for the last two years. You will be advised by text as soon as a decision has been made if the school needs to remain closed. There will also be a notice on the Staffordshire Council Council website under “school closures”.

Isolation

If your child has to self-isolate due to Covid and is well, you will be provided with home learning from day 1 of their Isolation. This will be the same as your child would be learning in class and there is an expectation that children will complete this so that they do not fall behind. You will receive a call from the class teacher at the end of the day to see if you need any further support with this. We have a limited number of laptops which we can loan out if technology at home is a barrier to children’s home learning.

If your child is off ill we will not send work home as we would not normally do in these circumstances.

School Lunches & Snacks

Next week school lunch week is Week 1. Week 1 has been emailed out to you and weeks 2 and 3 will be forwarded as soon as they are received. If you require anything other than the main lunch offered please book with Mrs Hodgson at office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk Please also note there are sometimes last minute changes which are beyond our control – however, we always do our best to accommodate the children’s preferences.

We are also able now to offer all children a piece of fruit at break time. If children bring their own snack from home, this should be a piece of fruit only please. Water bottles should also only contain water and can be refilled at school throughout the day.

Please keep safe everyone, and thank you for all your support towards school. It is greatly appreciated.

K Wilson (Head teacher)