



## Green Lea First School Newsletter – December 2020

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well and looking forward to Christmas. This year Christmas is very different in school. We have put together a programme of events which we hope the children will enjoy.

### **Christmas Performances**

The children are busy learning some Christmas songs in their bubbles. We aim to record the children singing and email a clip over to you in the last week of term. We will film the children on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. You do not need to send anything in – any props or costumes will be provided by school. Children should just wear normal school uniform. You will receive a copy of the whole school performance. At the end of this newsletter is a permission slip. Please return as soon as possible either a **paper copy** or email a copy to [headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk) or to [office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk)

The performance is not to be shared on social media but is for your private viewing only.

### **Christmas Lunch**

The school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We have purchased a professional pantomime which can be shown in school performed by West Midlands Children Theatre Company. This is the same company that performed Aladdin last year for nursery and reception. They were excellent! Cinderella will be shown on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear party clothes on that day, and teachers will be planning further activities.

### **Special Visitor**

We are having a special treat and visitor for the children on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. More details will follow nearer the time.

### **Sponsored Run**

Class 3 were organising a sponsored run for Children in Need day in November. As the whole class were self isolating this has now been rescheduled for the last week of term (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December). Some year 4 pupils have organised this event and have decided that they would like sponsorship money to go the NHS, in particular the Royal Stoke University Hospital. I am sure everyone will support such a worthwhile activity, and Green Lea can thank the extraordinary NHS workers who have helped so many people over the last few months. The whole school will complete the run (or walk if preferred) – Christmas outfits/fancy dress/tinsel/hats are encouraged. Sponsorship forms will be emailed shortly. The pupils are marking out a route of 3km around the school grounds for class 3 and for year 2 2km. Y1/Reception will complete 1km, and nursery half a km. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a dry day! School uniform need not be worn on this day.

### **Lollipops – last day of term**

Lollipops will close at 4:30pm on the last day of term – 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children must be booked into that session.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – children can wear their favourite Christmas jumper (no donation required).

### **Staffing**

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Janice Cullum as our new catering supervisor. She has settled very well into Green Lea and the children have made her very welcome. We are also very pleased to introduce Mrs Sharman to our teaching staff – she will teach class 3 Computing and PSHE on a Friday morning.

### **Tuesday afternoon**

To cover the Planning Preparation and Assessment time for the teachers we now have the following lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. These will continue until after Christmas. Class 1 and 2 will swap in the middle of January.

Class 1	Personal Social and Health Education (Mrs Fletcher/Mrs Wilson)
	Yoga (Mrs Blaize)

Violin

Violin will go ahead until the end of term including the last day.

Children in Need

We raised £252 for Children in Need last month. Well done to Lilly who completed a sponsored scooter ride and gave the money to school to add to our Children in Need pot! This is a super amount for our small school 😊

Christmas Cards

Children may bring in Christmas Cards for their friends. Please put all cards in a plastic wallet or carrier bag and your child can put them in a post box in the classroom. They will not be distributed until the last week of term. There is a strict cut-off date of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December which will allow time for quarantining.

Friends of Green Lea

You have recently received information about the FOGL hampers. Please support FOGL by purchasing some tickets or donating raffle items. They are doing a great job fundraising despite the current challenging conditions. Hamper items should be brought to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December only. They are asking for food, drink and pamper items. All tickets should be purchased by 13<sup>th</sup> December and the draw will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> December. FOGL's email address is [FOGLGreenleaschool@outlook.com](mailto:FOGLGreenleaschool@outlook.com) if you require further information. Many thanks to FOGL for organising this to everyone for supporting it.

Hamper goods to school	7 <sup>th</sup> December (only this date please)
Special visitor and treat	9 <sup>th</sup> December (PM)
Recording of singing	14 <sup>th</sup> December – normal school uniform to be worn
Raffle Draw	14 <sup>th</sup> December (online, FOGL)
Christmas lunch and pantomime	16 <sup>th</sup> December – wear party clothes
Christmas fun run!	17 <sup>th</sup> December – fancy dress/tinsel/decorated t-shirts/school uniform not needed
Last day of term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Jumper day – no payment necessary)
INSET	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Children Return to school	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January

All the above events are for all children including nursery.

Please stay safe everyone.

K WILSON – Headteacher

I give permission for my child/ren (name/s) \_\_\_\_\_

to take part in the recording of Christmas songs on 14<sup>th</sup> December. I understand this recording will be emailed to other parents for private use only and also that the clip is not to be uploaded onto social media.

Name:

Date:

Either: return to [office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk)  
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Or print off and send in a paper copy. Thank you

