



## ***Green Lea First School Newsletter - January 2021***

### Happy New Year

Happy New Year to everyone. Let's look forward hopefully to a brighter 2021 as the year progresses. This has really been one of the strangest and unsettling weeks in my 25 year teaching career but, as expected, the children have responded in their usual positive and responsible way both at home and school. We are very proud of each and every one of them! Thank you for your messages of support and understanding – they really do mean a lot to us all as we navigate these unique and unprecedented times.

### Home Learning

You should be receiving work from the class teachers to mirror what the children would be doing if they were in school. If they can keep up-to-date with what is provided they will not miss out on any of the curriculum. Teachers will be making calls home next week if you have any general queries. But in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email the teachers and they will reply to you at the end of the day. We are experimenting next week with some live teaching in the reception class and we will see how this goes. Please give us your feedback so we can keep improving what we are providing. We are very pleased that the recorded phonic lessons went down so well in reception/year 1. Well done to Mrs Masters for being brave enough to give it a go! We understand that you may find teaching your child at home stressful – and everyone should just do their best. Please discuss any worries with the class teacher and they can adapt work if necessary, or provide some emotional and wellbeing support to your child/ren.

### Sponsor Money

We are keen to gather in all of the sponsor money from the Fun Run before Christmas, so that we can forward this on to the hospital. Please either drop the sponsor money into school – maybe if you are out and about visiting the shops you could drop it in in an envelope for us, or complete a bank transfer into the school fund – Mrs Hodgson has sent details in another email. If you need the details sending again please contact Mrs Hodgson ([office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk)). If we could have the money by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January it would be greatly appreciated.

### Nursery

Nursery remains fully open for all children who usually attend – not just keyworker children. The nursery day is from 9am to 3pm as we are no longer needing staggered starts/finishes due to the numbers of children in school.

### Wraparound

Wraparound care is from 7:30am until 4:30pm. Thank you for the regular bookings already received and many thanks to the staff who have happily changed their working hours to allow us to provide this service.

### Teaching Student

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Jason Harvey into the reception class as a teaching student. He is working in the reception bubble. If you are online next week with Mrs Masters, she will introduce Mr Harvey and he will be delivering some online lessons under her supervision. Mr Harvey will be with us for six weeks.

### Violins

Violin lessons have again been postponed due to lockdown.

From 11<sup>th</sup> January the bubbles in school will be:

Nursery	Claire and Andrea
Class 1	Mrs Masters and Mr Harvey
Class 2	Mrs Davies and Mrs Fletcher
Class 3	Mrs Hart and Miss Walters/Miss Britton (Mrs Sharman on a Friday morning)

Mrs Blaize will continue to teach yoga to reception children, Mr Booth will deliver PE on a Tuesday outdoors and Madame Elliott will stream live into class 2 and 3 to teach French. I will send a link out for Tuesday afternoon (1pm class 3 and 2pm class 2) if you would like to log into the online French lesson. A parent must be present for the duration of the French lesson if you are logging in from home.

Please take care and stay safe everyone – we are really missing the children who are not in school – this is obviously not a situation that any of the staff want. Staff are in school supporting the children who are attending, and providing the home learning – please keep in touch and we cannot wait until everyone is here again!

Kind regards,

**Mrs K Wilson - Headteacher**