



Green Lea First School Newsletter – February 2021

Half term

Please have a lovely half term everyone. You have all worked so hard at home/school we really hope you can have some fun, make pancakes, play outside (fingers crossed the weather will be good)!

Please listen out for Government updates on the return to school which may be announced at the end of half term. I will be in touch as soon as anything is communicated to us. If anything is announced on Monday 22nd in the evening it may be not be possible to contact you until the Tuesday morning, as all email systems crashed after the last announcement back in January.

If your child is attending school and has a positive test for Covid as the holiday starts, please email headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk even if this is during half term as I will need to be involved in test and tracing contacts.

We will not be sending out work over half term to give everyone a break from the current daily routine.

Remote Learning

We have reviewed our remote learning offer and intend to keep the timetable as it is for emailing work and providing live/recorded learning. The only changes are that Mrs Hart will organise her class get together on a Wednesday at 2pm and her topic lesson on a Wednesday will be recorded. The French lesson is now being presented through Teams and not Zoom (due to problems with connections at school). Obviously, sometimes the technology connections can be temperamental – so thank you for your patience when this happens. It is lovely to see the children who are working at home. We have displays up in school showing their work and celebrating the wonderful things they are doing. If you require paper copies of work or reading books from school please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Children's Mental Health Week

This was the week of 1st-7th February. If you are interested in reading further about this please see www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk for resources and video clips.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March. This has come around again so quickly. The teachers will send activities home to celebrate this. We will hold a dressing up day once all the children are back at school.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9th February

It is really important that children are kept safe online. Tuesday 9th February was Safer Internet Day. Here is a link to some resources for parents <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Operation Encompass

Please find attached a letter for your information about a project now running between the schools in Staffordshire and Staffordshire Police. Operation Encompass links school and the police if a child has been present in the house during a domestic violence incident. It allows school to care for and support the child at school.

Dates for the next half term

School re-opens Monday 22nd February for the children of keyworkers.

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day (activities sent home and in school)

Monday 8th March – Current Government prediction for some/all children to return to school

Thursday 1st April – Break up for the Easter holidays

K Wilson - Headteacher