



Green Lea First School Newsletter – September 2021

Welcome back to school after the summer break. It is lovely to have everyone back and we are completely amazed by how quickly all children have settled in.

September

PE and outdoor days are Tuesday and Friday (Forest School) so hoodies/joggers etc should be worn on these days. Please also bring a waterproof coat as Forest School takes place in all weathers. A pair of wellies left in school would be appreciated for use at break times and for Forest School. Children are not allowed to wear ear-rings for PE. All clothing should be named so that, if it is lost, it can be returned promptly to the correct owner.

After School Clubs

There will be a multiskills after school club starting on Tuesday 14th September. This will be organised by Stoke City. We will be starting a Yoga after school club on a Wednesday and Thursday after October half term. More details will follow about the clubs.

Violins

Violin lessons will begin on Friday 10th September for years 1-4. Please email headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk if your child would like to start violin lessons for the first time. The cost is £3 which is £18 for the half term. The lessons are led by Mrs Hickman – an experienced violin teacher who works for Entrust. The violins are provided free of charge. If your child takes up the offer of lessons you will be contacted by Mrs Hodgson to pay through the School Money system.

Dinner Money

This should be paid through School Money please. You will receive a text when dinner money is due. School lunches are only charged to nursery, year 3 and year 4. Reception, years 1 and 2 lunches are funded by the Government. The daily cost for nursery, years 3 and 4 is £2.30 per day. Children can make a choice in the morning for what they would like at lunchtime.

Car Parking

To help keep the car park clear please drop your child and leave as soon as possible. The mornings are quieter at an earlier time (8:40am). When collecting please arrive at your allocated time and leave as soon as possible. As we have a new bus provider the driver needs to familiarise himself with school routines – please be patient in the meantime.

For everyone's safety please:

- * Reverse into a space (where possible)
- * Hold your child/rens hands across the car park
- * Do not let children run around the parked cars
- * Look left as well as right as you leave the school (vans drive very quickly down the lane from the left)
- * Ensure your child is fitted in a car seat suitable for their age as specified by law. See the following link if you are unsure <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

Collection times are 3pm nursery, 3.05pm class 1, 3:10pm class 2 and 3:15pm class 3. You may arrive to collect all school aged siblings at the time allocated to the oldest child. (e.g. if you have a reception and class 3 child you may collect both at 3:15pm). We are unable to dismiss class 3 children before 3:15pm.

Holidays

A polite reminder that holidays in term time cannot be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances – for which proof will be required. The Staffordshire County Council policy states parents may receive a fine for unauthorised absence – please see the attendance policy on our website if you require further information. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Photographs

Individual, sibling and nursery photographs will be taken on Wednesday 29th September.

Forest School

All children will take part in Forest School on a Friday. Nursery and reception/Y1 will have their sessions in the morning and years 2-4 in the afternoon. Miss Swingewood will be assisted by Miss Britton and there will also be small group tool work taking place.

Nursery & Lollipops

The entrance to nursery is now being used for both nursery and after school club. If you are dropping off between 8am and 8:30am please do not use the four spaces at the top of the car park as you are likely to get blocked in by staff as they arrive. Thank you.

Organisation in school

Children are no longer in restricted bubbles in school. However, we are grouping the children to offer some degree of separation into reception/year 1 and years 2/3/4. Lunchtimes are staggered as are breaktimes. We are not yet holding whole school assemblies and these will continue as class assemblies in the short term. Staff continue to do regular lateral flow tests at home. If there is a case of covid in school, the other children in the class are encouraged to carry out a PCR test but can continue to come to school whilst they wait for a result.

Any child displaying covid symptoms must stay off school and be taken for a PCR test. They should stay off school until a negative result is received. If a child tests positive they must isolate at home.

Bottle Tops

Mrs Fletcher and the ECO team are still collecting plastic bottle tops for their recycling artwork.

ECO/School Council

The ECO committee and school council will remain the same as at the end of the last academic term as they have many projects to work on and complete. We will hold new elections for these committees in January. Miss Britton will run the school council and Mrs Fletcher the ECO committee. Please can children continue to wear their badges. Thank you.

Open days for middle school admittance in 2022

Walton Priory Middle School	18/9 and 25/9 between 10 and 12
Christchurch Middle School	2/10/21

Please see the Middle School website for more information. Tickets need to be ordered for Walton Priory. Mr Hodson from Christchurch is visiting Green Lea on Monday 27th September to speak to the children.

Amerton Award

Amerton Farm have kindly donated a “Wow” award to school, to be presented usually at the end of the academic year. The trophy will be presented this week for this year only to a pupil who will keep it until July, when we will present it to another pupil. The award is for someone who is a good friend, goes the extra mile and embraces school life. The winner also receives 4 x free tickets to Amerton Farm.

Thank you to Eunice Finney, who was a School Governor from 1991 to 2021, and to Elsie and Edie Flint who have both been pupils here, before their move to a school closer to their home. We wish the whole Flint family all the very best and will miss them at Green Lea.

Many thanks

K Wilson
Headteacher

Dates for the diary:

Friday 10 th September	Violin lessons (years 1-4)
Tuesday 14 th September	Multi-skills starts, after school club
Monday 20 th September	INSET day – children not in school
Wednesday 29 th September 9am	Photographs (siblings, individual and nursery)
25 th Oct to 29 th October	Half term
Thursday 18 th November	Postponed visit for years 1, 2, 3
Wednesday 24 th November	Flu Immunisation (TBC)
Wednesday 15 th December	Theatre visit (years 1-4)
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas – Christmas jumper day
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET day (children not in school)
Wednesday 5 th January	Children return to school

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