



Green Lea First School Newsletter – October 2021

Harvest Festival

We are pleased to be collecting items again as part of our Harvest Celebrations for the Stone Hub Food Bank. If you would like to donate please bring your items into school on Thursday 21st October. Please only bring food on this day. The Foodbank is in need of the following:

Pasta sauce jars, cooking sauce jars, longlife milk, coffee/tea bags, tinned/dried dog and cat food, biscuits, snacks, crisps, chocolate, fruit juice, squash, toilet rolls, tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned and instant potatoes, rice, rice pudding, custard, tinned fish, shampoo/conditioner, shower gel/soap, cleaning products (bleach, washing up liquid, spray cleaners etc) washing powder tablets, toothpaste/brushes

Many thanks for your support and generosity.

Photographs

Despite our best efforts to have the school photographs taken at the end of September, it proved impossible with the weather on the day. They will now be taken on Monday 1st November, which is the first day back after half term. If you have siblings who won't be in nursery and wish to have a photograph taken as a family group, please come to school at 8:30am on the day.

WOW! Award

Congratulations to Rocco in class 3 who was presented with the Amerton Farm Wow! Award. Rocco was over the moon to be presented with this and it was also lovely that all his school friends were so pleased for him. Well done Rocco and we look forward to presenting this to another pupil in July.

Covid Guidance

Covid guidance remains in place from Staffordshire CC. It is requested that children are kept at home if Covid is present in the household. If your child is a close contact of someone not in the household and awaiting a PCR result, they are also requested to stay at home until the result is received. We will provide home learning for any children who are kept at home, as long as they are well enough to complete it. We ask that children are not sent into school with Covid symptoms please. Thank you for your support with this and for your understanding – we are trying hard to get to half term without any outbreaks at school.

Forest School & PE

Please remember Friday is Forest School day and we will go outside whatever the weather. Children should have warm, waterproof clothes now the weather is getting colder. PE will also take place outside, so children should come prepared for this on a Tuesday. Children should not wear any jewellery for PE please.

Immunisation

The nasal flu immunisation will take place on Wednesday 24th November. Details and permission forms will be sent out nearer the time.

Height and Weight check (reception only)

The nurses will be in school on Tuesday 9th November to carry out the reception height and weight check. If reception parents are opting out of this for their child, please let Mrs Hodgson in the office have your opt out form by Thursday 21st October. Thank you.

FOGL (PTA)

Friends of Green Lea held their AGM at school on 30th September. All parents are invited to help and support FOGL with their activities, and they donate all proceeds raised for the benefit of the children. In the last year FOGL have purchased musical instruments, treats for the children, leavers' books, Purple Mash, Christmas presents, Easter Eggs and much more ... thank you for all your hard work and for all parents and family members who support in any way.

Non-Uniform Day

On Thursday 11th November we will be having a non-uniform day at school. In order to come to school in non-uniform we would appreciate it if each child could donate a food item to be used in the FOGL Christmas Hampers. Any kind of chocolate, wine or food (non perishable) will be greatly appreciated. The selling of raffle tickets raises lots of money for the school and the hampers are always amazing! Thank you.

Theatre Visit

The theatre visit to the New Vic to see Beauty and the Beast will take place on Wednesday 15th December for years 1 to 4. Nursery and reception children have a visiting theatre group who will perform in school on Tuesday 7th December at 9:30am. Both these performances will be excellent quality and lots of fun!

E-Safety

Please ensure that if your child is playing games online with school friends they do not use their full name and that the games do not allow other unknown members to join in. If you would like more information about keeping your child safe online the NSPCC (www.nspcc.org) have information or www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.

Dates

Harvest	Collection of food into school on Thursday 21 st October
Half term	Break up on Friday 22 nd October
Return to school	Monday 1 st November
Photographs	Monday 1 st November
Multiskills after school	Tuesday 2 nd November
Yoga after school	3 rd and 4 th November (years 1 to 4)
Parents' evenings	W/C 8 th November including nursery (online, details to follow)
Weight & Height check	Tuesday 9 th November (reception children only)
Non-Uniform day	Thursday 11 th November
FOGL meeting	Thursday 11 th November (either the Green Man or online)
Cannock Chase Museum	Thursday 18 th November (Years 1, 2 and 3)
Flu Immunisation	Wednesday 24 th November
Break up for Christmas	Friday 18 th December (wear a Christmas jumper)
INSET	Monday 4 th January
Children return to school	Tuesday 5 th January

We will keep you updated regarding Christmas performances.

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Headteacher