



Green Lea First School Newsletter – November 2021

Harvest Festival & Hampers

Thank you to everyone for the very generous Harvest donations for the Stone Hub Foodbank. These were greatly appreciated. Thank you also for the Christmas Hamper donations on non-uniform day last week. Tickets for the hampers will be on sale shortly.

Parent/Carers' Evenings

Parents' evenings were very well supported, so thank you for attending these or requesting a telephone call. Our next parents' evening will be in March – but please remember that if you have anything you need to discuss or are worried about you can contact us at any time through the school office offie@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk

Visit to Cannock Chase Museum

Our visit to Cannock Chase Museum will go ahead on Thursday 18th November. This is the visit that was postponed from the summer when covid cases increased rapidly in the area. The children now attending this are year 1, year 2 and year 3. Children should wear school hoodies (school trousers or joggers). Children also need a packed lunch please. Please make sure your child arrives promptly at school on Thursday and they will be ready to be collected at 3:15. If your child is attending yoga, this is going ahead as normal. I am sure your children will have lots of fun on the trip and I am so pleased it can finally go ahead.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 19th November. You should have received a letter from the School Council who are organising the day. Children have been asked to come with crazy hair for a £1 donation – there are also wrist bands for sale (donations) and a Pudsey sweepstake for £2. Children should attend in school hoodies/joggers/forest school clothes as normal on Friday please.

Christmas

It is that time of year again! We are planning lots of exciting treats for the children. We still have to follow Covid guidance but have put together a programme of events bearing this in mind. There are also some events organised by the church that the children always enjoy attending.

We are going to have 3 small carol concerts at school – 1 for each class during the week of 6th December. Children will sing outside to parents on the stage in the school playground. 2 guests per family are invited to come along.

Monday 6 th December	1:30pm	Mrs Masters' class
Wednesday 8 th December	1:30pm	Mrs Davies' class
Thursday 9 th December	1:30pm	Mrs Hart's class

Children and siblings will be free to leave for home straight after the concert, or stay if they are attending yoga/Lollipops that evening. Children should be well wrapped up with coats, gloves etc and can wear Christmassy hats/scarves etc. FOGL will serve hot drinks and mince pies to keep everyone warm. The concerts will last no more than half an hour. We hope that the children will enjoy performing to an audience again. Nursery are also planning an event and will advise you shortly. We will keep our fingers crossed that the weather remains dry at least.

Other events

Tuesday 7 th December	Jack and the Beanstalk for nursery and class 1 at school (AM)
Sunday 12 th December	Church carol service (4:00pm) Children sing as part of this
Wednesday 15 th December	Beauty and the Beast at the New Vic (years 1 to 4) Christmas hamper raffle draw (PM)
Thursday 16 th December	Special visitor to school (AM) and Christmas Party Children to attend in Christmas party clothes all day
Friday 17 th December	Break up for the holiday – Christmas Jumper day (no donation needed)
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET day for staff
Wednesday 5 th January	School open to children

The following events have been organised by the church and the village. Please support these events if you can.

Sunday 27 th November	Milwich Christmas Fair at the Village Hall 11am, cakes a raffle prizes appreciated
Sunday 5 th December	4pm Nativity around the village – everyone welcome (meet at the church) Adults are requested to wear a yellow jacket and to bring a torch For more information email Andrea (Nursery) a.hodson@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk Please also contact Andrea if you would like your child to dress up a king etc.
Sunday 12 th December	4pm Christmas Carols and Readings. All families are welcome in Church and we encourage Green Lea children to come and sing as part of this event. More details will follow nearer the time.

After School Clubs

Yoga and multiskills are currently offered across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

School Closure due to adverse weather

The school will only close due to adverse weather as a last resort. You will be advised by text as soon as a decision has been made if the school needs to remain closed. There will also be a notice on the Staffordshire Council Council website under “school closures”.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week and children will be having discussions about bullying in PSHE and class assemblies. We will be appointing anti-bullying ambassadors on Friday. These children play an important role in talking to their peers about bullying and suggest ways to ensure that bullying behaviour is not tolerated at school.

Absence

If your child is going to be off sick for the day please call the office before 9:30 and leave a message (and reason for the illness) or email office@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk

Many thanks and fingers crossed we can deliver all the lovely things planned over the next few weeks.

Kind regards,

K Wilson (Head teacher)

