



Green Lea First School Newsletter – December 2021

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well and looking forward to Christmas. Our Christmas activities are well underway and we hope the children are enjoying some of the things we have planned.

Christmas Performances

We are thrilled that we were able to perform face to face in our classes for parents and family. I am sure you will agree that the children were amazing and I hope they will remember their performance for many years to come. Thank you for supporting your children by attending and it was lovely to have the school buzzing with visitors again. Thank you to FOGL for providing the refreshments and a big thank you to the staff who ensured that these performances could go ahead within the restrictions that we still have to follow.

Singing in the Church

Please let us know if your child would like to sing with their school friends in the church on Sunday 12th December at 4pm. The whole family are welcome in church. Your child should have brought a letter home with this newsletter about the concert. Either return the slip to school on Friday 10th December or email headteacher@greenlea.staffs.sch.uk if you would like your child to take part. Children are also going to be selling some Christmas crafts and items that they have baked after the service.

Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 16th December. This is also Christmas Party day and children can attend school in their party outfits – although you should still bear in mind that they will be playing outside at break/lunch. We also have a special visitor in school on that day ☺

Pantomime

Nursery and class 1 children enjoyed Jack and the Beanstalk at school on Tuesday. I enjoyed hearing their stories about how funny they found the pantomime. Thank you to FOGL for funding this for the children.

New Vic

A reminder that years 1 to 4 will be visiting the New Vic to watch Beauty and the Beast on 15th December. This is a lovely Christmas production which all children and staff enjoy. Children should just attend in their normal school uniform. FOGL will be funding ice-creams for everyone. Years 1 to 4 will require a packed lunch on this day please.

Lollipops – last day of term

Lollipops will close at 4:30pm on the last day of term – 17th December. Children must be booked into that session please.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December – children can wear their favourite Christmas jumper (no donation required).

After school clubs

There are no after school clubs in the last week of term.

Attendance

You will have received a Local Authority letter about attendance. As a school we have very good attendance, and I am very grateful for support with this. Genuine illnesses are, of course, unavoidable and I would never encourage anyone to send an ill child into school. If things happen at home to prevent children arriving on time, it is preferable that they arrive late rather than take the whole day off. If children are tired from the weekend, it is preferable that they still come into school and we can support them here.

Please also note that holidays during term time will not be authorised and may incur a fine from the County Council.

Violin

Violin lessons will not go ahead on the last day of term.

Christmas Cards

Children may bring in Christmas Cards for their friends. There is a box in the corridor where they can put their cards. Cards should have first and last names on. Thank you.

Road Closure

You may have seen the sign near school stating that the road will be closed from 13th December. I have now had clarification that the road will still be open and work will take place away from school until we break up on the 17th. The layby, however, will not be available to park in from next week.

Friends of Green Lea

Please support FOGL by purchasing raffle tickets for the Christmas Hampers. These are very impressive and would be a great addition to any family Christmas. Money raised goes to provide treats for the children, or provides services such as Purple Mash which all children benefit from.

Visit to New Vic Years 1-4 + the FOGL raffle draw	Wednesday 15 th December
Special visitor, Christmas dinner and party day	Thursday 16 th December
Last day of term	Friday 17 th December (Christmas Jumper day – no payment necessary)
INSET	Tuesday 4 th January
Children return to school	Wednesday 5 th January
INSET (No children in school)	Monday 10 th January

Please stay safe everyone and thank you for all your support this year.

K WILSON – Headteacher