



## ***Green Lea First School Newsletter – March 2022***

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Mrs Hodgson's leaving gift. I will be posting a photograph on Twitter of the oil painting that we commissioned for her. This painting was of the view from her office window. It is a stunning piece of artwork, painted by a local, professional artist, Clare Lord. The children all sang for Mrs Hodgson and some ex-members of staff were able to join us on Thursday afternoon. Thank you to FOGL members who baked lovely cakes, which all the children and visitors enjoyed very much. It was lovely to see so many parents and children in the school grounds on Friday after school and I passed all your messages onto Mrs Hodgson if you were unable to come along.

Michaela Bewick will be the new office manager after Easter. We are very much looking forward to working with her and she has already received some training from Mrs Hodgson in the office to make the transition easier. We will have support from Entrust until Easter so that finances can be processed and this will be for one day a week.

### World Book Day

Well done to everyone for super World Book Day costumes as always.

### Snacks

Early years, year 1 and year 2 children are provided with fruit daily at break time. We have noticed the snacks of older children becoming more sugary and less healthy throughout the year. A healthy snack should be brought to school, and fruit is also available to years 3 and 4. Water only should be provided in water bottles for all children please.

### Violins

Violin lessons commenced on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, with Mrs Hickman.

### After School Clubs

We are pleased to advise you that Mr Cranson is able to lead an after school football club on a Thursday after school after Easter. I know quite a few children are interested in this, and Mr Cranson is an excellent coach. It is available for children across the school, and is very good value for money.

Yoga after school clubs are Wednesday and Thursday.

Multiskills after school club is on a Tuesday (Stoke City).

### Football

Well done to the year 3 and 4s who played football against St Michael's on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. They lost one game 3-1 and won one game 3-0. Behaviour and attitude was outstanding and all children thoroughly enjoyed it – it was lovely to be back at another school competing.

### INSET Days

We have an INSET day on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, to continue literacy training with Barlaston First School. Children are not in school on that day.

### Caretaker

We are pleased to welcome Barry Poole as our new caretaker in school - he works from 7am to 9am, so you may see him around as you drop your children off at school.

### Parents' evenings

You should have received your appointment for parents' evenings next week. We look forward to seeing everyone then. You will be asked to wait in the hall before your appointment. If the hall is full, you may be asked to wait outside to avoid crowds of people gathering in school. We aim to keep to time as much as possible – please keep within the 10 minutes, but do not hesitate to make an appointment for longer if you feel you have any particular detailed issue to discuss. Year 2s will be given an information sheet about the SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) which children in that year group are required to take. We present them to the children in such a way that they often do not even know they have done them.

### Easter

Friends of Green Lea (FOGL) are organising a fun Easter afternoon for the children on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, in school. They would like children to make an Easter Bonnet at home and there will be a bonnet parade at school. They will be sending out more information nearer the time.

We break up for Easter on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April and return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### Governor

We have a vacancy for a Governor. Ideally we have a requirement for a Governor with a financial background. If you would like any further information about the role of a Governor, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### War in Ukraine

If you would like guidance on how to address the War in Ukraine with your children – please follow the link below for some useful and practical advice, from the Young Minds website.

### [War in Ukraine](#)

### ***Dates for your diary:***

28 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' evenings at school and online
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter craft and fun afternoon
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Wellbeing pod being delivered to school
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed for the Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET day
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school & Phonic Screening check for Y1s (more details will follow)

### Absence and lateness

Please note that children should be attending school unless they are ill. **This is a legal requirement.** As covid related absences are diminishing it is crucial that your child now attends school whenever they can.

### Lateness

Please make an effort to get your child to school on time. We start teaching the children at 9am after registration and it is very unsettling for them to arrive late and have to start their lesson straight away. It is a good habit for the children to learn to value arriving at school on time. Obviously, sometimes this cannot be helped, but arriving at school constantly late is not preparing them in the best way for life beyond Green Lea. If you are one of the families who arrive consistently late, I would really appreciate your support with this.

Many thanks,

Mrs K Wilson, Headteacher