



Green Lea First School  
'Learn, Explore, Achieve'  
Weekly Newsletter  
9th of February 2024



**Dear Families,**

What a half term of 'Learn, Explore, Achieve' we have had at Green Lea! It was wonderful to work with our Director of Education, Johnathon Keaye for 2 days this week. He was very impressed with the curriculum development, the children's knowledge, their exceptional behavior and enthusiasm for learning.

As you know, we at Green Lea love to read and have decided to set a challenge called '**Green Lea Extreme Reading**'. We would like children to get a photo of themselves reading their books in unusual and out-of-the-ordinary places. An example could be up a climbing frame or on a tractor (children have been asked to be mindful of being safe and to check with an adult first). The more creative - the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in. Children can bring in a hard copy of their photographs (not digital please) the first week back after half term. All of the pictures will be added to what we hope will be a fantastic display of our children reading in a whole host of weird and wonderful places.  
**Team Green Lea wish you all a wonderful half term break.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Headteacher

**This week at Green Lea:**

**Class 1 (Fantastic Foxes)**

We have been learning all about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. We have written new year wishes, tried our hand at chopsticks and observed the traditional lion dances. We made our own dragon puppets and masks. As part of our understanding of the world we located China on a globe. I wonder if the children can remember some of the animals we would find in China?

**Class 2 (Super Squirrels)**

We have been busy mathematicians learning all about length and height. Year One have been comparing by measuring using non standard units and Year Two have been using centimeters and meters to measure and compare. In Geography, we have been learning all about weather types. The actual weather this week has helped us experience quite a few! Can they tell you about all the types of weather they have been learning about and how they differ?

**Class 3 (Super Seekers)**

The Geographers of Class Three have learnt about the difference between a country, a county and a city. They have used compass skills to locate the counties which are north, south, east and west of Staffordshire. In mathematics we are focusing really hard on learning our times tables up to 12 x 12. Please continue to practise these daily at home.

**Dates For Your Diary**

- Monday 19th of February—**INSET DAY**
- Monday 26th of February -Phonics Screening Check Workshop for Year 1 Parents  
3.30pm and 5.30pm
- Thursday 29th of February— Early Years Bed Time Story at School 5.30pm to 6.30pm

# Learn Explore Achieve

## Safer Internet Day 6th of February 2024



This week we have been discussing Online Safety. This is an area we learn about lots throughout our Computing Curriculum. There are great resources on Purple Mash. If you would like to find out more, this link has lots of information for families:

[Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



## Chinese New Year

### The Year of The Dragon

Our inquisitive Early Years children have had lots of fun learning all about this traditional celebration.



We had a special visitor today at Green Lea First School.

Mrs Goodson from the Women's Institute (WI) presented us with £120. The children are going to democratically vote to decide what resources they would like to spend it on.

**Thank You So Much!**



# Learn Explore Achieve



Thank you to FOGL  
for your help and  
for providing the  
drinks and sweets.



This years theme is 'My Voice Matters!'

We have had lots of discussion this week around—  
What matters to you?

To find out more you can visit:

[Families - Children's Mental Health Week  
\(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

If there are any amendments or additions we will let you know with as much notice as possible.



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**Spring Term Key Dates and Events**

January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Return to School - Spring Term 1</li>   <li>• Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Family Maths Workshop Multiplication/ Division 3.30pm and then 5.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> Friendship Discos Class One and Two 6<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm. Class Three 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm</li>   <li>• Week Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM</li>   <li>• Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Inset Day</li>   <li>• Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Phonics Screening Check Workshop 3.30pm and 5.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Afternoon Teas Class One (4<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15- 3pm Class Two (5<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15- 3pm Class Three (6<sup>th</sup> March) 2.15- 3pm</li>   <li>• Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day</li>   <li>• Weeks 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> Swimming Weeks</li>   <li>• Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Spring Assembly 9.10am and 2.30pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Return to School - Summer Term</li> </ul>



## Term Dates, Insets and Holiday Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

**Inset day:** Monday 4th September 2023

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 5th September 2023

**Term starts:** Wednesday 6th September

**Holiday:** Monday 30th October - Friday 3 November

**Inset day:** Monday 6th November

**Term ends:** Friday 22nd December

**Holiday:** Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

### Spring Term 2024

**Term Starts:** Monday 8th January

**Holiday:** Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

**Inset Day:** Monday 19th February 2024 - Trust Wide Inset Day

**Term Ends:** Friday 22nd March

**Holiday:** Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April

### Summer Term 2024

**Term Starts:** Monday 8th April

**May Day:** Monday 6th May

**Holiday:** Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

**Inset Day:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Last Day of Term:** Friday 19nd July

**Inset Day:** Monday 22nd July 2024

**Holiday:** Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August