



**Green Lea First School**  
**'Learn, Explore, Achieve'**  
**Weekly Newsletter**  
**23rd of February 2024**



**Dear Families,**

We are back and ready to 'Learn, Explore, Achieve' at Green Lea! This half term is again very short in weeks but very action packed with Mother's Day Celebrations, World Book Week, Swimming Weeks and much more.

It was great to see everyone at Parents Evenings. Team Green Lea are very proud of our pupils and appreciate the effort that goes into supporting with learning at home. We have loved seeing the 'Green Lea Extreme Reading' photos and our Reading Council are going to have a tricky job deciding the winner. There is still time to send a picture in next week.

On Monday the 26th of February there is a Phonic Screening Check Workshop for families of Year One children. It will be held at 3.30pm and again at 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are excited to have appointed Mrs Seabridge who will be supporting Lollipops Wraparound Care. Do introduce yourself when you see her.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lindsay Harris

Headteacher

**This week at Green Lea:**

**Class 1 (Fantastic Foxes)**

This week we have been sharing the story of 'What the Ladybird Heard' The children have enjoyed looking at all of the different farm animals and listening to the sounds that they make. We have made farm houses and vehicles through junk modelling. In mathematics we have been learning about 1 more and 1 less and have loved using dice to find new numbers. Using dice at home is a great way to practise finding 1 more, 1 less, counting and adding.

**Class 2 (Super Squirrels)**

The Geographers of Class Two have been learning about hot and cold places and the weather types you would experience. We are continuing to link this to our prior knowledge of knowing the 7 continents and the 5 oceans. Can they remember and share these with you? The song they have been learning at school is a great prompt.

**Class 3 (Super Seekers)**

The Geographers of Class Three have been learning about the human and physical features of Staffordshire. They have been recalling their knowledge of the differences between Country, County and City. I wonder if they can remember the differences? Can they make a list of local human and physical features and explain how they know which are which?

**Dates For Your Diary**

- Monday 26th of February -Phonics Screening Check Workshop for Year 1 Parents  
3.30pm and 5.30pm
  - Tuesday 27th of February Football Match at Barnfields 4pm
- Thursday 29th of February— Early Years Bed Time Story at School 5.30pm to 6.30pm

# Learn Explore Achieve



## CHECK OUT OUR NEW TRIM TRAIL

Explore

Fun

Outside Learning

Collaboration



Skill  
Imagination



Co-ordination

Gross Motor



### Trim Trail

Excitingly, we have a brand new trim trail to enjoy here at Green Lea First School.

What a great way to develop our gross motor skills, balance and co-ordination!

A huge thank you to

Miss Britland our School Secretary for overseeing the installation.

### Friendship Council

Our amazing 'Friendship Council' have listened to their Green Lea peers and have chosen lots of new playtime sports equipment. This has ranged from a basket ball set to new skipping ropes, from footballs to throw and catch sets.



## OUR NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Enjoyment

Skills

Choice

Friendship

Play

Sport



### Swimming At Green Lea First School

Following the success of last year we are super excited to be providing swimming lessons on-site for all of our pupils again this academic year.

Swimming Weeks are taking place on the 11th and 18th of March.

A letter detailing all the information you need will be coming home next week with your child/children.





## WORLD BOOK WEEK AT GREEN LEA FIRST SCHOOL

- **Monday 4th**—Big Book Swap (Bring a book to swap )
- **Tuesday 5th**—Pep The Poet Visit (Author books available to purchase on collection at home time)
- **Wednesday 6th**—Bring Your Favourite Book to Share
- **Thursday 7th**—World Book Day—Dress Up Day
- **Friday 8th**—Stories Around the Campfire—Forest School



Read Everything And Discover



We're always looking at ways to enhance our indoor and outdoor areas in Early Years and we hope that you can help?

Do you have any of the following that you could donate to us?

- Wooden electric cable reels of different sizes
- Planks of wood
- Wooden pallets
- Crates - wooden or plastic
- Tarpaulin sheets or plastic sheets
- Tubes, pipes,
- Natural objects like pebbles, logs, logs slices,
- Sheets or blankets
- Baskets
- Saucepans, buckets, bowls,
- Vis-bibs, hard hats,



Thank you in advance for anything that you can give.

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