

Green Lanes Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

Issue 6



Diary Dates

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Years 4 Picasso; 5 Sanchez & Hockney; 6 Kandinsky & Da Vinci – Christmas Pantomime Trip

GLSA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 12th December

KS1 Production – 2pm (No Pre-School Aged Children Permitted)

Wednesday 13th December

School Christmas Lunch – School Uniform as normal



GLSA Calendar Sale – 3:15pm

Thursday 14th December

Year 4 Van Gogh – Christmas Pantomime Trip

KS1 Production – 2pm

Friday 15th December

Year 4 Picasso Assembly

Foundation, Years 1,2,3 – Christmas Pantomime Trip

Monday 18th December

Christmas Assembly

GLSA Calendar Sale – 3:15pm

Tuesday 19th December

Non Uniform Day - Christmas Jumper Day

END OF TERM – School finishes at 2:15pm



Thursday 4th January

**SPRING TERM COMMENCES,
School opens at 8:50am**

Welcome

Today is our Christmas Fair, 3:30-5:30pm. The school is being transformed into a Winter Wonderland with Santa's Grotto as well as the children taking part in 'Business and Enterprise Week' for their 'Grow a Pound' products. Please support the school and come along with friends and family today. You will need to collect your child/children as normal from the playground at the end of the day and then re-enter for the fair via one of the 2 entrances; KS2 playground entrance and front office entrance.

Green Lanes is definitely starting to feel a lot like Christmas! Well done to Riley and Matisse classes for their fantastic Christmas show and next

Foundation News

Well done to both classes for their brilliant Christmas performance of 'A Snowman at Sunset'. Their loud clear voices, wonderful actions and beautiful singing were enjoyed by all. We hope you enjoyed the photo's sent via Tapestry. If you have any problems logging on to your account, please come and see one of the class teachers.

Christmas has arrived in Foundation and as part of the school 'Grow-a-pound' project, the children are busy making marshmallow snowmen on sticks to sell at the Christmas fair on Friday. Please come along and support us on the day, you will find our stall in Year 6 Da Vinci class.

Next week the children will be busy having fun with lots of festive activities; we will be decorating bags, making cards and designing calendars to bring home at the end of term.



We are currently revamping our dressing up box and would be grateful for any old hats, scarves, jackets etc. that you no longer use for the children to wear!

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week we are looking forward to the Year 1 and 2 classes show. I would like to remind all adults that not all children have permission to be filmed or photographed. Therefore, we will be sending you photographs of your child in the show via the Marvellous Me (Y1 & Y2) or tapestry apps (FS). If you cannot access these apps just let us know and we will be happy to help.

You will also receive today information about changes to our triangles/rainbow systems. We have graded behaviour and attitudes to learning in the school as 'outstanding'.

Please note if there is school closure due to severe weather conditions, we will text you via the parentmail system to let you know. Please make sure we have your up to date contact information.

Key Stage 1 News

KS1 are working hard practising their words, songs and actions for their performance of 'Christmas with the Aliens' They are really looking forward to sharing it with friends and family next week.

Year 1 have enjoyed making beeswax candles and honey flapjacks to sell at the Christmas fair for their 'Grow-a-pound' project. We look forward to seeing you all at our stall in Hockney class.

Following on from our Charlie Story in English we have been making up our own characters for the story. Morris class have 'Dink the Dragon' and Turner class have 'Freddy'. They have enjoyed describing their characters and retelling the adventures they go on. Next week they will be making a Christmas version of the story.

Year 2 have been learning about 'Food Chains' in Science and are looking forward to some fun end of topic activities!

In English we had a letter from Fairyland and have been asked to write 'Instructions' on how to get around using the map!



Office News

If you have any concerns about your child, the **SEN Team** has a drop-in session every Wednesday afternoon. Please call the office to arrange an appointment.

ABSENCE REPORTING



IMPORTANT REMINDER: If your child is unwell or will be absent from school due to a booked appointment, please ensure to report the absence **before 9am on the day**, using the school telephone number 01707 262556, choosing option 1. It is essential that parents/carers report their child's absence so that we know that they are safe.

MUSIC TUITION



Reminder: If your child receives music tuition through the school, and would like to continue with their tuition next term, please return their consent form and payment to the School Office by January 2018. **If paying via Wisepay, please provide payment reference details.**

If your child would like to receive tuition for the guitar or the violin, please contact the school Office.

Dinner Money Payments

Please ensure that all dinner money payments are settled before the end of this term, last day of term will be **Tuesday 19th December**.

END OF TERM REMINDER

School will be finishing on **Tuesday 19th December at 2:15pm**.

The new term will commence **Thursday 4th January 2018 at 8:50am**.

Thank you.



Happy Holidays

Key Stage 2 News

Year 3 decided to make Christmas baubles with an edible treat inside. We chose this after voting which present would be most suitable for adults and children alike; we also looked at which sweet would be the most practical to make at school. Come to Van Gogh classroom to see our wonderful creations. There will also be free samples of the yummy treats for you to try before you buy!!

Monet Class will commence their swimming lessons after the Christmas break. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit with them every Tuesday morning.

Year 4 have been working hard in their English lessons learning about 'Story settings'. They have been using a range of examples from books to learn how they can create their own exciting setting.

The children have also been enjoying the beginning of their new Science focus on 'Electricity'. This will also be linked to our D&T project after Christmas.



Picasso class have been busy practising for their class assembly next week. They are looking forward to sharing with you, and hope it will get you in the Christmas spirit.

Year 5 have spent the week on planning, designing and creating their wonderful Christmas Stockings for the 'Grow-a-pound' project.

Initially, children gathered a range of ideas and planned different designs. Next, they planned out how they were going to make their stockings. Finally, they created a final plan/design to follow when coming to making their stocking. Throughout the week, the children have worked extremely hard, displaying both their skills towards sewing and their ability to follow a plan. Come to Sanchez class to see all of Year 5's wonderful creations.



Year 6 have had a very creative week. The children have enjoyed using their unique imaginations to create 'One of a Kind' festive baubles. We thought very carefully about our designs and how we could make them appealing. We needed a lot of concentration to create our products, using a lot of glitter and sequins! Please come and see our wonderful creations at the Christmas Fair.

GLSA NEWS

RACE NIGHT Thank you to all the friends and families that attended this event. You help raise £554.20!

CHRISTMAS FAIR Will be taking place today, **Friday 8th December, 3:30 – 5:30pm**. If you are able to offer your time, please contact a member of the GLSA or Stuart Thornhill on glsa@greenlanes.herts.sch.uk Your help will be greatly appreciated.



GREEN LANES SCHOOL CALENDER 2018 will be available to purchase at the fair. The calendar features artwork from every pupil, along with key school dates. The calendar has been produced in association with the GLSA and DiPPs, a charity working to put defibrillators in public spaces to save lives. Money raised will help fund school projects, as well as helping DiPPs continue its valued work to help others. Cost is **£6.50**, discount will apply for multiple purchases.

FUNDRAISING If you have any fundraising suggestions for the new year, please inform a member of the GLSA, or alternatively, why not join the GLSA!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Services:

St Michaels and All Angels Church, Birchwood Avenue – Annual Crib Service will be taking place on Christmas Eve, at 4pm. This will be a lovely service for young children with lots of well-known Christmas Carols.

St Etheldredas Church, Old Hatfield – A Farm Nativity will be shown on Sunday 17th December, 4pm, at Hatfield House. There will also be a Church Nativity on Christmas Eve, 5pm at the St Etheldredas Church.

Reminder: Primary School Applications September 2018, Application Deadline for children commencing **Reception Places** is **Monday 15th January 2018**. An online application must be completed for all children wishing to commence primary school even if they already have an older sibling attending the preferred school of your choice. Please ensure to complete your online application by the stated date. For further information and advice please contact www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions