

Green Lanes Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome back to our new term at Green Lanes. The children have settled extremely well into their new classes and are a credit to the school in their smart uniforms and excellent behaviour.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our parent briefings this week. At the meeting you would have found out about your child's curriculum. Please note that your child's target is to read 5 times each week. Please make sure you record this in their Home Learning Journals.

Under the 'British Values Curriculum', we are focusing on 'Democracy' this half term. The children have all been discussing and creating class rules and have elected their School Council and Eco Council Representatives.

The House Captains for 2017-2018 are Fir: Sebastian Harth and Poppy King, Elm: Will

Clarke and Faith Hyman, Oak: Joshua Jeffery and Maiya King, and Ash: Kamron Watkins and Lauren Gilbank-Maloney. The first winning house team this week was Elm.

If you are able to offer your help hearing readers at school or can help in any other way, please let either your child's class teacher or the office know. Your help is very much appreciated.

Please ensure that if you are entitled to **Free School Meals** that you claim for this, even if you do not want your child to have a school dinner or are receiving the universal free dinner. Only registration on the **FSM** system will allow you to have a £50 credit for the Uniform Shop and **50%** discount off all school trips, swimming, music tuition or free fruit and veg snacks. Please contact the school office where they will be happy to help or alternatively visit the website www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th September

Year 5 Hockney – Trip Pizza Express (am)

GLSA AGM – 7:30pm

Wednesday 20th September

Matisse Class Parents – School Lunch - 11:30am

Friday 22nd September

Eco - World Car Free Day

Wednesday 27th September

Riley Class Parents – School Lunch 11:30am

Friday 29th September

Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 3rd October

Year 5 Sanchez – Trip to Pizza Express (am)

Phonics Workshop

(Foundation & KS1) – 3:30pm

Thursday 5th October

Year 3 Monet - Trip to Henry Moore Foundation

School Photographer –

Individual & Siblings Photos

Friday 6th October

Year 3 Moore – Trip to Henry Moore Foundation

Monday 9th October

Foundation Stage – 'What's Under Your Feet?' Week

Tuesday 10th October

Year 6 Parents – PGL Information Evening 6pm

Friday 13th October

Year 2 Rousseau – Class Assembly (9am)

Foundation News

Our new Foundation Stage children have settled into Green Lanes really well. They have already made lots of new friends and are enjoying the activities in our indoor and outdoor areas.

The topic this half term is 'All About Me' and the children will be learning all about how we change over time, their senses and talking about their likes and dislikes. They have already painted some wonderful self-portraits which are proudly displayed on the classroom walls.

We will be shortly going for a walk around the local area and making a 'Flat Stanley' to send around the world.



Thank you for your help in dropping your child at the class door in the mornings. They have all settled more quickly into the morning's learning. We appreciate your help with this.

Key Stage 1 News

The children have settled really well into Year 1 and are getting to know their new routines during our transition from Reception. We are thinking about 'Belonging' in Religious Education, discussing family, outside clubs, new classes and table groups.

In Year 2, the children have also settled in well to their new routines and seem ready for the challenges it brings! They have enjoyed reading and acting out a variety of list poems and are now planning and writing their own.

In Mathematics, the children have been impressing us with their number skills from Year 1. In Art we will be learning about our class artists and creating work to show you on Consultation Evening.

All KS1 children will receive spellings and homework today so please look for these in their book bags. Completed homework should be returned the following Wednesday. The Home Learning Journals and Reading Books should be brought in to school each day for class Guided Reading. At home please ensure to listen to your child read at least 5 times per week.

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 & LATE REPORTING



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**.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT



Please ensure that your child's school uniform, PE kit, coat, school bag, water bottle and pack lunch bag/box are clearly labelled with your **child's full name**. Any lost property found that is clearly labelled will be returned to your child's class or will be placed in the lost property boxes.

Dinner Money Payments



The cost of a school lunch is £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week), unless in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals in which case there is no charge. **Please ensure that all dinner payments are made in advance by Wisepay, cheque or cash.**

Key Stage 2 News

What a great start to Year 3! The children are really enthusiastic about their learning! They have enjoyed becoming archaeologists this week, digging up artefacts and examining them for clues to which era they are from. One box contained lots of flint tools which lead us nicely on to this term's topic the 'Stone Age'.

We are also looking forward to our trip to the 'Henry Moore Studios and Gardens' in October, where we can hone our artistic skills!

Year 4 have settled in well since starting back. Picasso class have enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week and are looking forward to their next session.

The children have enjoyed starting their topic lessons on the 'Anglo Saxons'. This learning will build towards the Year 4 'Anglo Saxon Day' on the **2nd November**. A letter will be coming out soon to give further information about activities they will be participating in and ideas regarding the dress code for the day.

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the academic year! So far, we have commenced topic work on 'The Vikings' by researching different artifacts and writing our own Viking Poem using similes, metaphors and personification.

There has been a buzz of excitement around our first trip to Pizza Express, taking place very shortly! Please ensure to return your consent slip.

Well done Year 6 on a fantastic start to the year. The children have enjoyed their new jobs and responsibilities around school and we have been really impressed with their mature attitudes. They have been very encouraging to the younger children and have displayed excellent manners. Congratulations to the new Year 6 House Captains who were voted by their peers last week. They each take their role very seriously and help to model the high expectations here at Green Lanes. Well done

Finally, thank you to all those parents that attended the 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday – it was lovely to meet you all.

GLSA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported us last year, we raised an amazing **£13,000!** The money has helped to purchase various new school equipment. Our **AGM** will be taking place on **Tuesday 19th September at 7:30pm**. If you have any fundraising suggestions or would like to join the GLSA, please come along to the meeting. It would be great to meet you!

GLSA SUGGESTION BOX has been placed in the School Office Reception area, if you have any sensible fundraising ideas/events, or questions, please ensure to communicate via this box. The box will be emptied on a weekly basis by the GLSA Team.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS If you are applying for a Secondary School place for **September 2018**, please check with the individual schools for their open days/evenings. Some have been listed below:

- Bishop's Hatfield Girls School – Tuesday 3rd October, 6pm – 9pm
- Monk's Walk School – Thursday 5th October, 5pm – 8:30pm
- Onslow St Audrey's School – Tuesday 26th September, 6pm – 9pm
- Sir Frederic Osborn School – Thursday 21st September, 6pm – 8:30pm
- Stanborough School – Thursday 28th September, 6pm – 9pm
- Chancellor's School – Thursday 21st September, 6pm – 9pm
- Beaumont School – Wednesday 4th October, 5:45pm – 8:45pm

PLEASE NOTE APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2017

UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE Will be running 'Football Development Centre Trials' for players keen to enter their Football Programme commencing this academic year. The trials are for players who will be representing under 9's to U16's as of September 2017. Trials are scheduled to take place on **Friday 22nd September 2017, from 5pm – 7:30pm**. Further information leaflets are situated in the School Office Reception area or alternatively please contact Laird Budge, Head Coach & Programme Co-ordinator on 07952 223064 or 01707 281194.

JAZZERCISE Weekly classes take place every Tuesday at 8pm, Green Lanes School. Please contact Clare Rush on 01582 793678 or alternatively email at clare.jazzercise@outlook.com.