

Green Lanes Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018

Issue 7



Diary Dates

Monday 15th January

GLSA Meeting – 7:30pm

Friday 26th January

Year 4 Van Gogh Assembly

Friday 2nd February

Year 3 Moore Assembly

Tuesday 6th February

E-Safety Awareness

Wednesday 7th February

Year 5 Trip - British Museum

Friday 9th February

Year 2 Mondrian Assembly

GLSA Valentines Disco



**End of Half Term – School
Finishes at 3:15pm**

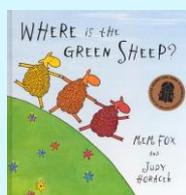
Monday 19th February

School opens at 8:50am

Eco Club - National Nest Box
Week

Monday 26th February

Book Week



Welcome

Welcome back to the new term and a very 'Happy New Year' to you all.

Today you should also receive a copy of the school's Ofsted Report. This reflects a very positive picture of the school and recognises the excellent behaviour and learning that takes place here. I am extremely proud of all the hard work of staff, governors and pupils at the school. Well done everyone! I would like to thank you as parents for your overwhelming support which makes Green Lanes a really special place.

The whole school is currently focusing on learning multiplication tables this half term in readiness for our first interhouse Mathematics and English events. Please help your child with this

Foundation News

Welcome back and a "Happy New Year" to you all. The children have all come back to school excited and ready to learn. This term in English we will continue to teach the children two new sounds each week as well as starting to write sentences. We very much appreciate your continued support practising letter formation on the sheets we send home on Thursdays.



We have introduced a Topic Homework Book. The activities are fun ideas for you and your child to try together. Please aim to work with your child for a few minutes each day rather than asking them to sit for long periods of time once a week. Completing the task together is absolutely fine. We look forward to sharing any completed activities with the children.

This term we have started Guided Reading with the children and they will take it in turns to read in small groups with an adult. In order to monitor and record progress we would be grateful if you could make sure that your child's reading record and books are in school every day. Thank you.

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and there are great websites such as www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button for fun practice.

I have received a number of complaints from residents asking those parking around the school at drop off and pick up times to ensure that they do not block roads, driveways or footpaths. This blocks traffic and the local buses and also causes a danger to children crossing roads.

Please note the zig-zag lines at the front and back of the school **must not** be parked on otherwise we will be **unable** to get emergency vehicles into the school. Please be considerate even if it means parking a little further away from the school.



Key Stage 1 News

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely break and the children are refreshed and ready to start the new term.

In Year 1, we are starting our new topic of 'Poetry' in English, looking at Winter Poems. We are going to be using similes and rhyming words.

We are following on with the Winter theme for Science, thinking about what we wear and why.

For our Art we are finding out if buildings speak! Focussing on their doors and windows and how they differ.

In Year 2 we have also started with 'Poetry', specifically looking at 'Inside my head' by Steve Turner. We are enjoying getting creative and thinking about what could be inside our own heads for our own versions of the poem.

In Mondrian, we have started a block week of Computing where we are finding out 'How to Research Safely'. In Rousseau, we have also started a block week in Geography on 'Oceans and Continents'.

Finally, in Science, we are thinking about everyday uses of 'Materials' and the properties of materials around us.

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.

PE KITS & SPORTS CLUBS

Due to the colder weather, please ensure that your child/children have tracksuit bottom in their PE Kits. They **should be either plain black, grey or green. No printed or other colour is permitted.**

School Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for casual **Midday Supervisory Assistants**. Please make enquires to the School Office for further details.



For Poppy Appeal November 2017, we raised **£157.49**.

Thank you for your support and donations.

Christmas Jumper Day



We raised £225. This money will be donated to a school that we support in Ethiopia, where Mrs Griffin (ex teacher of Green Lanes) teaches.
Thank you

Key Stage 2 News

Happy New Year! Year 3 Monet are very excited about their swimming lessons this term! Just a reminder, goggles should not be worn unless there is a specific medical reason in which we would require a letter from their doctor. This is because, in an emergency situation they would not have goggles with them.

We are starting our 'Rocks and Soils' topic in Science this term and are pleased to say that our quarry and Amwell Nature Reserve visits will be going ahead. We are just waiting for final confirmation on dates and will let you know as soon as possible.

Year 4 are excited to be starting their new topic for this term of 'Weather around the World'. We will be linking this topic with a range of other subjects including Science, Geography and Computing. We will be conducting investigations and research into other countries and their weather.

They will also be continuing their Science focus on 'Electricity' over the next few weeks, investigating which materials are conductors and why. They will also learn how to create a working circuit and identifying problems with faulty circuits and how to correct them.

Year 5 have had a great start to the year! Many of the children have carried out fantastic homework, collecting essential research for their English unit. The children are thoroughly enjoying this 'Explanation' unit of 'How to explore a particular region'. We have enjoyed sharing factual information that the children have found over the Christmas break.

You will have received a letter about our exciting trip to the British Museum this term. This is linked to our new topic of 'Ancient Greece', which the children have started studying in class.

Year 6 have been studying 'World War Two' in History. They are enjoying investigating the sources and working as history detectives to answer the questions about why the 'Battle of Britain' was so important. They will also be learning about the 'Shang Dynasty' in History this term which will give them inspiration for their own 'Chinese Tales' later in the term.

In English, we have been listening to a range of poets performing their own poems and reading poetry by Pie Corbett. They have studied the features in these poems and used them as an inspiration to write their own fantastic poetry.

GLSA NEWS

Christmas Fair This was a very successful event, raising an amazing £3200! A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and staff that helped to organise the fair. Also a special thank you to all the children, parents, carers, and friends that attended the fair.



Christmas Calendars We still have a few calendars left. If you would like to make a purchase, please contact the School Office. Thank you to all the friends and families that have already purchased a school calendar.

GLSA Valentines Disco Will be taking place **Friday 9th February 2018**. The team will shortly be preparing for this annual event. If you would like to help with the preparations, please speak to Mr. Stuart Thornhill or a member of the GLSA Team.

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

Important: 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 remember to complete your online application by the stated date. For further information and advice please contact www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

