

# Green Lanes Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Issue 3



## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30pm

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30pm

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

International Food Day



GLSA Halloween Disco

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

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**School Commences at 8:50am**

Anti – Bullying Week

Year 6 Joy of Reading – University of Hertfordshire

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Year 6 PGL Marchants Hill Residential Trip

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Year 4 Big Bang

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Year 1 & 2 Cinema Trip

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Year 1 Morris Class Assembly at 9am

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need Day



Year 6 Assembly at 9am

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## Welcome

Next week is our parent consultation meetings. Please note these appointments are a maximum of 10 minutes. Please contact the office directly for available appointment times if you have not booked using the online system. You will also be able to see the fantastic artwork and displays around the school. The theme this year is 'Diversity'.

During October, November we will be looking at 'Black History Month' and focusing on 'Anti-Bullying'. We are also introducing a new event, 'World Food Day' where we are celebrating the diverse cultures that now make up Green Lanes Primary. If you would like to be involved in this event or other events, please let your child's class teacher know.

We have been discussing school rules with the children and have simplified them to just three; **Kindness, Respect and Safety**. The classes have been working towards everyone working as a team to **all** get on the 'Green Triangles/Rainbow', they have made a great start already!

If you have any unwanted Lego we would greatly appreciate any donations, as amongst the wide range of clubs we have at the school is a newly formed Lego Club. Please leave any donations at the main office.

Please remember that due to allergies no nut products should be in packed lunches. KS2 children are only allowed fruit or dried fruit snacks at break time. Thank you for your support in this.

## Foundation News

The children enjoyed having their first school photograph taken last week. They all looked extremely smart and remembered to smile for the camera.

We have continued with our topic 'All About Me' and enjoyed learning all about the bones in our bodies. The children then had fun making skeleton pictures out of art straws.

The children are making great progress with their letters and we are now starting to write some simple words. Please continue to practise letter formation with your child at home.



We are starting to issue reading books to the children as they are ready. When your child brings books home to share please hear them read every day – little and often is best!

Please can you make sure that your child brings their book bag into school every day. We often have letters to send home and it is much easier for your child if they have a book bag to carry them in. Thank you for your continued support.

## Key Stage 1 News

Well done Rousseau class on their fantastic assembly today, we have all learnt more about 'Living Things'.

Year 1 enjoyed their Geography Walk around the local area, identifying features along the route and following their maps. Thank you to all the parents who helped to make it possible.

In English we have been making 'Labels, Lists and Caption' in our 'Non-Fiction' topic. On 'Empty Classroom Day' we used the snake number line on the KS1 Playground to practise our counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We also read outside with our Year 4 Reading Buddies.

In Year 2 we have been working on our English topic of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have planned our own twist to the story and are writing our own versions using fantastic story language.



For our D&T topic, we will be designing and making puppets based on the characters in 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Please let us know if you are available to support D&T lessons next week. Thank you.

## 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.

### NEW LUNCH MENU



The new Winter/Spring 2017-18 School Lunch Menu will be issued to your child shortly. The price of a school meal 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.

If on a particular day, your child does not like any of the meal choices, please provide them with a packed lunch as the cook is unable to cater for individual preferences. **All dinner payments should be made in advance by Wisepay, cheque or cash.**

### CHILDREN IN NEED

We are supporting 'BBC Children in Need' this year and we have the following items for sale in the school office:

Wrist Bands - £1.00  
Pudsy Ears - £2.50

Please ensure that your child has the correct money with them to make their purchases. All proceeds will be going to the fundraiser.



## Key Stage 2 News

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trips to the Henry Moore Foundation last week! The sun shone as we looked at the abstract sculptures and learned about Henry's life as an artist.

We became artists ourselves in the afternoon, sketching some of the pieces in our 'Visual Diaries'. We added tone and texture using shading and lines, and even drew the 'negative space'. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied us on our trip, we hope you enjoyed the day too.

Year 4 have been really enjoying their Science lessons on 'Solids, Liquids and Gases' so far this term. Last week we changed a solid into a liquid and then changed it back into its original state. The children loved that this solid just so happened to be chocolate that they used to make Rice Krispie Cakes to take home and eat!

We have also been continuing to enjoy our topic on 'Myths and Legends' in English and have drafted our own 'Anglo Saxon Myths' based around a hero that has gone on a quest.

Year 5 have spent the last couple of weeks

working on their 'Viking Legends'. Children were able to use their homework grid, which they had completed brilliantly, to support their writing throughout the week. You will be able to read their 'Viking Legends' work at parents evening next week.

Year 5 Sanchez enjoyed their visit to Pizza Express where they were taught the art of Pizza making and even got to take home their very own margherita pizza. The children listened well and very much enjoyed tasting them when they returned to school.

Year 6 have been really enjoying their work in English on 'Discussion Texts'. They have taken part enthusiastically when investigating arguments for and against on a range of topics and are looking forward to writing their own discussion texts next week.

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents, who attended the Marchants Hill Information Evening on Tuesday. Please ensure all medical forms are handed into the school office no later than Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Finally, many thanks to all the parents that have sent in their slip for 'International Food Day' – we are looking forward to trying your delights.

## GLSA NEWS

**HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS DISCO** Will be taking place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Foundation & Key Stage 1 times are 5-6pm, and KS2 times are 6:15-7:15pm. Entrance £2.** If you would like to help with preparations, during or after the disco, please speak to Stuart Thornhill or Heather Bottomley. Please remember, if you do not have a current DBS Certificate, you can still help at this event but you will be unable to work directly with children unsupervised.

**A NIGHT AT THE RACES** Will be taking place on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm.** Posters will be located around the school building, which will provide further information about the fun evening. Tickets are £5pp (advance) / £6pp (door, if available). Tickets may be purchased from the School Office or Mr. Andy Noble.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Hatfield Foodbank** Thank you to all those parents and carers that donated food to the trust. You raised a total 111.05kg of food. Your donations make a big difference to local people in crisis.

**October Messy Church Light Festival** will be taking place at **St Michael and All Angels Church, Birchwood Avenue, Hatfield on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm – 5:30pm.** There will be crafts and games, time to talk, and cooked tea for all. Cost is £3.50 per family (1 Adult and Child aged 1 and over), £1 for each additional child. Please contact Carole Porter on 07719 988501 for further information.

**FUTURE SPORTS** will be running a **FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS FUN WEEK** on site. Dates are **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 9am – 3pm. Cost: £45 (if paid in advance) or £52 on the day for 4 days, or £15 per day (Sibling Discount). Age: 4 – 12 years old.** To book a place or for further enquiries, please contact Simon on 07789 778264 or John on 07747 136714, alternatively e-mail: [futuresportscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:futuresportscoaching@gmail.com).

**HERTFORDSHIRE SPORTS VILLAGE** are offering a range of activities over the holidays, including climbing, swimming, multi-sports, soft play and youth fitness. Please book online by visiting [www.hertssportsvillage.co.uk](http://www.hertssportsvillage.co.uk) or call 01707 284466.

**UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE UH ARTS Nonsense Room Productions** will be performing 'Shark in the Park' (based on the books by Nick Sharratt) at the **Weston Auditorium, University of Hertfordshire, AL10 9EU, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm.** Ticket prices are £12 (£40 Family Ticket). Please contact the Box Office on 01707 281127 or visit [www.uharts.co.uk](http://www.uharts.co.uk) to book tickets or for further information.

**DANCE – BEAT** are running dance classes on site every Thursday. Come along and try one of the dance classes for £1. Class Timetable Leaflets are situated in the school reception area. Please contact Laura on 07921 817633 or email [info@dance-beat.co.uk](mailto:info@dance-beat.co.uk) for further information.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS** Please note that the deadline for **Secondary School September 2018 Intake for Applications is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.**