

Green Lanes Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017

Issue 5



Diary Dates

Friday 24th November

Year 5 Sanchez Assembly

GLSA Race Night – 8pm

Friday 1st December

Occasional Day – **School Closed**

Monday 4 December

Book Fayre Week

Fruit & Veg, Milk Orders – Last Day for completed order slips and payments to be returned to the School Office

Tuesday 5th December

Foundation Stage – Christmas Production 2.15pm (No Pre-School Aged Children Permitted)

Wednesday 6th December

Foundation Stage – Christmas Production 2.15pm

Friday 8th December

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

GLSA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 12th December

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

Wednesday 13th December

School Christmas Lunch



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

Tuesday 19th December

END OF TERM – School finishes at 2:15pm

Welcome

Thank you for all your kind donations for our 'Spotty - Children in Need' non-uniform day. The children and staff enjoyed dressing down for the day as well as raising funds for charity. The total so far is £380!

The term is packed full of events for the GLSA; tonight is the 'Race Night' and please look out for the new School Calendar 2018! The Christmas Fayre, Friday 8th December, 3:30-5:30pm is fast approaching and is one of the biggest events of the year! Your child can wear non-uniform on this day in exchange for a tombola item. Please remember to tell friends and family to come and join us for this festive event. The Grand Prize tickets have gone on sale. We thank you in advance for your support in selling these.

Children in Foundation and Years 1 & 2 are now busy learning their lines and songs for

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their productions. Please help them by practising at home. We are planning to send you photographs of your child in costume via the MarvellousMe app for Years 1 & 2 and the Kaleidoscope app for Foundation. If you need help accessing these apps, please let us know and we will be happy to help. Please be aware that we have children in the productions who do not have permission to be filmed or photographed.

The Christmas post boxes will be appearing next week. If your child wants to send a Christmas card to another child in the school. They can use the school Christmas Postboxes outside Matisse, Rousseau or Da Vinci. Please remember to include surnames and class names. We promise a speedy delivery and no stamp is necessary!

Friday 1st December is our occasional/closure day. School will finish at normal time on Thursday 30th November.

Foundation News

This week the children have enjoyed making 'Homes' for the 'Three Little pigs'. We have experimented with lots of different materials to see which are wolf proof!



Thank you for helping the children to learn their lines for our Christmas Play. Rehearsals are going very well and the children are all finding their nice loud, clear voices. If you have not already done so, please can you send your child's costume in to school in a named carrier bag by **Monday 27th November**.



As the weather is getting colder please can we ask that all hats, gloves, scarves and coats are named. This way if they are lost, we are able to reunite them with their correct owner.

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1 enjoyed their visit from Hertford Museum this week when they investigated 'Toys from the Past' and found out what they were made of. Thank you to Mrs Ferris for organising this event and making our learning fun.

In English we have been learning to recite 'The Charlie Story' by adding actions. Ask the children to share the story with you! We have been using 'Adjectives' to describe the characters in the story and sequencing the events on a story map. Next week we will be making our own class version of the story.

This week Year 2 have started to learn about 'Instructions' and have enjoyed reading lots of different examples. Next week they will be starting to plan and then write their own instructions for how to get around a special land. Please encourage the children to continue to read different types of instructions at home, for example how to play a game or how to bake a cake. This will really help them in the classroom.

We have also started to practise our Christmas Production called 'Christmas with the Aliens' which is very exciting! Look out for letters next week which will explain what part your child has and what they will need to wear for the performances.

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.

SCHOOL MILK, FRUIT & VEG



Reminder: Fruit & Veg, Milk Orders – Last day for completed order slips and payments to the School Office is **Monday 4th December**. Any orders received after this date, will not be processed by the suppliers.

MUSIC TUITION



If your child receives music tuition through the school, and would like to continue with their tuition next term, please ensure to 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.



For this year's appeal, we raised **£380!**

Thank you for your support and donations.

Key Stage 2 News

KS2 enjoyed their visits to the cinema this week. The children walked very sensibly and were a credit to the school. Thank you to all the adult helpers who offered their time to come with us.

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed being 'Geography Detectives'. Last week we investigated why New Zealand has so many 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes'. We compared the effects of earthquakes in different countries around the world. The children thought how lucky they were to live in the UK, far away from the Pacific Ring of Fire!

Year 4 had a fantastic 'Anglo Saxon Day' yesterday; the children looked brilliant in their costumes. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day and took part in a range of activities including designing and making their own Anglo Saxon shields and brooches. They sampled food from that era and even made some illuminated letters!

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make the day a success and bring their learning to life!

Well done to Year 5 Sanchez for their wonderful class assembly. It was able to showcase the wide range of learning they have carried out so far this academic year. The children were able to take us on their own 'Viking Legend', using all their own writing from class. This included both the Viking Legend itself and share with us a range of newspaper articles. They were able to adapt their writing styles to both a fictional and non-fictional piece.

Both Year 5 classes have also enjoyed making their longboats in DT. The children had the opportunity to plan these to ensure they would float and remain waterproof, before having the opportunity to decorate them. Many thanks to the parents for providing them with a range of materials to achieve this.

Year 6 are really enjoying writing their 'Flashback Stories' in English. They are thinking carefully about how to build up suspense in their writing. We are looking forward to reading their completed stories.

Finally, due to the colder weather, please can you ensure your child/children have tracksuit bottoms in their PE kits. They should be either plain black, grey or green. No other colour is permitted. Thank you.

GLSA NEWS

RACE NIGHT Will be taking place tonight, **Friday 24th November, 8pm**. Tickets are still available and may be purchased from the School Office or Mr. Andy Noble. Tickets are £5pp (advance) / £6pp (door, if available).

GREEN LANES SCHOOL CALENDER 2018 is now available to purchase. 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. Order forms have been issued via book bags and can be also purchased at the Christmas Fayre.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Will be taking place **Friday 8th December, 3:30 – 5:30pm**. The GLSA are kindly asking for the following donations: -

Toys, books, games and puzzles that are in good condition with no missing pieces or pages. Donation Boxes for gifts are located outside the School Office.



Helpers – If you are able to offer your time, please contact a member of the GLSA or Stuart Thornhill on glsa@greenlanes.herts.sch.uk We will need help setting up, running stalls and tidying up. Your help will be greatly appreciated in organising this fun event.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Primary School Applications September 2018, Application Deadline for children commencing **Reception Places** is **Monday 15th January 2018**. Please ensure to complete your online application by the stated date. For further information and advice please contact www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Christmas Pantomimes and Productions The following pantomimes and productions are running at various theatres:

Rapunzel Saturday 2nd December – Monday 1st January 2018, at Hertford Theatre, 01992 531500.
Aladdin Thursday 7th December – Sunday 7th January 2018, at The Alban Arena, 01727 844488.

Please contact local Box Offices for tickets and further information.