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1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

December has arrived so we are now in full Christmas preparation mode, starting next week with ...

Travelling Crib

As we approach the season of Advent, we are asking each class to take time and reflect on the meaning of Christmas for Christians. In the preparation for Christmas it is easy in our busy lives to forget the reason why we celebrate.

The Christmas crib will be travelling from class to class throughout the school during the next few weeks, to symbolise the difficult journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Each class will find a quiet moment to look at the figures and to read a selection of books linked to Christmas.

You will be able to follow the journey on our school Twitter page @greenleasps (which is now back up and running!)

National Games Santa Dash

On Friday 8th December, Greenleas will be taking part in the National Games Santa Dash. This isn't a fundraising event but simply a great way for our children to get active, kick start the Christmas celebrations and get in the spirit!

This will involve the children getting active by choosing how they move their bodies around the Golden Mile for 10 minutes during the school day, in their Santa hats. They could trot like a reindeer, stroll like Santa, skip like an elf or even stomp like a snowman!

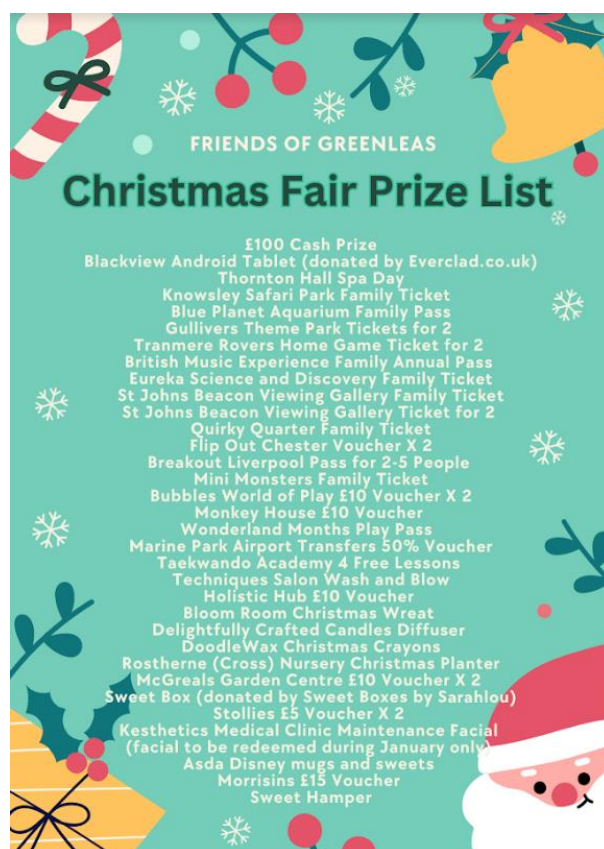
All we ask, is that if you have a Santa hat (or festive hairband/ribbons etc..) at home that the children wear it on this day (It is also non uniform day in exchange for a bottle) ready for the Santa Dash, please don't worry if you don't, everyone can still get involved.

Check out our twitter (X) page on this day for photos of your child/children taking part.

FOG Christmas Fair Friday 8th December 3:30pm-5pm



Your child should now have come home with an envelope with Grand Draw tickets. If you would like to purchase any please print your name and contact number on the back and return to the School Office with the money in the envelope provided. Please return any tickets you do not wish to buy so we can redistribute them. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Nativity F2 and KS1

Christmas performances by children are always very special events and a staple of a school Christmas. The scripts are ready and the children are rehearsing!

F2's performance is on Tuesday 12th December at 9am. No tickets are required but a maximum of 2 adults per child are invited to attend.

KS1 has two performance on Friday 15th December, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This is a ticketed event and these are being distributed from the Department based on your requests.

Further information will be sent out to the relevant parents, where needed.

PJ Movie Night

FOG have planned this fundraiser for after school on Monday 18th December 2023.

Time: 3:15pm-4:30pm

Cost: £3.00 (includes a drink and popcorn)

Children will watch an age appropriate Christmas movie in their own year groups.

Children can come to school wearing their PJ in readiness for the movie. If your child doesn't want to attend the movie but wants to wear PJs we are asking for a £1.00 donation.

At 4:30pm, children will be dismissed from their classrooms as normal. All children will need to be collected by an adult.

Children who are booked into our After School Club will be able to attend at no additional cost and will go back into ASC at 4:30pm and can be collected as normal from there.

If you would like your child to attend, please send £3.00 in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front.

Deadline for booking a place: 15th December 2023

Whole School Christmas Service

One of the highlights of Christmas at Greenleas is the walk up to St Nicholas Church for our annual whole school Christmas Service. This year we will all venture up to church on the morning of Tuesday 19th December. Children should wear school uniform on this day.

Rudolph Run and Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 20th December 2023, the children will take part in a charity Rudolph Run in aid of Wirral St John's Hospice. The children will receive a pair of reindeer antlers to wear whilst completing their run. All proceeds raised will be donated to this local charity.

After a good run the children will be ready for a hearty meal. Christmas dinner is booked in for after the event. Please order on ParentPay by the deadline to ensure that a meal is ordered for your child.

On this day, children can wear a Christmas jumper with their own trousers/skirts (and sensible shoes). If your child doesn't have a festive sweater already, just dig out a plain jumper and decorate it with some tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes. Please don't go to any expense!

Party Afternoon

We will celebrate the end of this term with class parties on Thursday 21st December. Children can come to school in party clothes, though please remember they will still be playing out so something warm and suitable for playtimes.

During w/c 11.12.23 we will be sending your child home with a party food bag. Please provide your child with no more than 2 small snacks (such as crisps and a biscuit or cake) and a drink for the party. They will not require much as the party is after lunchtime so they should still be quite full. Party bags are to be returned only on party day – Thursday 21st December.

Pantomime

For a festive treat the children will get the opportunity to join in with the classic panto antics of Cinderella on the last day of term, Friday 22nd December. This Christmas treat has been funded by FOG. On this day, children can again wear their Christmas jumper with their own trousers/skirts (and sensible shoes). If your child doesn't have a festive sweater already, just dig out a plain jumper and decorate it with some tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes. Please don't go to any expense!

Staffing Updates

Vacancy: We are currently looking for a School Business Manager. This is a vital role to support the safe, smooth and successful running of a school and we need to fill this vacancy as soon as possible. If you know anyone who is reliable, dedicated and would be a great asset to our Greenleas 'family' please share the link with them. Thank you.

Diary Dates

08.12.23 Non-uniform Day (with a festive hat!) in exchange for a bottle (wine, spirits, bubble bath, shower gel...ketchup! etc.)

08.12.23 FOG Christmas Fair 3:30pm

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8.12.23	Non-uniform Day in exchange for a bottle (wine, spirits, bubble bath, shower gel...ketchup! etc.)
08.12.23	FOG Christmas Fair 3:30pm
12.12.23	9:15am F2 Christmas Performance
15.12.23	9:15am KS1 Nativity and 2pm
19.12.23	St Nicholas Service for children
20.12.23	Whole School Reindeer Run
20.12.23	School Christmas Dinner
21.12.23	Party Afternoon
22.12.23	Am Cinderella Panto End of Term 3:15pm

General Reminders

- Keep personal belongings brought into school to a minimum. **We do not have the space on pegs for children to be bringing in rucksacks.**
- Bring a labelled water bottle daily (no juice please).
- Please ensure all clothing is labelled so that misplaced items can be returned to their owner.
- Please check Arbor, ParentPay and the website frequently for important updates.
- Registration is at 8:55am, children can arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am.
- Street Schools is in operation between 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Restricted access in Greenleas Close during these times.
- If your child rides their bike to school, can you please remind them about road safety and being aware of pedestrians on the pavement. Some of our older children, are quite fast on their bikes and there have been a few near misses with pedestrians.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sharon Edwards
Headteacher