



# Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## Gregson Green Christmas Food Appeal

Thank you to all those who have already donated items for this Christmas appeal.

Donations can be made via school until Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Any further donations would be greatly appreciated.

### Classroom News

During their theme of 'The Holiday Season', Acorn Class pupils have been learning all about cold places in the world. Our youngest pupils have particularly enjoyed learning about polar bears and have even made their own polar bears too! In the next three weeks, Acorn Class are looking forward to writing letters to Father Christmas and finishing reading 'Lost and Found' to discover what happens to the penguin!

Our Oak Class elves are learning about the difference between new and old toys, including home-made, wooden toys, as part of their theme of 'Santa's Workshop'. Oak Class pupils have loved their new story 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and have used their senses to describe the story setting. In geography, they have enjoyed looking for countries on maps and globes and have learned about countries in the Arctic Circle.

In their art lessons, our Elm Class children have become mini versions of L.S. Lowry! They have loved starting to paint their own Lowry masterpieces using his techniques and have learned all about his life. Pupils have been learning to create tone using sketch pencils and how to mix colours like Lowry. As part of their Victorians theme, Elm Class are looking forward to experiencing A Victorian Christmas during a class visit to Gawthorpe Hall on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

In Ash Class, James reports that: 'I have learned that Romans have baths together and Romans believed that if they put a coin in the water, a god would heal people. I have enjoyed looking at Roman artefacts and making a mosaic.'

George from Maple Class writes: 'We have learned lots in our theme of Anglo-Saxons. We have been reading the book 'Beowulf', which is very interesting. I have enjoyed doing P.E. and English. They are my favourite subjects, because I love being sporty and I love the passion of writing. I would now like to finish our shields for our Anglo-Saxon theme.'

From Elder Class, Toby writes: 'In theme lessons, I have learned that, if you only had one leg in World War Two, you would get a hard, wooden one. I have enjoyed writing a war story, because, in your head, you can imagine what it was like all those years ago. I hope that we can have a homecoming party, which is when soldiers come back from war for a few days.'

### Dodgeball

On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, after school, eight Coupe Green students went to a fun and exciting dodgeball event. We played nine games and won four of them. We learned to be a team player and support our team. I enjoyed learning new things and unique tactics. I also enjoyed playing in a team. We learned the rules of dodgeball and how to play it. This was a fun experience that we loved.

by Ruby from Elder Class

### Target Sports Club

At target sports club, we have played dodgeball and basketball. So far, the best thing about target practice has been when we played lots of ball games. I have learned the rules of different games.

by Freya from Ash Class

### Fire Safety Talks

Reporting about a recent fire safety visit for years two and three, Ethan from Ash Class writes: 'Firemen talked about stop, drop and roll and a fire escape plan. I enjoyed acting, when we pretended to put out a fire. I now know how to stay calm if there is a fire in my house.'

## Friends Of Coupe Green News

Following a very enjoyable celebration evening and AGM in The Oak on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, we are delighted that we now have two school parents, Sarah Nickson and Vicky Roberts-Mitchell, jointly sharing the role of chairperson of The Friends Of Coupe Green. If, at any point, you would like to volunteer to assist with any role at any event or you have ideas for fundraising, please don't hesitate to contact Sarah or Vicky.

Thank you very much to all those who contributed a tombola prize or a bottle for our upcoming Christmas Fayre, as part of our non-uniform day, last Friday. The collection of donations all together looked wonderful and ensured there will certainly be so many bargains to be won as prizes on the various stalls at the fayre this weekend.

Please join us in school between 1:00pm and 3:00pm tomorrow, Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, for what promises to be a lovely event. There will be a variety of stalls with items on offer, including toys, Christmas jumpers, wreaths and bottles. Along with these stalls, there will also be games, crafts, a raffle, refreshments and Santa's Grotto. Come along, have a great afternoon and pick up some Christmas bargains!

### Online Safety Tip

Playing games online is incredibly popular with lots of our children and the gaming world is evolving fast - in many cases faster than we can keep up! To help you know your child is safe whilst gaming online, you can set parental controls on all popular gaming devices. To find out how to do this for Playstation, Xbox and Nintendo devices, follow the link below.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/how-to-set-up-parental-controls-on-popular-gaming-devices/>

### Speeding

One of our greatest priorities as a school is to ensure that children are safe. This includes when travelling to school. It has been brought to school's attention that some cars travel far too quickly, which can put our children at risk. Please can we remind parents, who are driving to school, to travel within sensible speed limits, for everyone's safety. Thank you.

### Battery Recycling Point

As part of our recycling at school, we have a battery recycling point. Please feel free to bring used batteries to the school office. Thank you.



## Christmas Preparations

KS1 and Reception pupils are busy learning scripts and songs for this year's nativity production: A Bundle Of Joy. Letters are going home to their parents today with booking details of how we hope to safely have a reduced, live audience this year. Please see our diary below for nativity dates.

KS2 Choir Club pupils are busy practising a medley of Christmas songs with Miss Cook and Mrs Dowbekin. They will be spreading some festive cheer by singing to shoppers at Asda, Clayton Green on Tues, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

All pupils are invited to enjoy two special, festive lunches. On Weds, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, a traditional Christmas lunch will be served, while on Thurs, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, there is a special party food lunch. Please remember to book your child's lunch for those days on Parentpay, so your child can join in the fun!

Diary Dates	
<b>Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	1:00 – 3:00 FOCG Christmas Fayre in School
<b>Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Intrahealth Flu Vaccination Catch up
<b>Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	3:15pm – 4:30pm Choir Club (Session 3 of 4)
<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Paralympic Festival Day for Years 1 – 6.
<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	3:15pm – 4:30pm Choir Club (Session 4 of 4)
<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	3:30pm – 4:30pm Target Sports Club (Week 4 of 5)
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	1:30pm Fire Safety Talk for Year 6
<b>Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Elm Class Visit to Gawthorpe Hall
<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9:30am School Choir singing at Asda, Clayton Green
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Elder Class Visit to The Museum of Lancashire
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	3:30pm – 4:30pm Target Sports Club (Week 5 of 5)
<b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Screen Showing of 'Aladdin' Pantomime in School
<b>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
<b>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	2:00pm Nativity Performance (1 of 3) of 'A Bundle Of Joy'
<b>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	2:00pm Nativity Performance (2 of 3) of 'A Bundle Of Joy'
<b>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9:30am Pre-School Christmas Performance 11:45am Christmas Lunch 2:00pm Nativity Performance (3 of 3) of 'A Bundle Of Joy'
<b>Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Party Day with Party Lunch. School closes for the holidays at 3:15pm.