



Greenhall Nursery

Newsletter

Autumn (2) 2017

Learning together, having fun!

From the Headteacher

As I look back on the past year, I feel very proud of all we have achieved as a School Community. It has been a busy term and as always, it has been a joy to see the children progress. I really enjoy reading reports for EHCP reviews and reflecting on the children's learning journeys since they started with us at Greenhall—it is a real pleasure to lead such a hard-working and dedicated team of staff and I would like to thank them all for their continued efforts.

Exciting news!

As you may be aware, we have been well supported by the local community and have been busy developing our outdoor areas. I am delighted to announce that we have been successful in a bid to The Lords Taverners which will enable us to complete the playground area that we have been fundraising for over the past 3 years! This will feature an accessible roundabout, a basket swing, a trampoline and a selection of musical and sensory toys. Work should hopefully start in February 2018 so that it is finished ahead of the warmer weather that will come our way later in the year! I am feeling optimistic after all the snow! Many thanks to all those who have supported this fundraising project over the years and we look forward to celebrating the completion and opening of this area in 2018! It will be called 'Paddy's Playground' after the late Paddy O'Leary, former Governor and one of the founders of Greenhall.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing the children again on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Visit to Blithbury Reindeer Lodge

The children had a fantastic time seeing the reindeer, Santa, and making biscuits. Thanks to Stafford Castle Rotary for their help with transport and to all the parents and friends that came to help! It was a lovely day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Plans are already underway for an educational visit next term.



Campfire

We had great fun holding a campfire in the grounds at nursery as part of our Bonfire Night celebrations.

We toasted marshmallows and sang songs!

Property Developments

Jessup & Stafford and Rural Homes have started their developments of 40 new homes in Woodlands Road and Second Avenue - Full details can be found at www.sarh.co.uk

Shine Star Shine

The children were super-stars during this year's Christmas Concert and we are very proud of them all! It was lovely to see so many families supporting this event.



Dates for your diary

Term ends: Tuesday 19 December at 1.30pm
Holiday: Wednesday 20 December – Tues 2 January

Spring Term 2018

INSET: School Closed to pupils— Wednesday 3 January

Term starts: Thursday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February

Term ends: Thursday 29 March

Holiday: Friday 30 March - Wednesday 11 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 1 April

Summer Term 2018

INSET: School closed to pupils

Thursday 12 April

Friday 13 April

Term starts: Monday 16 April

May Day: Monday 7 May

Half Term: Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June

Term ends: Friday 20 July

Holiday: Monday 23 July - Friday 31 August

Makaton Workshop

We will be hosting a Makaton workshop in January 2018...look out for further details!

Thank you to **Road chef at Norton Canes** for continuing to host collection tins for us and for Janet & Jill for their support. Their last collection raised £229

We would like to say a big thankyou for the support we have received this term.....

Tithe Barn Court for sending Chocolate Gifts for all the Children

Bristol Street, Stafford for sponsoring our 2018 Calendar and

Adrian Clarke for taking the amazing photographs.

Stafford Audi for sending Christmas gifts for all the children

Stafford Harriers

for their kind donation

Aiden Stockill for completing the mud run and fundraising for us

Dudley Ex Servicemens club for their

kind donation Jessups for the Christmas books for the children

'Little Learners' Governor-run Provision at Greenhall

'Little Learners' is open to the wider community. If you would like more information, please visit the section under 'Community' on the school website.

For **parents with children who think they may be entitled to the 30 hours of free funding**, visit <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/childcare/families/EarlyEducation/Early-Education.aspx> for further information.

Grandparents Lunch & SNUG

We were delighted to have so many Grandparents join us for lunch at Harvest. It was a pleasure to have Anne Hawkes, founder of Special Needs United Grandparents (SNUG) join us. Anne is a grandparent of an ex-pupil of Greenhall and used to be lunchtime supervisor with us. She got the idea for the group several years ago following a Grandparents lunch at Greenhall.

For more information about SNUG visit

<https://specialneedsgrandparents.wordpress.com/>

The Governing Board

The Governors at Greenhall are responsible for overseeing many of the strategic decisions of the school. They act as a 'critical friend' to the Headteacher, supporting, challenging and representing different parts of the school community.

We are delighted to welcome Annette Martinez (Sophia's Mum) to join us as a parent governor and look forward to working with her in the year ahead.

We have a vacancy on the Governing Board. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

To contact the governors, please email

governor@greenhall.staffs.sch.uk