



The Grove School Newsletter

Wonder – Explore - Grow

Newsletter 2020

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Key Diary Dates

FEBRUARY 2020

13TH – DUCKLING CLASS ASSEMBLY

14TH – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

MARCH 2020

4TH – SCHOOL DISCO

4TH – WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION

19TH & 20TH MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

23RD – CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

1ST APRIL – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE
EASTER HOLIDAYS AT 15:15

REGULAR EVENTS

VENUE – PITSTOP CLUB

MONDAYS

8.45AM – 10.15AM – COFFEE

MORNING

TUESDAYS

9.00AM–10.30AM–ENGLISH CORNER

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe we are coming to the end of another half term. It has been a busy half term and our Governing Body have been especially busy.

Governors come into school each half term to monitor the progress of the school against the school development plan. This half term they met with children and staff to talk about learning in History and Reading. The children were able to talk with confidence about all they have learnt this term and in previous years.

Last term, both governors and myself wrote to tell you about my move to the North West which will take me and my husband closer to family, as well as provide me with the opportunity to lead another school as headteacher. This half term the governors have had the governors had the important task of recruiting for my replacement. I am pleased to be able to inform you that the governors have been successful and have been able to appoint an experienced leader to take my place from the start of next term (April 2020).

I look forward to introducing my replacement to everyone during the course of next half term as we begin to work together to ensure a smooth handover.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the Chair of Governors giving you more details about the appointment.

This term, in our whole school assemblies, we are thinking about how we can help each other to understand and manage our emotions, thinking and behaviour by practicing **TEN helpful habits**. These habits are taken from the work of Professor Steve Peters, author of The Chimp Paradox and a book specifically written for children called My Hidden Chimp.

Please ask your children about Habits 1, 2 and 3.

Maybe as a family you could all help each other to practice them. Let me know how you get on.

Kind regards
Ms Karen Martin,
Headteacher



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Our Value for this Half Term is

HONESTY



School Meals

Year 3 – 6 meals cost £2.25 per day

Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal.

Children can have soup as well as a main course.

There is always a vegetarian option available along with pasta/jacket potato followed by a dessert.

Fruit, yoghurt and cheese and biscuits are available each day.

Please encourage your child to try one of our delicious lunches.

Parent Consultations

Tuesday, 11th February 2020 3.30pm-5.30pm (Penguin class only)

Wednesday, 12th February 2020 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday, 13th February 2020 3.30pm – 4.30pm and 5.00pm – 7.00pm

We are holding consultation meetings on Wednesday, 11th February 2020 between 3:30pm and 6:00pm and on Thursday, 12th February 2020 between 3:30pm and 4:30pm and 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Penguin class meetings will be on Tuesday and Wednesday only.

This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child is progressing and continue to think about how you, your child and the staff can work together to ensure your child achieves to the best of their ability and reaches their end of year targets.

Please log on via the link on the school website

www.thegroveschool.net and choose your preferred **day** and

appointment time. Usernames and passwords were sent out last

academic year, your username will be your firstname.surname. If you have any difficulties please contact the school office.

World Book Day

Wednesday 4th March

(NB. This is a day earlier than the official World Book Day so that children can wear their costumes to the PTFA disco)



World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children and here at The Grove. There will be several ways to get involved in these celebrations. On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book. So get reading and thinking... the dressing up possibilities are endless! If you're stuck for ideas then here are some easy solutions to your dilemma.

<https://www.mumsnet.com/books/world-book-day-costume-ideas>

This year we are celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday, 4th March 2020 and we are asking that children donate £1 to dress up, as for every £15 we raise we will be able to apply for a reading volunteer for our school.

Attendance at The Grove



January 2020 Attendance

Well done to
Kookaburra Class
achieved 98.3%
attendance

2nd Avocet Class 98.1 %

Overall school attendance 95.6%

School Target for 2019/2020 is 96%



School Disco

Wednesday 4th March

4:30pm-5:30pm for KS1 5:45pm-6:45pm for KS2

Tickets £2 each or £5 for 3 children

The Grove Goldfinches will be holding their first disco of the year on 4th March. Tickets will be on sale for £2 each, £5 for 3 children and £2.50 on the night (if any are still available). Siblings under 3 go free.

The disco coincides with World Book Day at The Grove, so the children can wear their costumes to the disco if they wish – there is a prize for the best costume! Hot dogs, tuck shop, squash and crisps will be on sale during the disco.

Tickets will be on sale between Monday 24th and Friday 28th February in the Gazebo in the KS2 playground.



The Golden Games Box



We will be introducing a 'Golden Games' box for classes whose children all have a 100% perfect PE kit in any one week. The classes who achieve this will enjoy a break time games session with games from the Golden Games box. This will include activities such as table top tennis, Boccia, speed stacking, co-operative team card games, magnetic darts and more. Please encourage your child to bring in their PE kit every week, if possible bring it on a Monday and leave it in school until Friday when it can be taken home and washed ready for the next week.

Each month we are aiming to say thank you to people who are supporting our school in a variety of ways. This month we want to say a big thank you to



Mr Tinkler for all of his hard work in preparing the Golden Games box for our pupils.