



# The Grove School Newsletter

## *Wonder – Explore - Grow*

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### Key Diary Dates

#### JUNE

**8<sup>th</sup> June** – Arbury Carnival

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – Father's Day Lunch

**13<sup>th</sup> June** – Hummingbird Assembly

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – am – KS1 Sports Day  
pm – KS2 Sports Day

#### JULY

**24<sup>th</sup> July** – School Closes at 2.15pm for  
the summer holidays

For further dates please read the  
"Dates for your Diary" at the bottom  
of the Newsletter. You might find it  
useful to pin the diary dates page  
onto your fridge door.

### Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that we have just started our final half term of this academic year. This half term is when we start preparing for new beginnings; a new year group, new schools for some, new children, new staff. It's also a time when we say goodbye to both children and staff as people head off in different directions and for new adventures.

I know that you will be as keen as the children to know which class your child will be in and who their teacher will be. I will write to you in the next couple of weeks to provide this information once everything has been finalised. Thank you in advance for your patience. Pupil numbers impacts on class organisation and how this will look is a mammoth task for governors to plan for. We want to ensure that decisions are always made with the best interests of your child at the centre. This Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, we are aiming to hold both KS1 and KS2 Sports Days however with the amount of rain that is currently falling we are not sure if the ground will be dry enough, even if the rain stops. We will make a decision on Wednesday evening whether to postpone the event and reschedule. Look out for an update.

The Parent Survey will be sent out in two weeks – please let us know your thoughts by completing it when issued.

Kind regards,

Ms Karen Martin, Headteacher

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### Ms Martin's Reading Challenge Update - to read a children's book each fortnight.

I am currently reading **The Girl of Ink and Stars** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. Following this I aim to read **Boy Under Water** by Adam Baron about a boy who has to overcome his fears.

*Which books have you and your children been sharing?*

**Do ask your children about the Summer Library Challenge?**



## Our Value for this Half Term is Courage

"Courage is the most important of all virtues, because without courage, you cannot practice any of the other virtues consistently."

– Maya Angelou



### Book Fair 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who came along and supported our book fair. We sold a fantastic £304.57 worth of books which in turn gave us £81.83 in commission to spend on books for our library.

## Library Re-launch

We have been working really hard, in partnership with many different companies, revitalising and restocking our school library.

We have restocked the library with hundreds of new and up-to date books to ignite the children's interest and the library has been reorganised so that it has become a much more user friendly and exciting place for the children to visit.

We have been very grateful to the many companies and individuals that have supported us with completing this project:

- The Foyle Foundation gave our school an amazing grant of £4500 to purchase new books to suit every interest and every age group.
- The Science Park has donated more than 100 books to our library which were chosen by staff and children. We continue to work in partnership with them and feel incredibly grateful that they have chosen our school as one of their community projects.
- This half term, volunteers from Norfolk Children's Book Centre came and reorganised and catalogued the books on our shelves using their immense knowledge and passion for school libraries. It took four people three days of their own time, as the job was so big!
- Juliette Guiglion has been our wonderful school library volunteer this year. She has been such a support in helping to organise the library and ensure that it remains a lovely space so that children can use it. We have been so grateful for her ongoing commitment and help.
- The PTFA have generously given the school £500, which we have spent on a comfortable sofa (arriving soon) for the library and even more books.



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### Attendance at The Grove



#### Summer Half Term Attendance



Well done to  
Toucan Class who achieved  
98.1% attendance

2<sup>nd</sup> – Woodpecker – 96.7%

3<sup>rd</sup> – Kingfisher – 97.5%

Overall school attendance  
96.1%

### 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.

### Class Assemblies

On alternate Thursday mornings a class will lead the assembly to share an aspect of their learning with the rest of the school. Parents are invited to these. The following classes will be leading an assembly this term.

- Hummingbird Class - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am
- Ostrich Class - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am
- Woodpecker Class - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9.05am

Please come into school via the school office.

### AstraZeneca – volunteers

AstraZeneca plc is a British-Swedish multi-national pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical company based on the Science Park. We have been very fortunate as they chose The Grove School as part of their enrichment in the community commitment. We had 30 volunteers join us in school before half term with a plan to revamp our Reception and Pitstop courtyards. They worked tirelessly throughout the day, lifting paving slabs, painting woodwork, cleaning and creating a musical board with trellis and saucepans! They also created planters from welly boots and tyres. As you can see from the pictures below, both courtyards have been transformed. You may also notice that there is a grassed area with a home for our new residents joining us in September – I wonder who they will be?!





## Arbury Carnival – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain and joined us for the Arbury Carnival Parade on Saturday. The weather was not on our side but it was lovely to see that this did not put off the hardy staff and families at The Grove! Everyone enjoyed the parade and by mid afternoon the rain had stopped as well!



## Policy for supporting Children in school with Medical Conditions

A Review of the Grove school 'Policy for supporting Children in school with medical conditions' has recently taken place in line with Public Health guidance September 2018.



The most significant change within our policy is the Diarrhoea and Vomiting guidelines which we have highlighted below.

Exclusion from school - Whilst symptomatic and until your child is fully clear of vomiting and diarrhoea.

Please keep your child away from school for **48 hours** after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea. Please ring the school office to notify us if you child is ill.

Seek further advice from your local health protection team if unsure.

Below there is a link to a handy booklet which has illustrations, photographs of common childhood diseases and supportive guidance. A booklet has been printed and a copy is in the school office if you are unable to download and look at the booklet yourselves.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/09/spotty-book-2018.pdf>

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 and well done to.....



all of the staff and pupils in Years 2 & 6 for their hard work in the weeks running up to the SATs and during the tests themselves and for having such positive, calm attitudes.

## Dates for your Diary – Summer 2

Week Beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonic Screening starts
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Lunch
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Hummingbird Assembly
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and Year 4 Cricket Tournament
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS1 - 9.30am KS2 - 1.00pm <i>Watch this space as we may have to rearrange due to the rainy conditions we are experiencing</i>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Aviary Class trip to Wicken Fen
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day to Netherhall, NCA and CC
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 2 Class Trip to Hunstanton
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day to Netherhall
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day to NCA
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 and Year 4 Class Trip to West Stow
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Eagle Puppet Performance to parents
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Kestrel Puppet Performance to parents
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultations to discuss the reports
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers Assembly 10am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School Holidays

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

School re-opens for Autumn Term