



# The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

From this week, I am going to go back to writing a weekly newsletter. Thank you to those who have stopped to talk to me about this and for saying how much you appreciate hearing from us.

As we come to the end of week 4, the weather has really changed. We are continuing to ventilate our school to try and keep the various viruses at bay, so please make sure that your child brings their green jumper to school. You will notice that we are continuing to sanitise and wash our hands regularly as well as continuing with the cleaning during the school day.

There are lots of viruses going around at the moment. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. Should your child catch Covid, the advice is that they should be at home for 3 days or until their temperature returns to normal. We have also seen a number of Chicken Pox cases in school over recent weeks too.

It is great to see all of our children in their uniform. I have been showing round lots of potential parents and they all note how smart all the children look. Thank you.

I am very much looking forward to our Christmas production this year. The singing practices have begun and the children are sounding amazing already. All our children in Fledglings (Nursery), Gosling, Wren and Flamingo are going to be involved which is very exciting. The "ahhh" factor is certainly going to be there.

As the winter starts to take hold, the impact of the cost of living is really starting to feel real for so many families. If you are finding things difficult, we are here to listen and can signpost you to other charities and groups who can help. There are a number of warm spaces in CB4 for anyone to use - everyone is welcome. The Citizens Advice Bureau is also there to give any financial guidance that people might need.

The Government also changed the criteria for children to receive a free school meal.

For your child to qualify for free school meals, you must get one of the following benefits:

- [Universal Credit](#) and your household income after tax is less than £7,400 per year (not including any benefits you get)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), as long as you are not getting [Working Tax Credit](#) and have an annual income of less than £16,190
- [income-related Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [Income Support](#)
- [income-based Jobseeker's Allowance](#)
- The guarantee part of [Pension Credit](#)
- Asylum seeker support.

Children aged between 16 and 18 who are getting Universal Credit in their own name can also get free school meals. From 19 April 2022, children whose families have No Recourse to Public Funds can get Free School Meals if their annual household income is:

- Less than £22,700 for families outside London with one child
- Less than £31,200 for families in London with one child
- Less than £26,300 for families outside London with two or more children
- Less than £34,800 for families in London with two or more children

If you would like any more information, please contact Mrs Ramsey or Mrs Cordell in our office, who will be able to help you. If you do qualify for your child to have a free school meal, this also brings further income in to the school to support teaching and learning. If your child is in Gosling, Wren or Flamingo, please apply for a free school meal for your child, if you are entitled, even though they receive a universal free school meal because of their age.

By this time next week, our decorations will be going up as we start our countdown to Christmas and the school holidays. I can't quite believe that December is almost upon us.

Finally, I am pleased to let you know that our 'Bags for Schools' initiative raised £96 for school funds, which will be used to help purchase gardening equipment for the children. We will be running the initiative again next summer.

Stay safe

Miss Shaw



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## The Red Hen Project

At The Grove we work closely with a charity who provide family support; The Red Hen Project.

Red Hen family workers work directly with families to promote positive, confident parenting and cooperative relationships between schools and families. Their work supports our school community to raise happy, healthy and independent children.

The Grove and The Red Hen project recognise that being a parent is challenging and sometimes extra support is needed. If you feel that your family would benefit from support please speak to a member of staff at school or email [getsupport@redhenproject.org](mailto:getsupport@redhenproject.org)



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## Attendance



Class Name	% attendance from Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
The Aviary	68%
Gosling	79%
Wren	90%
Ostrich	95%
Kookaburra	86%
Flamingo	93%
Kingfisher	93%
Toucan	90%
Hummingbird	90%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>89%</b>



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Rosettes at achievement assembly have been presented to:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Hummingbird: Nico, Ezmae

Toucan: Seren, Jayne

Kingfisher: Khadija, Delilah

Kookaburra: George B

Ostrich: Enrikas, Sofia

Flamingo: Aalimah, Mustafa

Wren: Abid, Evie-Lou

Gosling: Pedro, Elis

Aviary: Lena

Nursery: Maks