



The Grove Primary School

Newsletter

9th October 2017



Wonder—Explore—Grow

Value for the Half Term - Courage

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

(W Churchill)

Diary Dates

October

- 9th Stds Governors
- 18th Parents Evening
- 19th Parents Evening
- 23rd - 27th Half Term
- 30th INSET DAY
- 31st Flu Vaccinations

November

- 3rd School Disco
- 6th FGB Governors
- 9th EYFS Open Morning
9.15am to 10.15am
- 10th Maths Workshop
- 23rd EYFS Open Afternoon
2.00pm to 3.00pm

December

- 1st Decoration Day
- 5th EYFS Open Morning
9.15am to 10.15am
- 8th Christmas Fair
- 11th Stds Governors
- 13th KS1 Nativity
- 14th KS2 Carols
- 18th Christmas Lunch +
Christmas Jumpers
- 19th School Closes

January

- 3rd INSET

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is whizzing by and it will soon be half term break. I have been visiting your children's classes and exploring their books and it is clear to see that your children have been applying themselves diligently to their work. They are settled and I can see the progress they have already made in the first few weeks of this year. I encourage you to attend Parents evening so you can see your child's books for yourself.

If you have visited the office in the last week you may have noticed that we have a new member of staff. Ms Zoe Bell has joined us from Ely College and will be working in the office each afternoon, supporting the smooth running of the school. Please do say hello when you next visit the office.

This year as well as appointing the school House Captains we have introduced the Roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. The two pupils who have been appointed will be representing the school throughout the year in a range of different ways acting as our ambassadors. We hope that these roles are something younger children will aspire too.

The applications to be Head Boy and Girl were of a very high standard, and the staff took a long time deliberating and debating over the merits of each candidate. The Head Boy and Head Girl will be relied upon to be the first 'face' of The Grove, welcoming new parents and families to our community and supporting both staff and children alike in

the day-to-day running of the school. We are delighted to announce that our first-ever Head Girl is Cassidy and our first-ever Head Boy is Kodai.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thursday, 19th October 2017

- For pupils only this year



Last year we held our Harvest Festival at the Church of The Good Shepherd and this had been our aim for this year.

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be unable to use the church on the 19th October. Therefore we will be holding our Harvest Festival in school. Due to space this means that we will be unable to invite parents to our celebration. We will share images on Facebook and our website. Thank you for your understanding in this.

If your child could bring in a gift of store cupboard staples for the Harvest that would be appreciated. The food this year will be shared between Red Hen and the Food Bank that runs at The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Suggested items include

- cereal, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit.

We are still able to hold our KS2 carol service in the church later in the term.

Monday 31st October



For children in Reception to Year 4

EYFS OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2017?



We are holding open days for prospective parents of Reception children. If you have a child starting school next year or know of someone who does, please do let them know and come along to see what is happening at The Grove.

The sessions will be on

9th November 9.15am -10.15am

23rd November 2.00pm—3.00pm

5th December 9.15am—10.15am

Parents Evenings

Wednesday 18th October 3.30pm—6pm

Thursday 19th October 3.30pm—5pm & 6pm—7pm

By now you will have received a letter telling you about Parents Evening. This is an opportunity for you to sit down with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class and discuss targets for your child. Also how you can support your child and teacher to continue to be successful in their learning.

If you haven't already done it, I encourage you to sign up for an appointment via the school website www.thegroveschool.net. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulties with our log in details.

We are keen to expand our after school/before school clubs but we need people to run them

Make A Difference
Volunteer

Do you enjoy a craft, speak another language, enjoy reading, play a sport.....? The list is endless.

Would you be willing to share your hobby, a skill or support in the running of a club?

If this is something you think you or someone you know might be interested in please let the office now.

Punctuality

A number of children are arriving at school at 9am. This means they have already missed 10 minutes of learning. If they are late every day this amounts to 50 minutes over the course of the week. Think how much learning will be lost over a term!

Please ensure your child is at school when the doors open at 8.45am.

Learning starts at 8.50am.