



# The Grove School Newsletter

## *Wonder – Explore - Grow*

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### Key Diary Dates

#### OCTOBER 2019

9-11<sup>TH</sup> – SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

10<sup>TH</sup> – KIWI CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.00AM

15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> PARENTS EVENING

18<sup>TH</sup> – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

HALF TERM – 21<sup>ST</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

28<sup>TH</sup> – SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS

#### NOVEMBER 2019

11<sup>TH</sup> -15<sup>TH</sup> – ANTI BULLYING WEEK

21<sup>ST</sup> – AVOCET CLASS ASSEMBLY 9.00AM

28<sup>TH</sup> – AM – CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY

#### DECEMBER 2019

11<sup>TH</sup> – EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY – 9.30AM

12<sup>TH</sup> – EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY – 2PM

13<sup>TH</sup> – PANTOMIME TRIP – AM

17<sup>TH</sup> – SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

18<sup>TH</sup> – KS2 CAROL SERVICE

18<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

### Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! A fantastic start to the school year has been made by everyone. Children are really getting to grips with all the new learning taking place and I've been so impressed with the work the children have been producing.

Our Reception children have settled in so quickly and grown in confidence. Our Year 6 pupils have applied for and been appointed as the Heads of School and House Captains. All classes have elected their Members of Grove Parliament and they have held their first meeting.

Thank you for the high standard you've set yourselves this year regarding school uniform. Lots of people have commented on how smart the children look. However, whilst standing on the gate and walking around the school, I have noticed that some children are not wearing the school jumper or correct footwear. It is our expectation that all children must come to school in correct school uniform.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the parent consultations.

Kind regards,

Ms Karen Martin, Headteacher

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### Congratulations Miss Harvey

We are delighted to share the news that Miss Harvey will be getting married during the October half term. I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Harvey and her husband-to-be a very special day and many years of future happiness.

### Congratulations Mrs Wells

We are delighted to share the lovely news that Mrs Wells gave birth to a baby girl, Matilda Amelie. Matilda was on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.37am weighing 7lb and 7oz. Both mother and baby are doing well. Our congratulations to Mrs Wells and her husband on the birth of their baby girl.



## Our Value for this Half Term is



## 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.

## Harvest Festival



**Our Harvest Festival assembly is approaching and this year we will be donating our food collection to The Red Hen Project and the Cambridge Cyrenians.** The Cambridge Cyrenians provide accommodation for 104 homeless men and women in Cambridge, making up 1/3 of all supported housing in the city. They believe in homes not hostels and the majority of their accommodation is in 3-5 bed houses. As well as providing housing they also provide specialised support and services.

*Due to space, this celebration is for children only.*

**If you would like to donate something please could you choose items from the list below:**

*Tinned vegetables, rice pudding, fruit. Long life items such as fruit juice, milk (not soya/almond etc.), long life puddings. Jars of pasta sauce, instant mash, instant coffee (small jars), pasta and sauce mix, instant noodles, cooking oil 500ml preferred or 1 litre, 500g granulated sugar or 1kg, jams and spreads, biscuits, packets or tins of instant custard, snacks: crisps, nuts fruit bars, sweets.*

***Please could donations be brought in on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019***

Thank you for your support

## Parent Consultations

**Tuesday, 15th October 2018 3.30pm – 6.00pm**

**Wednesday, 16th October 2018 3.30pm – 4.30pm and 5.00pm – 7.00pm**

We are holding consultation meetings on Tuesday, 15th October 2019 between 3:30pm and 6:00pm and on Wednesday, 16th October 2019 between 3:30pm and 4:30pm and 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

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 to our school website [www.thegroveschool.net](http://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 first name.surname. If you have any difficulties please contact the school office.

### Attendance at The Grove



### September 2019 Attendance

Well done to  
Kookaburra Class who  
achieved 97.6%  
attendance

2<sup>nd</sup> – Penguin – 97.1%  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Heron 96.5%

Overall school  
attendance 95.5%

### Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme 2019/20 Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

The school-based nasal flu vaccination programme helps protect your child against flu. Flu can be a dangerous illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Your child is entitled to the vaccination free, from the NHS.

Please consent or decline at: <https://tinyurl.com/vybaydc9>

Session Date: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The link will close on: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE PERSON WITH LEGAL PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHILD (EITHER BIRTH PARENT OR AGREED THROUGH COURT).**

If you require further advice or information, please contact the School Immunisation Team:

**Tel: 0300 555 5055 Option 1 or Email: [ccs-tr.cambsimmsteam@nhs.net](mailto:ccs-tr.cambsimmsteam@nhs.net)**

### Class Assemblies

On 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. Assemblies start at 9.00am

Kiwi Class Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Avocet Class Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019



### Book Fair 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October

We will be holding our Book Fair in the library after school from 3.30pm to 4.00pm from Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. The children will also have an opportunity to have a look at the selection of books during the school day. There will be a huge range of books on offer for all ages. Please do come along with your child and take a look—you can never have enough books!

### COFFEE MORNINGS at THE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Running EVERY **MONDAY MORNING** from school drop off (08.45) until 10.15 in the **PIT STOP** – during term time.

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Join us for tea, coffee and a biscuit (or two).

Meet other parents who have children at the Grove!

Younger siblings welcome ☺ Free to attend.

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 .....



Joy and Celia who have organised and run our English Corner every Tuesday morning. It is now an established group of parents, friends and staff who enjoy getting together, some to improve their English but also to enjoy a sociable get together.

#### Aldi Kit for Schools

This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September–3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw! Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, or bring them in yourself [to add to our collection box or hand over to your child's teacher, and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster. The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme, which has already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception.

## Sickness & health

Where to look for help when someone is ill

Tuesday 15 October  
Drop in between 9 and 11am  
Discussion and talk between 9 and 10  
In Pit Stop

- Free breakfast
- Warm welcome
- Short talk from a local GP
- Your questions answered

You can bring younger children with you



If you want to find out more about Aldi's Kit for Schools you can visit [getsetateatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools](http://getsetateatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools), or get in touch with the school for more information on our plans. Thank you so much for your support on this project