



The Grove School Newsletter

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Key Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2019

11TH - 15TH – ANTI BULLYING WEEK
21ST – AVOCET CLASS ASSEMBLY - 9.00AM
20TH – EYFS 2020 OPEN DAY - 9.30AM
28TH – AM – CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY

DECEMBER 2019

4TH – EYFS 2020 OPEN DAY- 9.30AM
11TH – EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY – 10AM
12TH – EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY – 2PM
13TH – PANTOMIME TRIP – AM
16TH – ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
17TH – SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
18TH – KS2 CAROL SERVICE
18TH SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2020

3RD – INSET DAY
6TH – SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM
8TH – EYFS 2020 OPEN DAY - 9.30AM
9TH – YR 5 DAY AT THE SCIENCE PARK
22ND – INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

FEBRUARY 2020

14TH – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

Dear Parents/Carers

The nights are certainly drawing in and the cold weather is beginning to emerge. Please can you make sure your children come to school with a warm coat and a change of shoes. If children have alternative footwear they will be able to continue to use the school field during the winter months.

You should be receiving your child's topic web for this half term which gives you information about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks. This will help you to ask them questions, visit the library to find out more or if you get a chance to take them to one of our many Cambridgeshire museums.

I was very proud of our Y5/6 pupils last week who performed in a production of Even You Song at Trinity College Chapel with Cambridge Chorale. They sang beautifully and represented the school fantastically. It was a very special evening.

Attached to this newsletter is a **revised Home- School Charter**, this supersedes the current Home School Agreement. This sets out what we expect of ourselves as staff, you as parents and of the pupils. Staff and governors including the parent governors have worked on it and we hope you find it useful. Over the course of this term we will be discussing with the pupils the different aspects of the charter so that they are fully aware of their responsibilities. Sitting alongside this is a supporting document, Behaviour Guidance for Members of the School Community which sets out what steps the school will take if the behaviour of adults is not in line with the charter. A copy of this is available on the school website. If you have any questions about either, please email the answer with your question and we will respond.

Do take note of all our Christmas activities. It will be lovely to see as many parents as possible joining us.

Kind regards,
Ms Karen Martin, Headteacher

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Our Value for this Half Term is



RESPECT



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.



On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the country joins together to observe a Two Minute silence. Armistice Day on 11th November marks the end of the First World War and is a day to remember and honour all people who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. As a school we will be participating in the Two Minute silence as part of a special Remembrance Assembly led by Year 4 pupils. Our School Parliament will be selling poppies in the gazebo between 8.45am and 9.00am every morning this week. If you would like your child to purchase one please send them into school with a donation. Last year we collected a magnificent £242.00.

Flu Vaccinations



Just a reminder that if you would like your child to receive their flu vaccination in school on 14th November 2019 you must visit <https://tinyurl.com/yybaydc9> to register your child before 7th November 2019 when the link will close. 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

EYFS Open Mornings

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2020?

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

Wednesday, 20th November 2019 – 9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday, 4th December 2019 – 9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday, 8th January 2020 – 9.30am to 11.00am

Attendance at The Grove



October 2019 Attendance

Well done to
Curlew & Penguin
Classes who achieved
96.3% attendance

2nd – Avocet – 95.8%

Overall school
attendance 94.2%

Get involved in the BIG conversation about how we shape our local NHS

Local residents are being encouraged to have their say on the future of local NHS services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as part of the BIG conversation.

Funding for healthcare across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is under pressure. More people are using NHS services locally, and resources are limited. At the moment, the local NHS is buying more than it can afford which means that some difficult decisions need to be made about the services it can afford to provide in the future.

The BIG conversation has been created to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who buy the healthcare services in the local area, to understand what is most important to the local community. Feedback received will be used to create a set of principles that will inform our future plans and help shape our local NHS.

Local residents can give their feedback by attending one of the events taking place across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough during November. Or, by completing a short survey online at <https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation>

Find out more about the BIG conversation and local events online at <https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation>

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

Avocet Class
Thursday, 21st November 2019

There are none in December due to Nativity rehearsals etc

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!



28th November – Christmas Decoration Day

10th December – Arbury Court Lights switch on

11th December – KS1 Nativity (10.00am)

12th December – KS2 Nativity (2.00pm)

13th December – Pantomime Trip

18th December – KS2 – Christmas Carol Service

17th December – Christmas Lunch

18th December -2.15pm

School closes for Christmas holidays

Harvest Festival



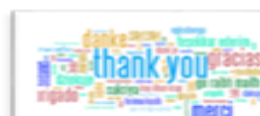
A huge thank you to everyone who donated food for our Harvest Festival which was donated to Cambridge Cyrenians.

Cambridge Cyrenians work with over 20 people who have had experience of rough sleeping who are now in their own tenancies. They continue to struggle with minimum income from benefits and are frequent attendees of the food bank, as well as their continued difficulties with potential mental health/addiction issues. Your kind donation has been very much appreciated as it has enabled them to offer items out to individuals who find this time of year a struggle.

Your kindness is very much appreciated.

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

This month we would like to thank one of our parents, Darren Coult for coming into school and leading an assembly for our pupils every month.



Sports at The Grove



This half term we are looking forward to some exciting events. We will be attending a KS1 Gymnastics event at NCA which is always a great experience for some of our younger children, and we also have two KS2 cross-country events taking place in November. The children are really looking forward to these, which we can already see in their enthusiasm for our new Golden Mile lunch activity!

We also have a new Hockey after-school club starting next Wednesday, currently for our Year 4, 5 and 6 children, which will be run by our Y3 teacher and resident hockey player Miss Gibson. This will be a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in the sport so please sign up before spaces run out!

Drop off and collection parking



Please could I ask that if you drive to school to drop and collect your child that you avoid using the back entrance into school by Peter Cowell Close. The small amount of parking available is for residents and this entrance is used by pedestrians and our pupils on cycles. It is becoming very congested and quite dangerous, especially now the darker evenings are upon us.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Wellington Boots!



Now that winter is definitely upon us - did you know that if your child brings a pair of wellington boots into school they can use the school field during break times and lunchtimes?