



The Grove Primary School

Newsletter

11th January 2018



Wonder—Explore—Grow

**Value for the Half Term -
Responsibility**

Diary Dates

January

3rd INSET
4th Children return
29th Individual photos

February

7th & 8th Parents Evening
12th-16th Half Term
19th Inset day

*Please visit the website for
the school annual diary*

Attachments

Extreme reading letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a happy winter break and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We were sad to say goodbye to some of our families at the end of last term and wish them well in their new homes and schools. Welcome to the new children and families who have joined us this term.

This term staff and governors will be working on the new school budget and as many of you will know Cambridgeshire has almost the lowest funding per child in the country. One of the ways we can increase our funding is through pupil premium. All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to free school meals but pupil premium is different and has to be applied for; it supports families on low income and can be used for example to pay for music lessons, residential and day visits, 1:1 tuition. If you want to find out if you are eligible you can contact the Education Welfare Benefits Team for information about the benefits which support children financially while at school on 01223 703200 or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

You do not need to reapply if you are already receiving pupil premium. Even if your circumstances change the funding will continue to support your children for 6 years.

If you are receiving any of the eligible benefits listed below you can apply online for free school meals <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but who are not entitled to working tax credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Tax Credit

If you are not sure if you are entitled to Pupil Premium just telephone 01223 703200.

Please keep up to date with all of our events by checking the school calendar on our website

Thank you all for your continued support.

Karen Martin
Headteacher

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7th February 2018 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday, 8th February 2018 3.30pm – 5.00pm and 6.00pm – 6.30pm

We are holding consultation meetings on Wednesday 7th February 2018 between 3:30pm and 6:00pm and on Thursday 8th February 2018 between 3:30pm and 5:00pm and 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

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 and choose your preferred **day** and **appointment time**. The booking slots will open at 7pm on 10th January 2018 and close at 10.00am on 8th February 2018. If you have any difficulties please contact the school.

Wellington Boots/Outdoor Boots



We would love our children to be able to continue to use the field during playtimes and lunchtimes throughout the winter months. However due to the rain, children will only be able to go onto the field if they have alternative footwear. I'm sure you can appreciate the amount of mud that would be brought into the classrooms if children wore the same pair of shoes.

Please help us by sending your child into school with a pair of named wellies or boots in a carrier bag that can hang on their peg.

Visit by Cambridgeshire Life Bus

As part of our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHE) scheme of work, we are fortunate to be having a visit from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Life Education Centre for 4 days (19th, 24th, 25th and 26th January 2018).

Our school's philosophy and practice in all areas of PSHE relates to developing the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding about the human body in order that children come to make healthy choices.

Over the 4 days each class will visit the modern mobile classroom and have a lesson appropriate in length and content to the children's age and understanding.

We have arranged the sessions for parents, carers and governors: **Friday 19th January** starting at **8.50am** and finishing at **9.10am**

Individual School Photographs

29th January 2018



The school photographer will be in school on Monday 29th January 2018.

All children will have an individual photograph and a photograph with their siblings during the school day. However, if you wish to bring younger siblings for photos with their older brothers and sisters, these will take place from 8.30am in the small hall. Please come to the community entrance.

You will be sent a proof of your child/children's photographs with pricing details, you can then choose whether or not you wish to buy the photographs.

Extreme Reading Challenge

Starting 2018 off with a bang, we want to celebrate the excitement reading has to offer!



Daily reading can take place in a variety of locations; be it sitting on a beanbag with the dog, in bed under a duvet with a torch or even outside in a tent on top of the trampoline!

We would like to see some of these weird and wacky places!

Please see the attached letter for more details!

Christmas Fayre



Thank you to everyone who made donations towards our Christmas Fayre and to the Grove Goldfinches for their organisational skills and hard work.

Also, thank you to Santa Claus for sparing the time in his busy schedule to speak to our children. Thank you to all our wonderful parents for your continued support which helped to make the event a tremendous success.

Together we raised **£670.00** which the school parliament will meet to decide how it should be spent.

RECEPTION CLASS PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BORN BETWEEN: 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 (NURSERY) or 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 (RECEPTION) **APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ONLINE at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions for a Reception Place before January 15th 2018**