



The Grove School Newsletter

Wonder – Explore - Grow

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Key Diary Dates

For Autumn dates please read the “Dates for your Diary” at the bottom of the Newsletter. You might find it useful to pin the diary dates page onto your fridge door.

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Dear Parents/Carers

It's been lovely to welcome everyone back to school. The children have returned really positively and have shown their enthusiasm for learning.

During the first few days we have been revisiting our school rules and considering how we demonstrate that we are following them. Our three school rules are

- At The Grove **we are safe.**
- At The Grove **we are respectful.**
- At The Grove **we are ready for learning.**

Please talk to your children about these rules; can they give you examples of how they have shown they have been putting them into practice?

We want to ensure that all parents are fully engaged in their child's education and to support this we would like to invite you to a Meet the Teacher Session. This will give you the opportunity to get key information about the year ahead and find out ways that you can support your child at home. Please check the time of this session on the next page. If for some reason you are unable to make this time and date, please contact the class teacher or office to arrange an alternative time.

I would like to make a plea, please can children leave pencil cases and small toys at home. As a school we provide children with pens and pencils etc. Pencil cases can sometimes be a distraction for children and therefore please leave them at home for when they complete their home learning. Thank you for your support in this.

I look forward to working with you this year. Any questions, please do come and speak to me or a member of the school team.

Kind regards,

Ms Karen Martin, Headteacher

Our Value for this Half Term is

Speak Out Stay Safe



Meet the Teacher Sessions 9am – 9.30am

Please come along to the small hall via the community entrance to come and find out more about what the year has in store for your child.

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| • Tuesday 17 th September | EYFS/Year 1 |
| • Wednesday 18 th September | Year 2 |
| • Thursday 19 th September | Year 5/6 |
| • Friday 20 th September | Year 3/4 |

Remember if you can't make it due to work commitments then please speak to the office and they can arrange a time for you to speak to your child's teacher.

We look forward to seeing you there.



NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assemblies Thursday 26th September

The NSPCC will be coming into school to lead a KS1 and KS2 assembly. The assemblies give children the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. With the help of their mascot Buddy, the programme provides child-friendly, age-appropriate interactive session to help children:

- understand abuse in all its forms
- know how to protect themselves
- know how to access sources of help, including their Childline service.

The NSPCC also run parent workshops and we are hoping that we will be able to offer this too. Date to follow.

In order to be able to deliver the sessions the NSPCC ask all schools to support them by doing some fundraising. We will be asking the School Parliament for ideas. I do hope you will be able to support us in raising money for this worthwhile cause.

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.

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 and well done to.....



to **Mr Kingsford, our Site Manager** who has been working really hard throughout the holidays to ensure the school was ready for September. One of his tasks was to co-ordinate a new pool floor. Prior to its installation the base of the pool had to be completely dried out. This involved lots of additional heat during the heat of the summer holidays and poor Mr Kingsford had to work in this. We really appreciate you. Thank you for all you do.

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.

Heron Class	Thursday, 3 rd October 2019
Kiwi Class	Thursday, 10 th October 2019
Penguin Class	Thursday, 31 st October 2019
Gosling Class	Thursday, 7 th November 2019
Avocet Class	Thursday, 21 st November 2019



After school clubs

We currently have the following after school clubs available to book on SimsPay:

KS2 Running/Athletics – Tuesday – 3.15 – 4.15pm
KS1 Multisports – Wednesday – 3.15 – 4.15pm
KS2 Football – Thursday – 3.15 – 4.15pm

Dates for your Diary – Autumn 2019

Date	Year Group	Event
16th – 19th Sept	All	Meet the Teacher Meetings
Thurs 26th Sept	KS1 & KS2	NSPCC Assembly
Mon 30th Sept and then for the next 4 Mondays	parents	Blue Smile parent workshops
3rd 10th 17th and 31st Oct	parents	10-12.30 Red Hen Cookery Course for Parents
3d Oct	Heron	Heron Class Assembly 9.00-9.30am
9 th -11 th Oct	All	Scholastic Book Fair
10 th Oct	Kiwi	Kiwi Class Assembly 9.00-9.30am
15th Oct	All	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
16th Oct	All	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
17 th Oct		Harvest Festival
21st Oct – 25th Oct	Half Term	
31 st Oct	Penguin	Penguin Class Assembly 9.00-9.30am
Sat 2nd Nov	Y5/6	Musical Performance at Trinity College – details to follow
7 th Nov	Gosling	Gosling Class Assembly 9.00-9.30am
11th – 15th Nov	All	Anti-Bullying Week
21 st Nov	Avocet	Avocet Class Assembly 9.00-9.30am
Thurs 28th Nov	All + parents	Christmas Decoration Day
Fri 29th Nov	Y5/6	Trip to London to participate in a musical performance – fully funded. Details to follow but please note children will not get home until at least 9pm
Thurs 12th Dec	EY and KS1 + parents	Nativity
Fri 13th Dec	All	Whole school pantomime trip 9.00am – 2.00pm
Tues 17 th Dec	All	Christmas Lunch
Tues 17 th Dec	By invite	Attendance Celebration 9.00am
tbc	All	Christmas Jumper Day – <i>fundraising for Save the Children</i>
Wed 18th Dec	KS2 + parents	Carol Service