



The Grove School Newsletter

Wonder – Explore - Grow

Newsletter 14th January 2020

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Key Diary Dates

JANUARY 2020

16TH – Y6 SATS INFORMATION

22ND – INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

PHOTOGRAPHS

23RD – OSTRICH CLASS ASSEMBLY

30TH – WREN CLASS ASSEMBLY

FEBRUARY 2020

6TH – KOOKABURRA CLASS ASSEMBLY

13TH – DUCKLING CLASS ASSEMBLY

14TH – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

MARCH 2020

5TH – WORLD BOOK DAY

23RD – CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

1ST APRIL – SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE
EASTER HOLIDAYS

REGULAR EVENTS

VENUE – PITSTOP CLUB

MONDAYS

8.45AM – 10.15AM – COFFEE

MORNING

TUESDAYS

9.00AM–10.30AM–ENGLISH CORNER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of spring term.

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing break with families and friends and that you are feeling refreshed after the busyness of Christmas. It certainly feels like Christmas was only yesterday and yet a week back in school has thrown the children straight back into learning and their new topics. Do take the time to review your child's curriculum map and homework menu so that you have ideas of how you can support your child this half term.

As we start the term I would just like give a few reminders

- The playground at the start and end of the day is a busy place and cycling or scooting on it makes it harder to ensure everyone's safety. Please dismount from bikes and scooters as you enter the school grounds.
- Teachers are happy to talk to you about your child but this is easier to do at the end of the school day. In the morning teachers are busy taking the register or supporting with Early Morning work. Please do continue to pass on key information relevant to the day, but if a lengthy conversation is needed please save it for the end of the day or contact the office for an appointment.
- We want to encourage as many children to be in school uniform as possible as this helps develop our sense of The Grove team. Please try to send your child into school with full uniform and PE kit.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support with these reminders. I look forward to working with you this term and I wish you all health and happiness for 2020.

Kind regards,

Ms Karen Martin, Headteacher

Reading Cafes

From Wednesday 22nd January, the Reading Cafes will be taking place every week from 8.45-9.00 throughout the school. Your child's classroom doors will be open for you, the parent and carers to come in and read with your child for 15 minutes. Children can bring books in from home to share these with their peers and parents should feel free to bring their own reading materials (in case they want to share them with other parents!). We ask that you do not enter the main body of the school but remain in your child's classroom, exiting only through the classroom pods. Please can bikes be left at the front of the school, as Mr Kingsford will be locking the gates just after 9am.

Our Value for this Half Term is

HONESTY



Pets as Therapy Dogs

We have had several visits now from Boodie and Oreo, the two Pets as Therapy dogs, who have been helping some of our children become more confident readers. Oreo also visited the EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes before the holiday, dressed in her Santa outfit, to wish the children and staff a Merry Christmas!

Visits will start again from Wednesday 15th January when Oreo will spend the afternoon listening to some children read to her.



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.

Lego League



On Tuesday 14th January, seven Year 5 and 6 children are taking part in the First LEGO League at the Department of Engineering. Each year, the League has a particular theme and this year's title is 'City Shaper.' For the last few months, we have been meeting weekly to plan for and complete a range of different challenges. These have ranged from designing and coding a LEGO robot to accomplish a range of city-based missions to creating a presentation on how we could improve our local area. On Tuesday, we will be given the opportunity to showcase what we have achieved and will be scored alongside other competing teams. We look forward to sharing with you our experience of the day very soon!

Attendance at The Grove



December 2019 Attendance

Well done to
Avocet Class who
achieved 97.6%
attendance

2nd – Kookaburra –
96.2%

Overall school
attendance 91.6%

Individual School Photographs Wednesday, 22nd January 2020



The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday, 22nd January 2020**.

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.

Please ensure that your child is in school uniform on this day.



The Golden Mile

Here at The Grove we are running a voluntary lunch activity where the children can take part in running the Golden Mile on our playground track.

Each week a Golden Mile instructor comes into school to set each class off on their run and also to keep track of their progress. We have already seen some fantastic improvements in their times since we started in the Autumn Term. Children are seeing a boost in their stamina and are really keen to keep it going.

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



Parents and Carers for all of your support over the Christmas period attending and helping at our various events and also for your kind messages and gifts.

We also would like to say farewell and a big thank you to Ms Mitchell, out Finance Officer, who will be leaving us this week to take up a new position in a school closer to home. We wish her well for the future.