

### The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

I am pleased to be able to announce that we will be holding our first in person Christmas play this term. Our Nursery (Fledglings), Gosling, Wren, Aviary and Flamingo Classes will be starring in our production. As these are our youngest children we have decided to have two performances during the school day for parents to attend. These will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. A further letter will be sent out with information about number of tickets per family and how you can claim them. At the productions will have a charity collection.

This term we have been busy working on the areas for improvement we agreed with our OFSTED inspector back in May. Little Wandle phonics is up and running and having a huge impact on early reading. We have seen huge amounts of progress which is amazing. One child knew 3 sounds at the start of term and now knows over 30; can blend sounds and is reading with greater fluency. After many teething difficulties with the online reading books, children in Gosling, Wren, Flamingo and the Aviary should now have books allocated each week.

We have also been looking at our wider curriculum. We are now using the Essentials Curriculum designed by Chris Quigley. The school's website has now been updated with curriculum information about Maths, English and the Essentials Curriculum which covers History, Science, Geography, Art and Design Technology. Our other subjects remain the same, so for example, PSHE is covered by the Jigsaw Curriculum and RE through the Cambridgeshire Agreed Syllabus.

Mr Tinkler has led trips to a couple of sporting events this week. We have had children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attend a 'Panathlon' multi sports competition and they came back as medallists. Our Grove Football Team has been in action on Thursday and Friday this week, playing in Norwich City and Cambridge United U11 Tournaments. The children have been fantastic with some great results to show for their efforts, and very tired bodies too! Well done Grove! My thanks also goes to Mr Kingsford, who always attends these events.

I would like to introduce Miss Courtney White to you all. She has been joining us on duty first thing in the morning and is with us for a school based placement this year. Miss White is undertaking a degree in Social Work at the University of East Anglia. She is our second student and we are thrilled to have another member of our pastoral team.

Have a good weekend,

Miss Shaw

#### E-Safety

Please see attached advice from CEOP attached.

Message from Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Cambridgeshire Constabulary would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming National Knife Crime week of action – **Operation Sceptre: W/C Monday 14**<sup>TH</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Please see more information in the attached poster.



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### **Attendance**



Class Name	% attendance from Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
The Aviary	82%
Gosling	95%
Wren	95%
Ostrich	94%
Kookaburra	95%
Flamingo	96%
Kingfisher	95%
Toucan	90%
Hummingbird	93%
Whole School	94%



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Rosettes at achievement assembly have been presented to:

Friday 11th November

Hummingbird: Raaida, Simon

Toucan: Kacey, Lola

Kingfisher: Coco, Devraj

Kookaburra: Dylan, George D

Ostrich: Izzy, Jheneah

Flamingo: Martha, Kyra

Wren: Noah, Josíe

Gosling: Frankie, Charlie

Nursery: Harper