



The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a busy start to the new academic year. You may have noticed that we have not sent home a curriculum letter this half term. This is because we are designing a new curriculum for Year 1 to Year 6 and currently sorting out topics and when they will be taught.

We are using the Essentials Curriculum as a basis for History, Geography, Art, Design Technology and Science subjects. Each subject has threshold concepts which are big ideas which the children learn about across the school. They do this learning through a range of topics which come from the National Curriculum. For example, Key Stage One have chosen to start their history learning by studying Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. The children will cover these topics in Year 1 and then again in Year 2. In Year 1, they will learn information to a novice (basic level) and then it will be built on during Year 2. This links to our core belief that learning is a change to long term memory and this takes time and practice. Our school website will be being updated over the next couple of weeks so please see the curriculum pages for more information. I will also be writing more about our new curriculum in future newsletters.

It is so lovely to have so many things returning to normal. The English Corner started back last term and they are continuing to meet every Tuesday morning, straight after school starts. They welcome anyone who wishes to attend and there continues to be a focus on helping parents gain confidence in using English, if it is not their first language. They are a very warm and welcoming group – tea and coffee are on offer.

Next Friday, 30th September, is also the PTFA BBQ – you are warmly invited to stay after school for a hot dog or burger and the school field will be open for children to play. Please note that all children staying MUST be accompanied by an adult. We anticipate the event to end around 16:45.

On a totally different note, please can I ask that children do not wear branded t shirts, or those advertising different online games, on PE days. They should be wearing a plain t shirt in their house colour, if at all possible. Thank you.

Later on this half term, we have an open afternoon planned. This is for you to come and see school and have a look at your children's learning. We will be continuing with on line parents' evenings this term. The dates are listed below.

Finally, sadly we have had several incidents on the playground recently after school. If you child is walking home alone, please can you remind them that they must leave the playground as soon as school ends and should not be staying on the school grounds to play past 15:15.

Have a good weekend,

Miss Shaw

E-Safety

Attached to this newsletter are some information guides from Internet Matters Online Safety. We have had a number of comments from children about unkind messages being sent through WhatsApp. It is advised that this app should only be used by those over 16 years of age and that any app being used by a child should be monitored by an adult at home. There have also been comments about children playing fortnite at home. This game is rated appropriate for 12 year olds. Below is a link to some parental guidance.

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwj7CZBhDHARIsAPPWv3cQs0X9Wb25cAZByp1gpn5-x0aS4uHK00lesDOhI04YKdoHBigJj2UaAiSCEALw_wcB



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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 30 th September	15:30 – 17:00	PTFA BBQ
Friday 14 th October	14:00	School Open Afternoon to view your child's work
Friday 21 st October	15:15	School closes for half term
Monday 31 st October	ALL DAY	School closed – INSET DAY
Tuesday 1 st November	8:45	Children return to school
Friday 18 th November	16:30 (KS1) 17:45 (KS2)	PTFA Disco (TBC)
Tuesday 13 th December	AM	Whole school trip to the Pantomime
Monday 19 th December	14:00	Rocksteady Concert
Wednesday 21 st December	14:00 16:00	School closes for Christmas The Orchard closes for Christmas
Monday 4 th January	ALL DAY	School Closed – INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th January	8:45	Children return to school



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Attendance



Class Name	% attendance from Tuesday 20 th to Friday 23 rd September
The Aviary	73%
Gosling	96%
Wren	93%
Ostrich	97%
Kookaburra	96%
Flamingo	97%
Kingfisher	98%
Toucan	88%
Hummingbird	78%
Whole School	92%



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Rosettes at achievement assembly have been presented to:

Friday 23rd September

Hummingbird: Kyra, Hallie-Lyn

Toucan: Ellie, Musa

Kingfisher: Khadija, Charlie C

Kookaburra: Bella, Jonathan

Ostrich: Tahlia, George

Flamingo: Arthur, Theo

Wren: Dylan DL, Nathan

Gosling: Jeremiah, Priya

Aviary: Lena, Faiza

A special mention to **Hamish in Flamingo Class** who received a rosette on 9th September, but was missed out of the list in the newsletter – sorry Hamish and well done on your rosette!