



# The Grove School Newsletter

## *Wonder – Explore - Grow*

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### Key Diary Dates

#### MAY

**6<sup>th</sup> May** - School closed (May Day Bank Holiday)

**7<sup>th</sup> May** – School reopens to pupils

**8<sup>th</sup> May** – Flamingo and Toucan Reading Picnic

**13<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATs week begins

**15<sup>th</sup> May** – Ostrich & Hummingbird Reading Picnic

**20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Book Fair

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Wren & Kingfisher Reading picnic

**24<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes at 3.15pm for half term

#### JUNE

**3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Inset Day

**4<sup>th</sup> June** – School reopens to pupils

**14<sup>th</sup> June** – Father's Day Lunch

**18<sup>th</sup> June** – am – KS1 Sports Day  
pm – KS2 Sports Day

#### JULY

**24<sup>th</sup> July** – School Closes at 2.15pm for the summer holidays

### Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone has settled back into the new half term. I know that the children have come back rested and are showing enthusiasm for their learning.

With only a few short weeks in May, we are busy in school getting ready for our SATS tests in Year 2 and Year 6 and for all the rest of us, trying to get to grips with new topics.

During Year 6 SATS week we will be offering free breakfast provision for children in our Y6 classes (week commencing 13 May) starting from 8.30am. In the past this has worked well as it allows the children to relax in the company of their friends in the run-up to the tests. Please encourage your Y6 child to attend.

I thought you might like to know the wonderful news that Mrs Wells and her husband are expecting their second child. The due date is in the autumn 😊

It is great that lots of children ride their bike or scooter to and from school each day. It is a great form of exercise and helps reduce the volume of vehicles on the road. There are occasions when children or parents cycle quickly which could lead to accidents. Can you help to reinforce road safety messages to your children and I also want to thank the School Parliament for acting on this issue.

Kind regards,  
Ms Karen Martin, Headteacher

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### Ms Martin's Reading Challenge Update - to read a children's book each fortnight.

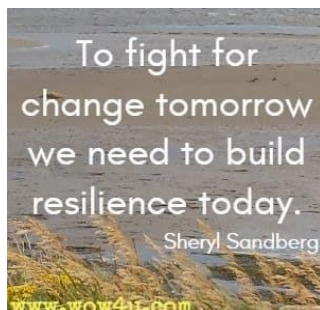
Since the last newsletter I have read **Ruby's Worry** which was recommended to me by EYFS and Year 1. I then shared the book in assembly - ask your child about it. Another book I read was **The Girl Savage**, set in Africa about a child who lived in the Savannah and then found herself suddenly having to move to England.

**The Day I was Erased** is my current book.

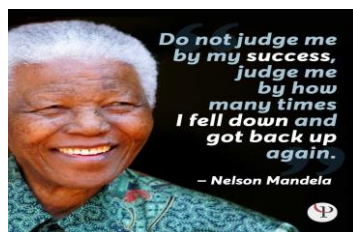
*Which books have you and your children been sharing?*



## Our Value for this Half Term is Resilience



*"Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems."*



### New books for The Grove!

We have been incredibly lucky that the Cambridge Science Park have donated over 100 wonderful, brand new children's books to The Grove library. They have donated a range of different books including beautifully illustrated non-fiction, newly published novels and picture books and a range of poetry books which we are sure our children will greatly enjoy. All of us at The Grove would like to say a huge thank you to all of the kind people at The Science Park who have helped to restock and improve the choice of books in our library. Now let's get reading.....



### Book Fair 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

We will be holding our Book Fair in the small hall after school from 3.30pm to 4.00pm from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The children will also have an opportunity to have a look at the selection of books during the school day. There will be a huge range of books on offer for all ages. Please do come along with your child and take a look—you can never have enough books!



### Attendance at The Grove



#### Spring Term Attendance



Well done to  
Toucan Class who achieved  
97.3% attendance

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kingfisher – 96.3%  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Woodpecker – 9.2%

Overall school attendance  
94.5%

### 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.

### Class Assemblies

On alternate Thursday afternoons 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.

- Kestrel Class - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9.05am
- Hummingbird Class - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am
- Ostrich Class - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am
- Woodpecker Class - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9.05am

Please come into school via the school office.

### School Parliament

School Parliament have been working extremely hard over the last term. The Parliament meet weekly to discuss School matters and discuss several topics. The members are currently working on:



Cycling /Scooting in and across the school playground and school entrances. Several mishaps and accidents have occurred so the children have made posters which will be put up in the coming few days.

Cycling and Scooting is prohibited across the school grounds during the hours of 8.30 -3.30 this is to prevent accidents, **parents and children are asked kindly to push their cycles or scooters through the grounds.**

The Red Nose campaign was a huge success, the Parliament wrote a Joke Book with jokes written by The Grove children which they sold copies of. They also sold red noses and many children wore red on Red Nose Day. In total they raised the huge sum of £212.21 .

School Parliament worked really hard with all of the classes to discuss helping our school environment. One of the biggest concerns was the amount of litter within the school grounds. So following the national campaign for Keeping Britain Tidy, the School Parliament have devised a weekly rota for litter picking. Please could we ask that when disposing of any litter in school, that litter is placed in the bins provided around the school grounds.





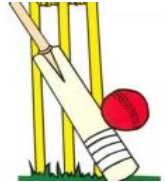
Each month we are aiming to say thank you to people who are supporting our school in a variety of ways. This month we want to say a big thank you to .....

**Our parent helper Juliette, whose son is in Year 6 – Juliette has worked tirelessly in our school library sorting out all of the books and updating the library computer system.**



## Sports at The Grove

We have several sporting events planned this term; Year 2 have just participated in an exciting Rapid Fire cricket tournament where they achieved first place!



We have two more Kwik Cricket competitions coming up for our KS2 year groups, and we are working hard in our PE lessons to aim for more success.

Years 3 and 4 have also been practicing their tennis skills and we will be taking a team to the Mini Red tournament at Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club in May.



We finish the year with a Swimming Gala at Parkside Pools, where we will take a team from each year group in KS2, so we have lots to look forward in the coming term!

## Old Items needed - Can you help?

On the 22nd May a team of 30+ volunteers from Astra Zeneca are coming into school to help us refresh and develop areas of the school. They are aiming to give the courtyard opposite the entrance hall a facelift, create some playful resources for the Pit Stop courtyard and if time allows paint the wooden house in the KS1 playground. They are giving up their time freely and are also donating a small pot of money to buy paint and other resources. To create the spaces we wondered if any of our families have the following items lying around that they would be willing to donate. If you do, please bring them to the school office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Thank you in advance.



## Bags of compost

## Children's wellies (can be singles!)

## Metal Pots and Pans

## Trellis

## Wind chimes