



# The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of term. We have a busy six weeks ahead of us, as we work our way towards the joys of Christmas and all that comes with it.

If you caught the news last week, you will have heard that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have become an Enhanced Resources Area (ERA). I believe Suffolk have also been granted this status. This means that our area has further support and resources to deal with the increasing COVID-19 infections across the Local Authority (LA) and to support the vaccination programme. The Cambridge City rates remain lower than other areas in our LA but we do need to remain cautious.

The ERA does not have any impact on us at the moment. The mitigations I sent out to you last term are still in place and we won't have to make any further changes unless we have an outbreak in school or the Local Authority direct us to.

Just to complicate things further, we have our more usual "bugs" doing the rounds. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, they must be off for 48 hours after the last bout. There is also an unpleasant cold doing the rounds. As some of the symptoms are similar to COVID, such as a high temperature, we are sending children home and asking parents to consider a precautionary PCR. I found myself in this position over the half term break – it was reassuring to know it wasn't COVID, although the cold is rather unpleasant.

The three key symptoms of COVID remain the same – high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss of the sense of taste or smell. Anyone with these symptoms should take a PCR test.

Thank you for your attendance at Parent/Carer evenings this week. We had a few technical glitches but on the whole it seems to have been a success. Whilst we are unable to welcome you in to the building, this seemed to be the next best option.

We have tweaked the way lunches work at school this half term. This is to prevent the large waste of food we were seeing on a daily basis, as we tried to ensure that every child had the full set of options. From Tuesday this week, the children have been asked to have a look at the menu first thing in the morning and order which option they would like. On their way into the hall, they are given a coloured token, which tells the kitchen staff which option they have chosen. It has been very successful and our food wastage has been much reduced.

Other activities coming up this half term:

- Children in Need Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – see details below.
- Recording of our Christmas Play – like last year every class will be involved and a link to the recording will be sent out to parents.
- Christmas Decoration Day (children only)
- Christmas Lunch - this will also run the same way as last year. Please watch out for a letter coming out shortly, as you will need to book a lunch for your child even if they usually have a school dinner.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Shaw



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## Thank you!

We would like to give our thanks to:

- Mr Coleing, who has kindly planted some new plants in the container outside the school office, to replace the previous ones which had seen better days!
- Sally Caldecote for her help with giving a fresh coat of paint to areas around the outdoors of our school!

We are very grateful for your time and efforts.

## PTFA AGM and Uniform Sale – reminder

A reminder that the PTFA AGM will take place next Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, immediately after school on the playground. Please do join us if you can.

The AGM will **be immediately follow by a second hand uniform sale** on the playground – the school gates will remain open until 15:45 to allow time for this.

If you wish to buy uniform items, **PLEASE BRING SMALL COINS / SMALL CHANGE** as the PTFA will not have change for larger notes.

## Parent Governor Elections

There have been two nominations for the one available position of Parent Governor, and hence an election is being held. Your child will bring home today two ballot papers - one per parent.

If you wish to vote, please read the instructions on the ballot paper carefully and return your ballot paper to school (one paper per parent who wishes to vote) by 12pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## Children in Need

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** sees the return of Children in Need.

If your child would like to participate in this event, they may come into school wearing a spotty outfit or their pyjamas (proper suitable school shoes please, no slippers) on this day.

Donations to Children in Need should be made via our JustGiving page (**NO CASH IN SCHOOL PLEASE**) – we suggest a donation of £1 per child to come in non-uniform:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/grovecin2021?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=grovecin2021&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=762251c8605d478a8279e9d15141bd7b](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/grovecin2021?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=grovecin2021&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=762251c8605d478a8279e9d15141bd7b)





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## Does Your Child Need a Coat for the Winter Season?

We are a **FREE** service that offers collections of donated coats that we pass on to children who need them.

We accept donations of all children's coats, any age, as long as they are in a usable condition. We then pass them onto children and their families who need extra support during the winter season.

It's a completely free service, and gives children something new and warm.

There's no reason a child should ever be cold.



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## COATS FOR KIDS

With lots of local drop off donation points, its as easy as dropping them off and we will do the rest.

To find your local drop off point find us on Facebook  
Thank you for any support you can give this great service.

Contact Julia Benson on 01223 577017 or [jbenson@grove.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:jbenson@grove.cambs.sch.uk)



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Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Toucan: Magdalena, Alex

Hummingbird: Emma, Tilly

Woodpecker: Nancy, Cassius

Flamingo: Muhammed, Kylan

Kookaburra: Rocco, Noah

Ostrich: Imani, Tommy

Wren: Kyra, Martha

Gosling: Nathan, Abid

The Aviary: Jake, Finley

Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Toucan: Summer, Braden

Hummingbird: Astin, Eleanor

Woodpecker: Arianne, Alex

Flamingo: Abdullah, Albie

Kookaburra: Khadija, Ahmed

Ostrich: Sannidhi, Valentine

Wren: Mustafa, Theo

Gosling: Skaiste, Abigail

The Aviary: Max, Faiza