



The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start with thanking you all for your on-going support as we continue to deal with COVID 19. We have had a couple of positive cases and a number of children with potential symptoms over the last couple of weeks and we very much appreciate that families are taking PCR tests (from a test centre) to check whether it is COVID 19 or not. We are seeing other “bugs” reappearing too. We have been so incredibly lucky to have had so few cases and we are certain that it is to do with the mitigations we have retained in school but also because of your support and help. Thank you.

If we have a positive case in school, I will continue to inform the class that it affects. Track and Trace is now undertaken by the NHS and they will contact anyone who needs to go for a PCR test. As a team, we are continuing to take part in the twice weekly asymptomatic testing with a Lateral Flow Test as well.

Our food deliveries continue to be erratic! We are finding that deliveries are being cancelled the day before they are due but occasionally finding that they just don't turn up. I would like to thank Laura, our cook, for always being ahead of the game and having a Plan B just in case. We will continue to provide a hot meat/fish option, a hot vegetarian option, a sandwich, salad and a pudding but cannot guarantee it will be what is planned on the menu.

Next Thursday we are having a special lunch. The menu is chicken roast or Quorn sausage, dinner followed by ice cream / yoghurt / fresh fruit. Please remember that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 then they are entitled to a free school lunch and it is always lovely to see children taking up that option.

Thank you for your support for the Film Night which takes place on Thursday 14th October. The final arrangements are being organised this end and then we will tell the children where their choice of film is being shown. We will be staying with the COVID mitigations we have during the school day – everything we do has to be risk assessed.

Sadly, we have decided to continue to keep visitors into the school at a minimum. This has not been an easy decision but we want to ensure that we continue to play our part in keeping our community as safe as possible. COVID 19 infection rates are high, with over 2500 cases in schools across Cambridge and Peterborough this term to date. However, Public Health England are expecting the peak to be in the next week or so. This means:

- 1) Parent/carer evening meetings will be held using TEAMS or via phone, if required.
- 2) Class assemblies due to go ahead this term will be postponed until the Spring and possibly next Summer.
- 3) Christmas Decorations day will go ahead but without parents/carers being invited in.

We will be making a final decision on whether we record the Christmas Nativity later this half term. Please be assured that we continue to take advice, as well as looking at local data, to inform our decisions.

Stay safe,

Miss Shaw

Please remember:

Everybody should arrive between **8.45 and 8.55** for school. If you arrive after 8.55, please come to the Community Door where a member of the senior staff will be there to welcome you. From Monday 13th September, after 8.55 you will need to sign your child in at the Community Door.

Many thanks.



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Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:

Friday 1st October

Toucan: Julia, Adria

Hummingbird: Seren, Ezmae

Woodpecker: Lavinia, Gracie

Flamingo: Aiden, Sofia

Kookaburra: Devraj, Sarah

Ostrich: Damian, Sophie

Wren: Stan, Hannah

Gosling: George G, Phoebe

The Aviary: Finley, Robynn