



# The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many children attend our first film night since the pandemic started. We kept to our COVID mitigations, which I am sure you are all familiar with. Well done to Year 6 for organising such a good event that was very much enjoyed by everyone.

You should have received a letter about parent/carer meetings for the week after the half term break. We will be offering virtual meetings using Microsoft Teams. Once you have booked your appointment, using the usual system, then teachers will send out a link to the meeting to you through your child's school email address. You will then need to log into the meeting a few minutes before your time slot and then your class teacher will "let you in" to the meeting. We will need to stick to the ten-minute slot. More information will be sent out once we have set up the meeting invites.

Lunchtime Company have released their new menus for after half term and these will be sent out to you shortly. We have chosen to have a meat, vegetarian and sandwich option for each day. As this term, we will endeavour to stick to the menu but that will be dictated by whether orders come in or not. We will always have a hot meat and vegetarian option as well as a sandwich on offer.

The tuck shop is going from strength to strength with an ever-growing queue of children. My thanks go to Mrs Windmill, Mrs Ramsey and Mrs Benson for getting it up and running. The money raised will go towards buying extra items for the children, for example a chocolate favour to have at their Christmas Lunch. Thank you for supporting this venture.

Next week is our first Healthy Lifestyle Week of this academic year. We have lots of activities planned around healthy eating as well as keeping yourself safe. Year 5/6 will be having a talk led by our local PCSO about being safe out in the community. A further letter to Y5/6 parents will be coming out alongside this newsletter.

Have a good weekend and 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. After 8.55 you will need to sign your child in at the Community Door.

Many thanks.



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## Redhen is looking for a Grants Officer!

We are seeking a part-time Grants Officer to join our amazing team working with families in North Cambridge, to secure funding to continue our vital work.

- Can you produce detailed, concise and persuasive written documents?
- Passionate about helping children and their families and understand the power of early intervention?
- Looking to return to work now children are back at school or finding your current role lacking in the flexibility you need to manage your other commitments?

For more information, and to apply, please see the following link:

<https://www.redhenproject.org/grants-officer/>

## SECONDARY TRANSITIONS 2022 – DEADLINE APPROACHING

All Year 6 parents should now apply for a Secondary School for next September. You need to have done this **by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. It is vitally important you complete the online form as without it your child will not be allocated a school place for Year 7. You will receive your offer on the 1st March 2022. If you have any issues, please let the office know and we will do what we can to help you.

You will need to log into the Citizen Portal to make your application and the link to the website is:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

If you do not wish to do the application online, paper application forms are available on request if you call 0345 045 1370. Any students that have deferred places must apply via a paper application, as the portal will not accept their date of birth for this transfer group.

*Please remember that you need to apply for a place – your child in Year 6 will not automatically get a place at Secondary School. If you need any help, please contact the school office.*

**Autumn Half Term**  
Free activities & online resources for children & families

**MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2.00-3.30PM**  
Outdoor Play with ChYpPS  
Cherry Hinton Hight Street Rec CB1 9NU  
Open Access, booking NOT required  
Crafts, sports and games on your local park!

**TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2.00-4.00PM**  
Spooky Crafts  
Trumpington Village Hall CB2 9HZ  
Open Access, however numbers will be monitored  
Fun crafts for all ages

**TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 4.00-5.00PM**  
Drawing Workshop - Spooky Special! Online Session – booking required  
Step by step drawing for ages 7+

To book onto the drawing session please email us at [chypps@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:chypps@cambridge.gov.uk)

**THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2.00-3.30PM**  
Outdoor Play with ChYpPS & the Zoology Museum  
Nuns Way Rec CB4 2PH  
Open Access, booking NOT required  
Crafts, sports and games on your local park!

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[www.cambridge.gov.uk/chypps](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/chypps)  
[www.museums.cam.ac.uk](http://www.museums.cam.ac.uk)

Our activities may be impacted by COVID19 and in certain circumstances we may need to cancel activities at short notice. Please see our Facebook page for updates.

To help protect our staff and others we ask that if you or your child have symptoms of coronavirus infection, please stay at home.

## Autumn Healthy Lifestyle Week

It's that time of year again, Healthy Lifestyle Week begins on Monday!

This term the main focus is healthy eating, as last year's pupil survey showed a high demand for healthy cooking lessons. Therefore, every class will be taking part in a cooking lesson with their class teacher and exploring the benefits of a balanced diet. These lessons will be pitched according to age and will range from making fresh fruit skewers to pitta pizzas.

Some class will be taking part in science experiments related to the effect of salt in our diet and our younger pupils will be getting involved in art activities to showcase their learning.

In addition to this, we are challenging friends and families to get involved in **The Grove Challenge** by going on walks, runs, or bike rides on as many afternoons this week as you can. Write down the distance you have travelled on each journey and bring it to school the next day for your teacher to record.

You could walk to and from school, scoot to the park and back, cycle to the shop and back...

Last year we managed to travel 670km to Disneyland Paris! The children will be recording their Move for 15 daily runs – in school as well. Let's see if we can go even further this year!



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*Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:*

Friday 15th October

Toucan: Jasper, Riley-Jay

Hummingbird: Jack, Austin

Woodpecker: Panashe, Emily

Flamingo: Harshan, Kylan

Kookaburra: Tahlia, George

Ostrich: Jahziah, Mark

Wren: George G, Meg

Gosling: Aaron, Sienna

The Aviary: Max, Lena