



The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We are now over half way through the academic year! As always, the time seems to fly by and I am so glad to see the longer days starting to arrive. It has been a busy half term with so much learning going on – thank you to all the teachers and the TAs on the Team for everything they have done for our children this half term. Their creativity and determination, through all the ups and downs this term has thrown at us, is amazing. I would also like to thank everyone at home for all their support in making this another successful half term.

It has been great to see the school continue to provide some of the normal activities we saw pre-pandemic. Year 4 had an amazing day out at Wimpole, learning about the environment and planting trees and Year 5/6 have been to visit the University Museum of Zoology. Other trips and visits are being planned for the rest of the academic year and your class teachers will be in contact with you as these are confirmed.

We are waiting for the next step moving from us from being in a pandemic to Covid being deemed to be endemic. The Government seem to be saying that the final changes will be coming over the next couple of months and once these have been published, we will look at what that means for our school. Cambridgeshire LA and Public Health England have been a great support and provided clear advice which will be continue to follow. I am ever hopeful that the Y5/6 play will have a live audience and that we will be able to offer you a face to face, or an online, parent evening meeting, for example. Although we have seen an outbreak recently, we still have not seen the infection numbers that other schools have. I firmly believe there is some luck in there but I am also very aware that we have worked together as a community to react quickly when symptoms appear. Thank you.

At the end of this term, you will receive your annual written report about your child's learning. This means we will not have a parent/carer meeting this term, although you are welcome to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries about the report. Additional Support Plans (for children with a Special Educational Need or Disability) will be coming home over the next few weeks for you to sign. Please contact your class teacher or Mrs Hardy if you have any queries.

Today, we are also saying cheerio to Mrs Claire Murgo who has been one of our Teaching Assistants in the Aviary. I would like to thank her for all that she has done for the children in the Aviary and to wish her the very best for her new career in one of our local banks.

Have a lovely break,

Miss Shaw

World Book Day

You can access free audio books until the 31st March using the address below. World Book Day is Thursday 3rd March and we would like to invite the children to come in to school dressed as a book character.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

During that week, the children will have a virtual visit from an author which will inspire some of their learning.

E-Safety

Please see the monthly update below:

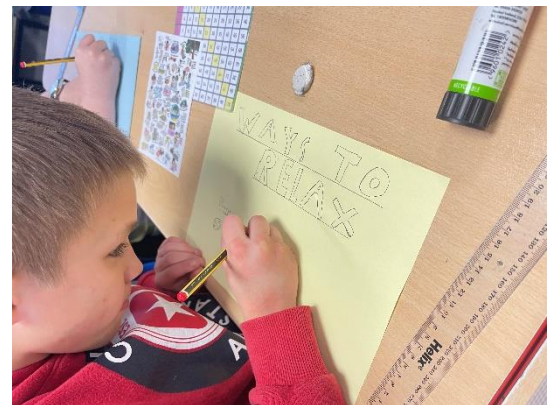
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/webinars/february-2022-updates>



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Healthy living/mental health week.

Thank you to Miss Gibson and Ms Claydon for organising this week for us. This is part of our extra-curricular education, providing learning about physical and emotional well-being. I am sure you will have noticed that we have one of these weeks each term, as we believe it is vitally important that we cover this as part of our curriculum. Of course, it is also covered weekly through our PSHE and RSE curricula.



Dates for the diary

22nd February – Ostrich Class swimming starts (weekly lessons)

3rd March – World Book Day (Dress up as a book character if you wish)

18th March – Red Nose Day (Bring a small amount of money to school – cake or sweet sale TBC)

30th March – Reports home to parents/carers

1st April – School closes at 2pm for the Easter Holidays (Orchard closes at 4pm)

Tuesday 19th April – school reopens for the summer term



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Attendance



Class Name	% attendance from Monday 7 th February to Friday 11 th February 2022
The Aviary	84%
Gosling	91%
Wren	95%
Ostrich	94%
Kookaburra	85%
Flamingo	94%
Woodpecker	88%
Toucan	93%
Hummingbird	96%
Whole School	92%



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Support for Families in the Local Area

There are various schemes / events taking place in our local community, which offer a variety of support to families. The following might be of interest:

- 1) GrowKids provides free pre-loved clothes, toys, and baby equipment in good condition for children aged 0-10. They also provide uniforms for primary school children. More information is in the attached flyer.
- 2) Mum2Mum offers support to mums aged 16-30. Mums are matched with a volunteer befriender who will meet with them on a 1-to-1 basis, at least once a fortnight. (flyer is also attached).
- 3) <http://cecf.co.uk/crafting-the-self-project/> - meets at Arbury Community Centre, it's a community group for migrant women
- 4) <https://khfsp.org.uk/> - the Kings Hedges Family Support Project does drop ins for parents supporting speech and language and child development, at Church of Good Shepherd on Wednesdays.
- 5) <https://www.arburyroadbaptist.org/wonderfullymade> this is a group at Arbury Road Baptist Church on a Thursday. It offers a drop in space for adults who may be having difficulties with their mental health or emotional wellbeing to come and have a cup of tea and a sandwich, time to talk, opportunities for creativity etc. The Church are also hoping to start up a Tuesday Wellbeing Walk in the near future.



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Rosettes at achievement assembly have been presented to:

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Toucan: Jasper, Dawid

Hummingbird: Ellie W, Matthias

Woodpecker: Adele, Gracie

Flamingo: Alishah, Ayman

Kookaburra: Noah, Enrikas

Ostrich: Sannidhi, Maya

Wren: Martha, Daniel

Gosling: Leela, Evie-Lou

Aviary: Faiza, Lena