



The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another great week at The Grove – just one more week and we will be half way through the academic year!

We have seen a slight increase in the number of children with Covid this week. Compared to other schools locally, our numbers and increase are minor but it is something we are keeping an eye on. If there are cases in your child's class, then we will continue to let you know. Although Plan B ends next Thursday, many of our mitigations within school will remain. These are:

- 1) Increased hand washing/sanitising throughout the school day.
- 2) Reduced sharing of equipment, where possible and use of good hand hygiene.
- 3) Increased cleaning of contact points.
- 4) Ventilation of all rooms and corridors throughout the day.
- 5) Limited visitors to school who need to wear a face covering whilst on site (until our local infection rates start to drop).
- 6) Twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing for staff.
- 7) Immediate cleaning of rooms should anyone become symptomatic whilst at school; the child or adult goes home.

I am ever hopeful that we will be able to invite you into school in the near future. I am hoping to invite you to come in and see your child's learning and have a look at the amazing displays in our corridors. If we don't achieve this before Easter, then I will for an early date for the Summer Term. I will give as much notice of this date as I possibly can.

This term, we will be sending home the Annual Report to Parents/Carers. They will be sent home to you on the 30th March and you will then be invited to contact your child's class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss. In the Summer Term we will invite you to a Parent/Carer meeting to discuss your child's progress and review the targets set in the report.

Also attached to this newsletter is the feedback from the Parent/Carer Survey. We had an amazing response – thank you. Along with the feedback, I have included some of the actions we have already taken. I will be sending home the survey annually as part of our self - evaluation and school improvement cycle.

Have a good weekend,

Miss Shaw

E-Safety warning

It has been brought to my attention that a sinister character going by the name of 'Huggy Wuggy' is being viewed by our children online, some as young as Reception. The character can be easily viewed on Youtube channels and is a rather sinister looking bear with razor sharp teeth that sings worrying songs about hugging and killing.

It is a very deceiving character, as hugs should be seen as something kind and loving, and because of its cute name is able to infiltrate firewalls and filters. When the character hugs someone, it whispers unkind things to the person.

The character of Huggy Wuggy appears to be from the cast of Poppy Playtime, a survival horror, logical puzzle video game. Videos of the game are easily available to watch on YouTube, with other clips dedicated to Huggy and his songs.



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Attendance



Class Name	% attendance from Monday 17 th January to Friday 21 st January 2022
The Aviary	91%
Gosling	93%
Wren	84%
Ostrich	81%
Kookaburra	94%
Flamingo	99%
Woodpecker	81%
Toucan	91%
Hummingbird	87%
Whole School	89%



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Rosettes at achievement assembly were presented to:

Friday 21st January

Toucan: Andrew, Alice

Hummingbird: Louie, Nahana

Woodpecker: Poppy, Kaine

Flamingo: Bella, Elena, Samaya

Kookaburra: Lia, Noah

Ostrich: Sienna, Jheneah

Wren: Hamish, Alan

Gosling: Connor, George

Aviary: Finley, Muhayddin