



The Grove Primary School



Newsletter 6: Thursday 21st December 2017

Our School Values are:

High Aspirations; Resilience; Teamwork; Creativity; Respect; Diversity

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Autumn Term comes to end it is lovely to reflect on everything that has happened this term. It has been a busy term and all the children have worked incredibly hard both in the classroom and during other activities.

A Personal Thank You

I would personally like to say a Thank You to all staff and parents for their support this term, coming back from maternity leave I didn't expect to be asked to take on the Acting Headship. I have thoroughly enjoyed this term and have been really proud of how everyone has pulled together and worked to ensure that the school continues to run smoothly. At the moment it looks as though I will continue as Acting Head Teacher into the Spring Term, as Mrs Semper continues to be off for personal reasons. When there are any updates to the situation I will let you know.

We are hoping that our new website is going to go live early next term, we are really pleased with how it is looking. There will also be a mobile app linked to the website, more details about this will be available in the New Year.

Clubs

Clubs for the Spring Term start the week beginning 15th January 2018. Please see the clubs information which is also coming out today, 21st December.

Some parents have been asking for a direct number for Sports 4 Kids rather than having to use the premium rate number, the best number to use is 07871 543768.

Christmas in school

All of the Christmas performances went really well and the children were amazing with their singing and learning of words. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for creating these performances for the children. From the retiring collections we raised just over £500, this is going to be matched by FOG so the school council will have £1000 to spend on projects that they decide on.

Our school choir has been super busy again in the run up to Christmas, they have performed at St. Peter's Church, to the over 60's club, at Siemens and around the school. Both Mrs Byrne and Mrs Young have given up their time to ensure that all the children were able to take part in all these different events, thank you to both of them.

Father Christmas came to visit the infants during their parties and all the children in the school enjoyed watching the pantomime – Aladdin.





Parking

It seems a shame to have to mention this again just before Christmas, but we are still having complaints from residents that they are having difficulty with getting in and out of their driveways at drop off and pick up time. This picture was sent to us showing clearly some appalling parking meaning this resident was unable to get out of their driveway.



We have spoken to the local parking enforcement officer who has confirmed that they will be completing routine visits to the area. They have also said that residents are quite within their rights to ring the police and report incidents of parking which block people's driveways.

Perhaps a New Year's Resolution of parking a little further away from school and walking could be something you consider.

I would like to wish all staff, children and parents a restful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 8th January at 8.45am.

Gillian West

**Miss Gillian West
Acting Head Teacher**

ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

AUTUMN TERM

Thursday 21st December Last Day of Term – finish at 1.30pm

SPRING TERM 2018

Thursday 4 th January	INSET – school closed to children
Friday 5 th January	INSET – school closed to children
Monday 8 th January	Term begins for children
Tuesday 9 th January	Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 12 th January	S4K Family Fun Day
Monday 15 th January	Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Tuesday 16th January	Macbeth Workshop – Year 5 and 6
Monday 22 nd January	Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 26 th January	Parent Forum – 09.00am
Monday 29 th January	RHS Wisley Trip – Yr 6 Queen Victoria
Thursday 1 st February	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 2 nd February	Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 2 nd February	Class Assembly – Beatrix Potter begins 2.45pm parents invited
Week beginning 5 th February	"The Grove Apprentice" Business and Maths Theme
Monday 5 th February	RHS Wisley Trip – Yr 6 Queen Elizabeth
Tuesday 6 th February	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 9 th February	Class Assembly – St Andrew begins 2.30pm parents invited

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February – HALF TERM

Week beginning 19 th February	Ufton Court residential trip Yr 4
Saturday 24 th February	S4K Pond Clearing
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day (TBC)
Friday 2 nd March	Class Assembly – David Attenborough begins 2.45pm parents invited
Friday 9 th March	Mothers' Day Assembly Year 4 / 5 / 6 9.00am
Friday 9 th March	EYFS/Year 1 9:45am Year 2 – 3 10:45am
Friday 16 th March	Parent Forum 9.00 am
Friday 16 th March	Class Assembly – Bear Grylls begins 2.45pm parents invited
Week Beginning 19 th March	Art theme week
Tuesday 20 th March	Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief
Thursday 29 th March	Last Day of Term – Finish at 1.30pm

SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16 th April	Term Begins 8.45am
Thursday 19 th April	Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00 m
Wednesday 25 th April	Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 27 th April	Class Assembly – Windsor begins 2.30pm parents invited
Friday 27 th April	S4K Family Fun Day
Wednesday 2 nd May	Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 4 th May	Parent Forum – 9.00am
Friday 4 th May	Class Assembly – Buckingham begins 2.30pm parents invited

Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Week Beginning 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
Thursday 17 th May	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 18 th May	Class Assembly – Enid Blyton begins 2.45pm parents invited
Tuesday 22 nd May	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June – HALF TERM

Week Beginning 4 th June	Science Week
Thursday 7 th June	Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 8 th June	ECO Dazzle Day
Week beginning 11 th June	Phonics Skills Check – Year 1
Friday 15 th June	Fathers' Day Assembly – Year 4/5/6 - 9:00am.
Friday 15 th June	EYFS/Year 1 - 9:45am. Year 2/3 - 10:45am.
Tuesday 19 th June	Sports Day EYFS/KS1
Thursday 21 st June	Contingency Sports Day EYFS/KS1
Friday 22 nd June	Parent Forum – 09.00 am
Friday 22 nd June	Class Assembly – Walter Raleigh begins 2.30pm parents invited
Monday 25 th June	Sports DAY KS2
Wednesday 27 th June	Contingency Sports Day KS2
Wednesday 4 th July	Induction Day
Thursday 5 th July	Transition Meeting Year 2 to Year 3 – 3.20 pm
Friday 6 th July	Class Assembly – Francis Drake begins 2.30pm parents invited
Friday 6 th July	Transition Meeting Year EYFS to Year 1 – 3.20 pm
Monday 9 th July	Open Classroom – 3.20 pm to 4.00 pm
Tuesday 10 th July	Transition Meeting Year 1 to Year 2 – 3.20 pm
Wednesday 11 th July	Transition Meeting Year 3 to Year 4 – 3.20 pm
Thursday 12 th July	Transition Meeting Year 4 to Year 5 – 3.20 pm
Friday 13 th July	Transition Meeting Year 5 to Year 6 – 3.20 pm
Friday 20 th July	Last Day of Term – Finish at 1.30 pm
Monday 23 rd July	INSET – School Closed to children

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Tuesday 4th September	INSET Day
Wednesday 5th September	First Day of New School Year for Children

Term dates for the Academic Year 2018 / 2019 have now been agreed, these will be available on our website. Please note we still have to add the remaining 3 INSET days.