



# The Grove Primary School



Newsletter No. 3, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Our values are ....

**HIGH  
ASPIRATIONS**

**RESILIENCE**

**TEAMWORK**

**CREATIVITY**

**RESPECT**

**DIVERSITY**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are nearing the end of September. The children have settled so well back into the school routine and our new Reception children have done exceptionally well with starting school. All children are now full time and the enthusiasm for learning is amazing.

You may have noticed that a mini bus emblazoned with The Grove and FOG PTA logo has appeared in our taxi parking area. We are so grateful to everyone involved with our FOG PTA as the money for leasing this minibus has come directly from all the fundraising that they have done. The minibus will allow us to take groups of children to different events such as football matches, netball matches and maths challenges but will also allow us to book smaller coaches for school trips which should in some cases help to reduce the cost to parents.

The minibus was used for the first time on Wednesday to take our football team to Crawley Ridge for their first match of the season, this meant we did not have to ask parents, many of whom are working, to come and collect their children to take them to the venue.

The minibus is not the only thing which FOG have paid for this year, below is a breakdown of their spending on essential school equipment:

- £1,400 on class supplies (each class is given £100 to spend)
- £1,261 on ukuleles which have been used by a variety of year groups
- £394 on playtime and lunchtime equipment
- £4169 on new reading books across the school
- £5159 on leasing the minibus for one year
- £2000 to train staff to drive the minibus (currently we have 5 drivers in school)
- £150 on Year 6 Leavers Red Carpet event

As a school we want to say a huge thank you to FOG for their hard work and dedication, they bring so much to the school and everyone involved works incredibly hard. If anyone is able to spare some time either helping at events or helping to set up / clear up after events any time you can spare would be welcomed by everyone involved.

**Miss Gillian West  
Acting Head Teacher**



Just a couple of reminders:

### **Earrings**

Children should only be wearing a single pair of small gold stud earrings in school. I have noticed a few children with hoops, some of which are getting quite large. These can be really dangerous in school and we would not want any children having their ears torn because their hoop got caught on another child. Also a reminder that children must have their earrings removed for PE. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please make sure you do this for them on PE days. Thanks.

### **Christmas Cards**

I know that it is still September but we want to offer all parents the chance to purchase Christmas cards designed by their children. Children and teachers are working hard to complete these designs so that any orders can be back in good time for Christmas. Your son / daughter should come home on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October with their design on an A3 piece of paper which also doubles as the order form. If you wish to order any cards or gift tags we must have the forms back by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Payment for these cards can only be made directly with Cauliflower cards, details for how to pay is on the order forms. Please ask in the office if you need any further help.

### **Enrichment Calendar**

Please keep checking the Enrichment Calendar, new or altered events will be highlighted in blue. There are lots of new additions this week as we have added further Christmas dates and also Class Assembly dates for the year.

### **Absence during term time (Holidays)**

Please can we ask that you limit the amount of time children are removed from school due to holidays. In line with Surrey County Council policy on absence from school we will be reporting absences from school and you may be fined. The fine is currently £60 per child, per parent, per week. So if you have one child with two parents you would be fined £120 for a week's absence. Missing sessions from school can have a huge impact on children's achievement and as stated on our new holiday form there are 175 days a year for holidays and visits and 190 school days in a year.

### **Spare Clothing**

Could we please ask that if your child comes home from school in clothing which we have given them e.g. if they have had an accident or spilt their lunch down them, that you wash and return these items to school as soon as possible. Our stock of spare underwear is getting very low and having to purchase new items is costly.

### **Contact Details / Telephone Numbers**

Please could you ensure that the office have your most up to date address' and phone number. We have tried to contact several parents this term and they have obviously changed their numbers and we have been unable to speak to them.

### **Parking**

Please could we remind all parents to be considerate of our neighbours drive ways when parking outside the school gates. The Grove Primary School are aware that parking/stopping around the school grounds can be difficult during drop off and pick up. However, we do ask that special care is taken when parking or stopping around the school, keeping in mind the children, residents and other parents.

## Our new Reception Class



Playing with the parachute



Woodwork with an amazing Grandad!

Talking on the phone



# Year 4 Egyptian Week

Egyptian week was enjoyed by all the year 4 children. We undertook various activities ranging from making Egyptian headdresses, writing shape poems, learning about the Egyptian number system and hieroglyphics to becoming archaeologists. We rounded the week off dressed up as Egyptians.



Drawing hieroglyphics



Finding artefacts.



"We played a game called grab foot which I really enjoyed," said Alicia.

# Pupil Premium We need you!

Your child may be able to get **FREE School Milk, FREE School Meal AND** attract extra funding to their school (Pupil Premium) if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
  - Universal Credit

All we need from you or your partner is your

## **Name, National Insurance Number and Permission**

to use the Eligibility Checking Service at Surrey County Council. Your child does not need to know.

School funding reduces annually while many running costs increase. If your family is eligible for Pupil Premium, whichever year they're in, please support your school and let us know.

# Thank You!

# ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

## AUTUMN TERM

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September       | Parent Forum 9.00am / Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.30am                              |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September       | Macmillan cake sale for children (morning playtime)                                |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b> | <b>Hindleap Warren - Final parents meeting at 3.30pm</b>                           |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October          | Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church (children only)                              |
| Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> October  | English Theme Week   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October        | Open Classroom 3.20pm – 4.00pm   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October      | Samba Workshops for KS2  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October       | Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm   |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | <b>Class Assembly – Roald Dahl begins 2.45pm<br/>parents invited</b>               |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October         | Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October         | Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am<br><b>Local Walkabout for Year 1</b> |

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM

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|---|---|
| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>     | <b>School Individual Photographs</b>                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>    | <b>School Individual Photographs</b>                                    |
| <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>  | <b>Farnham Maltings Trip Yr 5 Bear Grylls</b>                           |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November         | INSET – school closed to children                                       |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November         | FOG Bonfire Night   |
| Week Beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> November   | Hindleap Warren residential trip Yr 6                                   |
| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | <b>Farnham Maltings Trip Yr 5 David Attenborough</b>                    |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November         | Open Classroom 3.20pm – 4.00pm  |
| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | <b>Class Assembly – Lewis Carroll begins 2.45pm<br/>parents invited</b> |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November          | “Night at the Museum” Yr 5  |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November         | Open Afternoon for prospective parents - 1.30pm                         |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November          | Children in Need  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November          | Parent Forum 9.00am   |
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | <b>Class Assembly – St George begins 2.30pm<br/>parents invited</b>     |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December           | Flu Vaccinations Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4 – more information to follow        |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December         | Open Classroom 3.20pm – 4.00pm  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December           | KS2 dress rehearsal in church – 1.45pm                                  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December          | KS2 performance at church – 10.00am                                     |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | <b>EYFS dress rehearsal at school – 1.30pm</b>                          |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December         | KS2 performance at church – 2.00 pm                                     |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <b>EYFS performance at school – 9.30am</b>                              |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December       | KS2 performance at church – 2.00pm                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>KS1 dress rehearsal at school – 9.30am</b>                           |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December        | KS1 performance at school -9.30am and 2.00pm                            |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December        | Choir to the over 60's  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December          | Pantomime in school   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December          | Open Afternoon for prospective parents – 1.30pm                         |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <b>Children's Christmas Lunch</b>                                       |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>Reindeer Run for Charity</b>   |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December        | Last Day of Term – finish at 1.30pm                                     |

## SPRING TERM

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|---|--|
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January        | INSET – school closed to children                                    |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January          | INSET – school closed to children                                    |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January          | Term begins for children   |
| Thursday 11 January                     | Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm                                 |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January         | S4K Family Fun Day   |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January        | Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm                                 |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January         | Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm                                    |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January         | Parent Forum – 09.00am   |
| <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | <b>RHS Wisley Trip – Yr 6 Queen Victoria</b>                         |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February       | Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm                                  |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February         | Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm                                    |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February         | <b>Class Assembly – Beatrix Potter begins 2.45pm parents invited</b> |
| Week beginning 5 <sup>th</sup> February | "The Grove Apprentice" Business and Maths Theme                      |
| <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>   | <b>RHS Wisley Trip – Yr 6 Queen Elizabeth</b>                        |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February        | Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm                                  |
| <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>   | <b>Class Assembly – St Andrew begins 2.30pm parents invited</b>      |

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM

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

## SUMMER TERM

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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April       | Term Begins 8.45am   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April     | Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00 m                             |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April      | Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm                             |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Class Assembly – Windsor begins 2.30pm parents invited</b>    |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April       | S4K Family Fun Day   |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May       | Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm                                |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May          | Parent Forum – 9.00am  |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | <b>Class Assembly – Buckingham begins 2.30pm parents invited</b> |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May          | Bank Holiday – School Closed                                     |
| Week Beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> May | Year 6 SATs  |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May       | Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm                              |

**Friday 18th May**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Class Assembly – Enid Blyton begins 2.45pm  
parents invited**

Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – HALF TERM**

Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Science Week

Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm

ECO Dazzle Day

Phonics Skills Check – Year 1

Fathers' Day Assembly – Year 4/5/6 - 9:00am.

EYFS/Year 1 - 9:45am. Year 2/3 - 10:45am.

Sports Day EYFS/KS1

Contingency Sports Day EYFS/KS1

Parent Forum – 09.00 am

**Class Assembly – Walter Raleigh begins 2.30pm  
parents invited**

Sports DAY KS2

Contingency Sports Day KS2

Induction Day

Transition Meeting Year 2 to Year 3 – 3.20 pm

**Class Assembly – Francis Drake begins 2.30pm  
parents invited**

Transition Meeting Year EYFS to Year 1 – 3.20 pm

Open Classroom – 3.20 pm to 4.00 pm

Transition Meeting Year 1 to Year 2 – 3.20 pm

Transition Meeting Year 3 to Year 4 – 3.20 pm

Transition Meeting Year 4 to Year 5 – 3.20 pm

Transition Meeting Year 5 to Year 6 – 3.20 pm

Last Day of Term – Finish at 1.30 pm

INSET – School Closed to children