Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy few weeks with us all working very hard to achieve our best in school! The children really enjoyed our special performance of Cinderella recently and have asked that this company, M and M Productions, visit again in the future. We look forward to welcoming them back.

On Thursday, 9th February 2017 all pupils are invited to attend one of our two Friends of the Grove discos at school: Reception/Key Stage 1: 4.30 – 5.30pm and Key Stage 2 from 5.45pm – 7.15pm. Tickets can be pre-ordered at £3.00/£3.50 or paid for the door at £4.00/£4.50. All children will receive a drink and a hotdog. Please do not allow your child to bring any mobile phones into school for discos and children must be collected by an adult please.

Please support your child in every way if they are chosen to represent the school in our sporting teams. We have had to cancel several events recently due to lack of transport for the pupils. Moving forward, with the support of Friends of the Grove, we are aiming to fund a minibus to transport our pupils to sporting, community and cultural events.

The last day of half-term will be Friday, 10th February 2017; school will close at the normal time of 3.10pm/3.20pm. Monday, 20th February is an INSET so the first day back for pupils will be Tuesday, 21st February when school will open at 8.40am as usual.

Thank you for your continued support of your children’s learning.

Leslie Semper
Head Teacher

Messages from our Pioneers!

“I enjoy being a pioneer because they challenge our learning and we do a lot of collaboration. Collaborating helps us because we get to share ideas use good points from other people. I feel like I have made lots more progress being in this group.” Erin Treece: Year 6, Queen Victoria

“I like learning at the Grove because the teachers always encourage you to work your best. One of my favourite pieces so far is learning about the pros and cons of smoking.” Mathew Chennells: Year 6, Queen Victoria
Important Information

Please could we ask that the children do not bring in any games or toys from home as this is causing problems within school. Any problems or questions please speak to the School Office.

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. Several members of our local community have complained recently that they have been verbally abused in front of their own homes. School leaders and governors have made it clear that this is totally unacceptable.

Please help and support us with cashless payments. This includes all trips, school meals, events, Mufti days, etc. Here is the link where you can access our online payment system: (www.scopay.com/grove-pri). If you require a link code or you need any help in setting this up, then please visit the school office.

Please help us to support your child and support our school! We are keen to obtain your views on our work. Please spare two minutes to complete Ofsted’s questionnaire. Please log on to www.parentview.co.uk and click ‘Give Views Now’. The follow these easy steps:

- Register your email with the site
- Go to your emails and click the link that is sent to you
- Log in to the site
- Complete the questionnaire

At our parents’ meetings after half-term, we will also have printed copies of the questionnaire for you to complete. Thank you.

A quick reminder that Open Classroom is on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 3:10pm for EYFS/KS1 and 3:20pm for KS2.

We politely ask that parents, carers and children do not use the front office doors (main doors) unless needing to speak to someone at the school office before and after school. There has been an increase in the number of people around the front office during these times; notably those waiting to be collected. To ensure the safety of children, we ask that it is not used as a shortcut. In addition to this, a polite reminder that all children are to be picked up outside their classrooms at the end of the day at the correct time or on the playground after an after school club.

Thank you for your help and support.
On Tuesday 17th January, The Grove Primary School were delighted to welcome the M&M Production Crew who put on a fabulous performance of Cinderella.

The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the modern twist of the classic fairy tale and were able to sing along to a mixture of songs throughout the show.

“It was amazing. It was really funny because they kept doing singing competitions and also we loved it because we got to high five them and sing lots of songs” Darianna: Year 4, Lewis Carroll.

We will welcome M&M back in December to perform Aladdin over two performances.

You will all be aware of our major focus on improved attendance this year, with our target of 96.5% for the whole school. As part of our important work in this area, all our pupils enjoyed a MAC Assembly (Make Attendance Count) with our local Education Welfare Officer.

The children learned that MAC decided to lie to his parents about being ill and preferred to stay in bed rather than go to school. He soon found out how much he had lost out on by staying at home. The message he was sending to us all was how important school is and that we need to attend each and every day or we miss our learning, friends and treats.

He then decided, with the help of the children, that he was going to stop being a naughty squirrel and go to school.

Well done to all the children for helping MAC, and well done Mac for making the right decision! Please support your children by ensuring they are in school every day and avoid dental/medical appointments during school hours.
**Bear Grylls Class Assembly**

On Friday 27th January, Bear Grylls Class performed their class assembly. They worked incredibly hard: learning lines, making and preparing props/costumes as well as giving directing tips to Mr. Gillick. The entire class brimmed with energy and parents were blown away by the children’s confidence. They showed great cooperation by working and supporting each other. Special mention must go to Millie Harries who learnt a very big part all in one night due to a friend being ill.

![Bear Grylls Class Assembly](image)

**A Big Thank You!**

On Tuesday 31st January, ten fathers and their children enjoyed a ‘Read with Dads’ session in school with Surrey Family Learning. Children predicted book endings and made up stories with lots of dragons, parties and huge amounts of wonderful imagination. Activities to encourage reading at home were discussed, and the children and their fathers chose six different ideas that appealed. A spinner was then made, and lots of fun was added to the nightly reading session. Great fun was had by all and the next day the children kept telling me how lovely it was to work with their fathers in school. Some, we think, may have been a little cheeky during their school years!

Mrs Peace, Inclusion Manager, SENCO

**Congratulations!**

On Wednesday 25th January, the Grove hosted a football and netball match. The children all played brilliantly; Miss Menzies, Miss Lavrich and Coach Adam should all be thanked for their hard work. The children played with respect and good sportsmanship and both teams won, with the final scores being 6-1 for the football and 5-3 for the netball. In addition, for future games and fixtures, please remember to fill out the letters whether your child can play or not and return to the school office as soon as possible. This enables us to form the teams well in advance to the matches avoiding cancellation and disappointment. Thank you in advance.

![Football and Netball](image)

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Team of the Week!

Meet our fabulous Link Centre team!

We are proud at The Grove to have our own Communication and Interaction Centre, named The LINK. The Leader of The LINK is Miss Weatherley, a specialist teacher, who has worked with her team to redesign our provision, making it thoroughly inclusive for all pupils with tailored approaches to pupils’ individual learning needs. Our LINK pupils are taught and supported with their peers in their mainstream classes for part of the school day, and visit the LINK daily for specialised learning programmes.

From left to right: Mrs S Young, Mrs P Gill, Miss L Gray, Mrs T Bouffler, Mrs L Smith and Miss L Weatherley.

The Grove Primary School Safeguarding of Pupils

We are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The school has four Designated Safety Leaders; (DSL’s) Mrs. L. Semper, Head Teacher, Miss G. West, Deputy Head (currently on maternity leave), Mrs J. Tancock, Acting Deputy Head Teacher and Mrs. M. Peace, Inclusion Manager SENCO. Please contact the school office, or one of the above named DSLs, if you have concerns about the welfare of any child. All DSLs have also completed Safer Recruitment Training to ensure that any staff who are recruited to work at The Grove are carefully vetted and checked through a rigorous set of procedures.

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Infants 4.30 – 5.30pm
£3.00 - PRE-ORDER
£4.00 - ON THE DOOR

Juniors 5.45 – 7.15pm
£3.50 - PRE-ORDER
£4.50 - ON THE DOOR

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