



The Grove Primary School



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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 4th 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 19th 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 th September	Parent Forum 9.00am / Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.30am
Friday 29 th September	Macmillan cake sale for children (morning playtime)
Wednesday 4th October	Hindleap Warren - Final parents meeting at 3.30pm
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church (children only)
Week beginning 9 th October	English Theme Week
Tuesday 10 th October	Open Classroom 3.20pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 11 th October	Samba Workshops for KS2
Thursday 12 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 13th October	Class Assembly – Roald Dahl begins 2.45pm parents invited
Monday 16 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 20 th October	Open Morning for prospective parents - 9.30am Local Walkabout for Year 1

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October – HALF TERM

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

SPRING TERM

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
Thursday 11 January	Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 12 th January	S4K Family Fun Day
Tuesday 16 th January	Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Monday 22 nd January	Open Classroom – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 26 th January	Parent Forum – 09.00am
Monday 29th 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 5th February	RHS Wisley Trip – Yr 6 Queen Elizabeth
Tuesday 6 th February	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 9th 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 2nd 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 16th 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

Monday 16 th April	Term Begins 8.45am
Thursday 19 th April	Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00 m
Tuesday 24 th April	Teacher Briefings – 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Friday 27th 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 4th 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 18th May

Tuesday 22nd May

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

Parents' Evening – 3.30pm to 6.30pm

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

Week Beginning 4th June

Thursday 7th June

Friday 8th June

Week beginning 11th June

Friday 15th June

Friday 15th June

Tuesday 19th June

Thursday 21st June

Friday 22nd June

Friday 22nd June

Monday 25th June

Wednesday 27th June

Wednesday 4th July

Thursday 5th July

Friday 6th July

Friday 6th July

Monday 9th July

Tuesday 10th July

Wednesday 11th July

Thursday 12th July

Friday 13th July

Friday 20th July

Monday 23rd 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