

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a fantastic first half term—the children have embraced their topics with such enthusiasm, realising some fantastic learning and goals. We are so impressed!

Sporting fixtures have also played a big part during the last five weeks. We attended our first ever indoor athletics competition, Year 5 started their footballing fixtures, our netball matches continued and we also had our first dodgeball competition. On every single occasion the children represented Grovelands with pride and passion and showed excellent, responsible behavior. Well done everyone.

The children really came together today with our Sign to Sing assembly where the whole school performed this year's song, 'Here's Friends Forever'. The children practised hard and really enjoyed learning a new way to communicate.

Nursery tours have been well attended and our final one takes place on 20 February at 11.00am. Please can we remind all parents wishing to send their child to our nursery that application forms must be completed and submitted to the school office to ensure your child is included on the waiting list even if you already have a sibling within the school. Forms can be collected from the school office.

Everyone had a chance to party at the Valentines discos this week. Thanks to FROGS for your amazing organisational skills once again. The children had a great time with the fantastic music, delicious cakes and a spectacular dance-off between the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls. What a great way to end this half term!

We hope you all have a relaxing and rewarding half term with your children and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes
Mrs Coleman and Mrs Chadda

Attendance Matters

If your child is unable to attend school, you must phone the school office before 09.30am on the day of the absence. If no message is left in the office, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Dates for your Diary 2018

9 Feb	INSET DAY
12 Feb	HALF TERM WEEK
19 Feb	YR2 Medieval Day
20 Feb	Susan Foster Parent Forum—9.00am and 2.15pm Nursery Tour—11.00am Parents' Evening—3.15 to 5.00pm
22 Feb	Parents' Evening—4.00 to 7.00pm
23 Feb	YR4 Assembly—9.00am
26 Feb	Book Week YR5 Black Death Workshop
28 Feb	Bedtime Story—6.00pm Parent Partner Reading Workshop—6.00pm
1 Mar	World Book Dress Up Day
7 Mar	YR2 SATS Parent Meeting—9.00am
7 Mar	Kitchen Relaunch Celebration Lunch for Children
7 Mar	Kitchen Relaunch Tea and Cake for Parents—2.15pm
9 Mar	Mill Cottage Farm Visit—Reception and Nursery
12 Mar	YR4 Roman Workshop
16 Mar	YR1 Assembly—9.00am
19 Mar	Scholastics Book Fair all week—3.00pm
21 Mar	Parent Safer Internet Workshop—6.00pm at Cleves
22 Mar	Parent Forum—2.00pm
27 Mar	YR4 Residential Parent Meetings—3.00pm & 6.00pm
29 Mar	BREAK UP FOR EASTER—2.00pm
16 Apr	INSET DAY
24 Apr	YR1 London's Burning Workshop
25 Apr	Class Photos
3 May	POLLING DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
4 May	Reception Bocketts Farm trip
7 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Reception Height and Weight Checks
14 May	YR6 SATS week
16 May	YR4 Residential—Mill Rythe (return 18 May)
25 May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM—3.00pm
18 Jun	YR6 Residential—Land and Wave (return 22 Jun)
3 Jul	YR6 Senior School Induction Day YRs R—5 Shuffle-up day
4 Jul	YR6 Senior School Induction Day
11 Jul	YR6 Leavers' Performance—1.30pm
12 Jul	Sports Day YR6 Leavers' Performance—7.00pm
16 Jul	Sports Day (back-up)
18 Jul	Parent Report Drop-in and Meet next year's Teacher
19 Jul	YR6 Leavers' Assembly—9.00am
20 Jul	END OF TERM—2.00pm

NB. Please note dates are subject to change.
Early Years = Nursery & Reception /
KS1 = Years 1 & 2 / KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please pay dinner money in advance every Monday or, alternatively, you can pay half termly using our online payment facility. Should you require log-in details for online payments, please speak to the main office. The cost of a school meal is £2.25. Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

PARENT/CARER FORUM

SUSAN FOSTER, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, WILL BE HOLDING A PARENT/CARER FORUM IN THE SCHOOL HALL ON TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT 9.00AM AND, AGAIN, AT 2.15PM.

THE PURPOSE OF THE FORUM IS TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE DECISION TO ADVERTISE FOR A HEAD OF SCHOOL AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE SCHOOL'S PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT AS OUTLINED IN THE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AS MANY OF YOU THERE AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU



SCHOOL GATES. A Polite reminder to parents/carers to leave the school site promptly once you have dropped your child off at their class in the morning. The last gate to be locked at 8.55am sharp is the one nearest to the YR5/YR6 classes. Our first priority is the safeguarding of the children and the school must be secured ASAP. Your co-operation is appreciated.



Year 1 parents, please ensure your child has a photo of themselves when they were a baby on their return from half term. This is needed for our new topic 'Memory Box'. Thank you.



NSPCC Numbers Day — We raised an amazing £325.00 last Friday. A big thank you to everyone who kindly donated.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in Nursery our story has been 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' We have been learning about repetition in a story and have encouraged the children to join in with repeated phrases. We even went on a bear hunt ourselves to act out the story. Today we have made pancakes, they were very tasty!

RECEPTION

Reception have been on a bear hunt this week. We have also been learning to write captions about pictures from the story and we used lots of wonderful describing words! In Maths, we have been learning to say which number is one more or less than a given number. On Wednesday, we had fun making and eating pancakes! They were really yummy! Thursday was also an exciting day thanks to our inter-house sports competition with Mrs Matthews!

YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have been writing their own poems about animals using rhyming words. In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. In computing we have been creating our own illustrations using a drawing program.

YEAR 2

Year two have been writing their own animation stories thinking about how to write good quality sentences and editing them. In maths we have been solving problems using empty boxes. On Internet safety day we explored and discussed the importance of this and made our own eye-catching posters.

YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have been writing our own version of Little Red Riding Hood. We have created our own villain and have written an entire story using lots of descriptive language and have been working on building up tension in our stories. The stories are incredible and parents will be proud when they read them at parents evening.

We have also been learning about money in maths and can add different amounts of money using the column method. In Science, we have continued learning about magnets, we know that magnets have different poles which attract and repel each other. As for RE, we have been looking at the important features of a synagogue.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been learning how to find the area of rectilinear shapes this week in Maths. We have written some brilliant cinquain and haiku poems about Roman objects in English. This term in Computing, we have been learning about wikis and have started to create our own class wikis about the Romans this week. We are also starting to practise our class assembly - we look forward to you all seeing it after half term!

YEAR 5

The children have learnt how to translate regular and irregular shapes across quadrants and have been developing their knowledge in solving various calculations and solving problems this week in Maths. In English, the children have written an persuasive text about an Alchemy Island focusing on persuasive language features.

YEAR 6

This week in year 6 we have been writing monologues as Cameron. We have been thinking about his inner feelings and how he might express those through writing. In maths, we have been calculating missing angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and on a straight line. In Science, we have made fake blood and replicated how it travels through our bodies using the outside space and cones.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE!

The second **Reception Inter-House Festival** took place yesterday afternoon. It was a very successful afternoon, the children had a brilliant time and all competed with great sportsmanship! We are very proud of how well they followed the instructions and took part in all of the activities! We did a scatter beanbag race, speed bounce jumping, soft javelin throwing and a quoit relay race. Overall Chestnut were the winners this time, but congratulations to all of the children.



Running Vests- a big plea!



We are hoping to acquire approx 50 running vests for the school.

The cost for these would probably be £500- £650.

Would any parent or company like to sponsor the school for this? You would have the company's logo added to the vests which would be shown off at every fixture!!

The school would be extremely grateful so if you are interested please speak to Mrs Matthews or email her on:

smatthews@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you

Grovelands v Ashley



Well done to Year 5 and Year 6 teams last week. They both played Ashley on Friday, after school. Year 6 securely held off Ashley to a 0-0 draw. The boys played with determination and strength. A special mention goes to Mr Craig Marley, who kindly managed the team for the whole game which really encouraged and improved the squad. The player of the match goes to Khalil, for his speed, strength, stamina and resilience- an excellent game!

Year 5 were off to a flying start, taking the first goal of the game. They scored four goals, with one from Charlie being very near to the half way line; a free kick that lobbed the keeper and went straight into the back of the net, superb! We didn't manage to secure a win but we did play as a team and gave 100% right up to the final whistle.

The player of the match goes to Josh for switching to any position and defending, tackling and attacking with such passion. A great game Josh and all! Mrs Matthews



Bedtime Story

For our ever popular Book Week Bedtime Story, we will be inviting children to school on the evening of Wednesday 28th February at 6.00 – 6.30pm for hot chocolate and stories. Don't forget your pyjamas and teddy bear! Parents are invited to stay for a reading workshop in the main hall, and Year Five and Six we would love you to come and read some stories to the younger children or help give out hot chocolate.

Ready, Steady Read!

Children are invited to take part in a sponsored read to raise money to spend on some lovely Usborne books for our school. There will be prizes for the classes which raise the most money

Meet an Author

Children's author Kerry Gibb will be in school on Monday 26th February to talk to the children about her job and selling her books after school. Shalby Ballaman will also be sharing her expertise as an author with Years Five and Six on Friday 2nd March during some workshops, and also selling her books after school.

Book Week!

We will be celebrating World Book Day by having Grovelands Book Week from 26th February– 2nd March. In class, children will be learning about different books and stories plus these exciting activities.....

Mystery Readers

There will be photos of 'Mystery Readers' around school. If you can work out who they are, complete the answer slip and put it in the box by the office by Friday 2nd March. Prizes for the winners!

Book Character Dress Up

Reception to Year Six, dress up as your favourite book character, and Nursery as pirates on Thursday 1st March for World Book Day 2018. Prizes for the winner in each year group.

Lucky Dip!

There will be an Usborne Book lucky dip in the playground on Thursday 1st March at 3:00pm. £1 to enter and a prize every time!

Book Swap

Bring in an old book you no longer read to swap for a different book to take home and keep. Please bring your old books to school on Friday 2nd March.

School Council Competition Time!

Design a bookmark for your class. Hand it to your teacher by Thursday 1st March and the winning entry (judged by School Council) will be made into a bookmark and presented to all children in your class to use.



THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH **sign2sing**

The children were amazing this morning and signed their way beautifully through this year's 'Here's Friends Forever'. Thank you for all your donations in support of this worthy cause.



FROGS cake sale

Profits of **£164.45** were made from the FROGS cake sale on Wednesday — thank you to everyone who bought these yummy treats!



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.9%	98.2%	96.8%	96%	96.4%	92.1%	95.2%

Well done to **Year 1** for the best year group attendance
Well done to **Swans** for the best class attendance **100%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.5%	96.2%	96.2%	96.4%	96.6%	94.9%	96%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES



Class

Behaviour

Otters	Kai
Squirrels	Scarlett
Badgers	Olivia
Flamingos	Chloe
Swans	Timmy
Dolphins	Rosie
Seals	Mabelle
Antelopes	Jake
Giraffes	Edward
Zebras	Tianna
Leopards	Herbie
Panthers	Tai
Eagles	Aidan E
Kestrels	Amber
Cobras	Dylan
Pythons	Anna-Louise

Pen Licence

Anastasiia - Panthers



Grammar Wizard

Laila— Dolphins (YR 2—WOW)



WELL DONE EVERYONE