

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of another wonderful week at Grovelands where lots of fantastic learning has been happening across the school. From counting legs in Reception to converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and adding and subtracting them in Year 6, all the children have been excited and engaged by their work. Flamingos class had a fantastic time watching Trolls at the cinema with tickets that were kindly donated by Everyman Walton and Year 5 have been working hard practicing their year group assembly, which we look forward to seeing on Monday.

We have continued to have a busy week with our sports fixtures. Our netball team played against Burhill yesterday, and although we lost, the team scored two fantastic goals. Everyone played very well and we are so proud of them. The football team also took part in a tournament at Royal Holloway university yesterday. They played brilliantly and came 5th out of 12 teams, which is a great achievement. All children were a real credit to the school and represented Grovelands with pride, courage and confidence. Well done to both teams.

Next week is an important week as it is both Anti-bullying and Interfaith week. During anti-bullying week children will be learning that bullying is unwanted behaviour that harms someone else and is repeated over a long period of time. It usually involves using a power imbalance to control or harm others. Bullying can happen inside or outside of school and can also happen online. For interfaith week, we have several exciting assemblies planned, including an Imam visiting our school and an assembly about Judaism.

Our poppy sale has been hugely popular, with children queuing down the corridor at break time to purchase these. We have spoken to the children about the importance of Remembrance Day, and why we will be taking time over the weekend to remember those who gave their lives for our country. We hope that you have a lovely weekend with your families and see you all next week!

Best wishes
Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman

Dates for your Diary

2017 Autumn Term

13 Nov	YR5 Parent Assembly—9.00am
16 Nov	Parent Tour (Sept 18 intake)—9.15am
17 Nov	Children in Need (spotty mufti day)
23 Nov	Swans Cinema Trip
28 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisations (R to Yr 4)
12 Dec	YR 3 & 4 Carol Concert—10.30am (St Mary's) YR 3 & 4 Carol Concert— 6.30pm (St Mary's)
13 Dec	YR 5 & 6 Carol Concert—10.30am (St Mary's) YR 5 & 6 Carol Concert— 6.30pm (St Mary's)
14 Dec	Reception Christmas Play—9.30am (parents/siblings) Reception Christmas Play—2.00pm (adults only)
15 Dec	YR 1 & 2 Christmas Play—9.30am (parents/siblings) YR 1 & 2 Christmas Play—2.00pm (adults only)
16 Dec	FROGS Christmas Fair
20 Dec	Nursery Christmas Concert—am Bears 11.00am —pm Bears 2.15pm
	Christmas Lunch
21 Dec	END OF TERM—2.00pm
4 Jan	Back to school
Insets	9th February 2018 16th April 2018 23rd July 2018

NB. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception /
KS1 = Years 1 & 2 / KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

If you wish to report an absence please call 01932 227816 (selecting option 1) and leave a message. Calls must be made by 09:30 at the latest to safeguard our children.

Thank you

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.

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 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. 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.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

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.

Wear Blue for Denzel

In partnership with Denzel's family we are arranging a 'WEAR BLUE FOR DENZEL DAY' where the children will be asked to wear the colour blue to school (Denzel's favourite colour). A separate letter will be sent home shortly highlighting the date and details of how to donate to raise funds for Denzel to have his trip of a lifetime. Assuming Denzel is well enough to travel, he would ideally love to go to Disneyland Paris, or alternatively, a fantastic day to remember at a UK theme park, such as Lego Land, with overnight hotel accommodation.

We miss you and are all thinking of you Denzel.



PLEASE USE OUR ZEBRA CROSSING

The school worked hard to ensure that Surrey County Council gave us our Zebra Crossing to enable our children to safely cross the busy Terrace Road.

We were extremely disappointed to have received a call this week from a driver who had to perform an emergency stop a few meters from the roundabout in order to avoid hitting pedestrians as they stepped out into the road. When the driver asked why they hadn't used the pedestrian crossing the driver was verbally abused. Not only did the person driving not deserve to be spoken to in this manner, it also reflects badly on our school.

Please do not take short cuts to save time—take the safest route and save lives.

Thank you.



VISIT YEAR 3



When The Hobgoblin Theatre Group came to Grovelands recently, they acted out the scary myth story of Perseus and Medusa. The myth, which originates from Greece, is about King Polydectes and how he wanted to marry Perseus' mother but Perseus did not want the King to marry his mum. The king sent brave Perseus on a quest to kill Medusa and chop off her snake-like, scary head and bring it back. If he did not manage he would die!

During the play the actors stopped and talked to us in class groups about what was happening in the exciting story. The realistic old costumes were great because they helped us know what the people and Gods were like.

After the show we stayed in the hall and did some fun acting and had to make ourselves into statues from the myth and also from the Ancient Greek Olympics showing different exciting actions.

It was a fantastic morning and we learned lots about Greek Mythology.

By: Dylan – Antelopes, Ronnie – Giraffes and Thomas – Zebras



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Friday 17 November 2017

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TEAM
PUDSEY



NETBALL

GROVELANDS V CARDINAL NEWMAN

By Emillie and Hannah (Cobras)

Straight after school, there was an intense netball match between two excellent schools, which are called Grovelands and Cardinal Newman.

To increase our teams energy, a player named Nell gave us all an energy bar (MAR'S BAR). After a while, our team warmed up and the game started - this meant we had an opportunity to win.

A few minutes later, we started the match, on the first two quarters we tried our best to defend, but sadly they scored three amazing goals. However, Emillie scored us a goal an then Hannah scored second! Our whole team played really well! Bring on the next game!



ROYAL HOLLOWAY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



By Che (Cobras)

On Thursday 9th November 2017 Grovelands went to a tournament at Royal Holloway. When we got there we got drawn in a group with St Cuthberts, Burhill, Cardinal Newman and St Pauls. As we was opening the tournament it was very nerve-racking but we didn't let the pressure get to us. The game ended 0-0. A tough but fun game. Next, we faced Cardinal Newman a extremely hard game and we lost 1-0 thanks to an incredible goal from a player for Cardinal Newman. Our third game of the tournament was against St Cuthberts. Despite all the possession and all the chances the game finished 0-0. After that, we come against Burhill and this time we played for revenge as we lost 3-2. The game finished 0-0 again. So with Burhill finishing top and Cardinal Newman going through we unfortunately didn't go through but everyone gave it their all and we showed alot of team spirit.

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.9%	96.5%	96.9%	97.8%	98.1%	95.7%	95%

Well done to **Year 4** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Leopards and Panthers** for the best class attendance **98.1%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.4%	97%	96.9%	97%	96.8%	96.2%	96.3%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 96.7%

Target: 96%

CERTIFICATES



Class

Behaviour

Achievement

Write of the Week

Flamingos

Amelia

Hugo

Theo

Swans

Freddie

Lowri

Oliver M

Dolphins

Harvey

Sufian

Liam

Seals

Eli

Mabelle

Nick

Antelopes

Elijah

Bogdan

Emily

Giraffes

Teddy

Millie

Filip

Zebras

Matas

Thomas

Charlie

Leopards

Alex

Laila

Herbie

Panthers

Shivanjali

Jake

Alfie

Eagles

Faye

Joanne

Harvey

Kestrels

Tawana

Toby

Naomi

Cobras

Ciaran

Rhiannon

Dylan

Pythons

Leo

Alfie

Lilli

Pen Licences



Kai — Panthers

WELL DONE EVERYONE



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WALTON'S CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

9:30-19:30

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Lantern Parade 17:30

Light Switch-on 18:00



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