

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another incredibly enjoyable week at Grovelands with lots to celebrate.

First of all, I would like to share the early success we've had with writing this year. We were very fortunate to be able to look at literacy books this week and we were certainly impressed with the start that children have made in every year group. They are taking such pride in their work and their progress, even at this early stage, was clear and easy to see.

Our value this month has been respect, and it is evident walking around the school that our pupils have respect for each other, as well as the adults. Behaviour is excellent at Grovelands where all of our children look out for each other, celebrate each other's successes and have respect for one another.

Maths has also been a focus this week, with a number of teachers attending in-school training directed on how we help children explain their mathematical thinking in words so that they have a really deep understanding of what they are learning. We look forward to sharing this with you in a future parent workshop.

It was lovely to see everyone looking so smart for the photos that took place this week. As soon as these are returned to us, they will be sent home for your consideration.

We would also like to say a big 'well done' to all for the wonderfully creative dots that have been coming back in for our growth mindset display. We look forward to sharing this with you when it is complete.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck
Head of School

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

Dates for your Diary

- 16 Oct Parents Evening (3.30-5.30)
- 18 Oct Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 18 Oct Parents Evening (4.00-7.00)
- 19 Oct **Inset Day**
- 22 Oct Half Term Week
- 29 Oct YR3 Hobgoblin Theatre Visit
- 31 Oct YRs 2 & 3 Performance Drama Workshop
- 1 Nov YR6 Parent Assembly (9.15)
- 1 Nov YRs 1, 2 & 3 Halloween Disco (4.30—5.30)
- 1 Nov YRs 4, 5 & 6 Halloween Disco (6.00—7.00)
- 2 Nov Nursery & Reception Halloween Party (3.15—4.00)

- 6 Nov Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 7 Nov YR2 Parent Assembly (9.15)
- 21 Nov Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 1 Dec FROGS Christmas Fair (4.00—6.00)
- 5 Dec Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 11 Dec YR2 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 12 Dec YR1 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 13 Dec Reception Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 14 Dec Nursery Christmas Performance (9.00 / 2.00)
- 17 Dec YRs 3 & 4 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
- 18 Dec YRs 5 & 6 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
- 19 Dec END OF TERM (2.00)

Inset Days 15 February 2019
 23 April 2019
 3 June 2019

N.B. 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 £2.30 per day.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

In Nursery this week we have been talking about frogs, we have learnt two new songs and have made wonderful frog headbands. We have also decorated frog biscuits, which were quite delicious!

RECEPTION

This week, reception have been learning more handwriting patterns. We have learnt how to paint anti-clockwise circles in the style of Kandinsky. In maths, we have been investigating Numicon for the first time. We have learnt how to recognise Numicon pieces to ten and put them in order too!

YEAR 1

In maths this week we have been shape detectives and have searched the school for shapes and identified them using mathematical language. We are still working on number formation and it would be fab if we practised at home too. In English we have learnt a lot of information about Yuri Gagarin. We have put all of our facts into amazing sentences focusing on spelling, detail and of course, our best effort! In science we have been thinking about why materials are suited to their purpose. We thought about what would happen if chairs were made from chocolate and tables from jelly!!

YEAR 2

This week in Year 2 we have been practising joining letters correctly as part of our handwriting. We have also been identifying adjectives and good sentence openers and including them in our writing. In maths we have been looking at number facts and patterns by making 100 in different ways in multiples of 10. Painting our boat pictures has continued this week and we have also been listening to and writing about the story of The Good Samaritan in R.E.

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 we have been writing non-chronological reports about healthy foods, so we should all be making really great healthy choices with our meals and snacks this weekend! In maths we have been learning to add and subtract 3 digit numbers using lots of different methods. We have worked really hard on this and got some great results. We have also enjoyed investigating changing materials in science, being computer programmers using Scratch and learning about where different foods come from.

YEAR 4

In history, we researched lots of information about peasant life in 1066. We have been using Chrome Books to create a slide show to present the interesting facts. In maths, we have been focusing on subtraction with exchanges and using this skill to problem solve. We had fun in science, as we designed and began creating our own musical instrument!

YEAR 5

This week year five have been solving problems involving line graphs and analysing data. They were keen news reporters and wrote ambitious newspaper articles about Anne Boleyn's gruesome beheading. We have been getting creative (and filthy) making our Tudor houses out of junk modelling and Modroc. Next week we look forward to painting and decorating our detailed designs.

YEAR 6

Year 6 are proper whizz kids in maths now, as we can all complete long division calculations. In English, we have completed some splendid reports about life on the Home Front during the Second World War.



Eco-Warriors



A massive THANK YOU to our Eco-Warriors for sorting out the large wooden planters in the Reception/Year 1 area and also outside the Year 5 block. They look fantastic and we can't wait to see them flourish over the coming weeks.



REMINDER

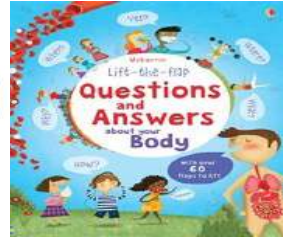
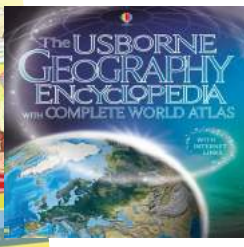
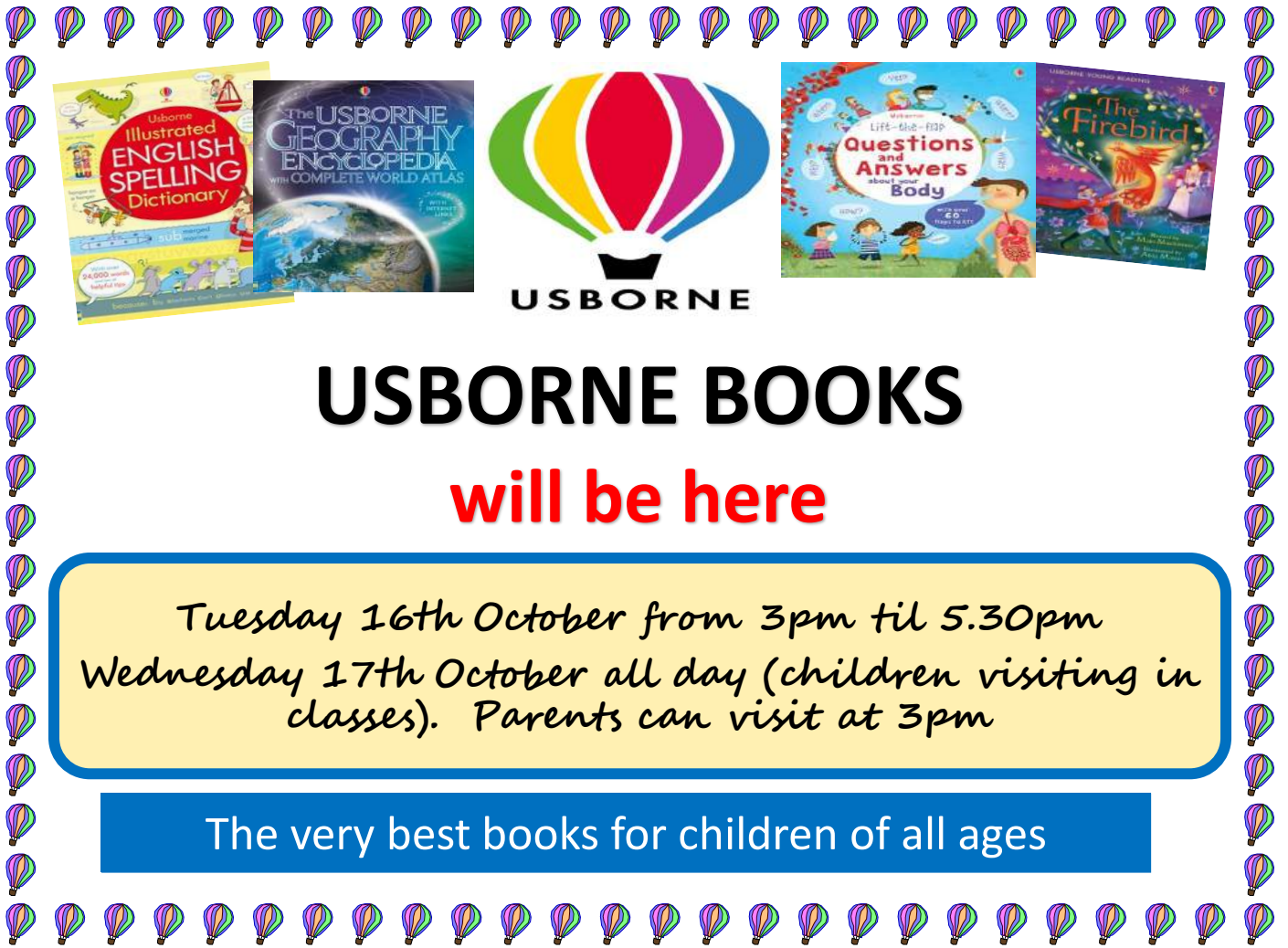
The Nasal Flu Vaccines will take place on Tuesday 16th October 2018 during the school day for those children whose packs were returned with permission.



For safety reasons, the climbing frame and any other outdoor apparatus are not to be used during drop off or pick up time.

All children are the responsibility of their parents/carers whilst entering or leaving the premises.





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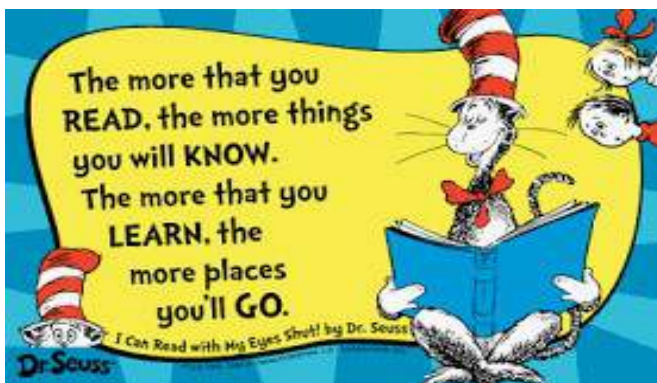
will be here

*Tuesday 16th October from 3pm til 5.30pm
Wednesday 17th October all day (children visiting in classes). Parents can visit at 3pm*

The very best books for children of all ages



Our library will be open from next week both at lunchtime and after school. Please encourage your child/children to come along and select a book from the vast range we have available to them. KS1 children will visit in classes .



PLEASE BE AWARE!

PA Housing has informed us that they are due to carry out some minor works to properties in the local area. They will be using the land situated next to the garages at Kilsha Road for storage and welfare facilities whilst works are ongoing (Oct 18 til Jan 19).

Please be extra vigilant at both drop off and pick up times.



THANK YOU

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.3%	96%	95.8%	96.1%	96.3%	97.4%	97.7

Well done to **Year 6** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Penguins** for the best class attendance **99.3%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.5%	97.4%	96.2%	96.8%	96.9%	97.4%	95.9%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **96.7%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Lewis	Wilf	Willow
Squirrels	Grace	Ella	Cameron
Flamingos	James Dean	Sommer	Elyse
Penguins	Lois	Holly	Lily
Swans	Charlie	Venoth	Seren
Dolphins	Jana	Ellen	Josh
Seals	Hugo / George	Priyanka	Sophie
Giraffes	Matthew	Liam	Grace
Zebras	Ranell	Alan	Harley W
Jaguars	Emily	Amber	Milana
Leopards	Meirah	Megan	Lilia
Panthers	Joshua	Sophie	Chloe
Eagles	Kuba	Kai	Armandas
Kestrels	Gabriel	Nathan	Jake
Cobras	Andrea	Keely	Frank
Pythons	Grace P	Riley	Zosia



Pen Licence

Grace — Giraffes
Logan — Cobras

WELL DONE EVERYONE



FROGS NEWS

A **HUGE** thank you to all parents, staff and supporters of **FROGS**. In the last year we have achieved an amazing net profit from all our events, which has helped to fund the newly turfed Middle Garden. Some of the other things we have funded this year include:

- Air-conditioning units for the upstairs classrooms
- Running vests for the sports department
- Christmas Crackers & Easter Eggs for the entire school



FROGS PROFITS
Sept 2017 - August 2018
£12,769.65!!!



We couldn't do this without all our amazing volunteers.
 Want to help out?



Follow us and join in on Facebook: "FROGS Group"



Don't forget to get your tickets for the Halloween Discos Years 1-6 (1st Nov) & Halloween Party for Reception & Nursery (2nd Nov). Buy tickets online at www.classlist.com



Save the Date



Christmas Fair - 1st December 4-6pm



Daley Thompson's NEW Young Athletes Club!

I am thrilled about our new Young Athletes Club. I have always been passionate about inspiring the nation's young to be healthy and to enjoy sport, as it has been such an integral part of my life which I would like to share with others. With the co-founder Kate Staples our aim, first and foremost, is to get as many children learning the early skills of athletics and to enjoy running, jumping and throwing in a competitive environment. I hope you will join us and give it a go”.

**Walton Excel Leisure Complex,
Waterside Dr
Walton-on-Thames
KT12 2JG**

**Friday 9th November - Friday 14th December
4:45pm - 5:45pm
Ages 7-11
Price: £48**

To book your place please visit www.aspiretogreatness.co.uk

Please note spaces are limited, please register today