

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another fantastic week here at Grovelands, filled with wonderful learning experiences. Today our Year 1 children performed a wonderful assembly, sharing all the fantastic learning that they have done this term. The Grovelands song was a particular highlight and every single child spoke and sang beautifully. They are all a true credit to our school.

We have been kept very busy with our sporting fixtures. There have been a mixture of wins and losses but we are delighted that both our Year 5 and 6 football teams won last week and are proud of all the children who take part and represent our school at these events. On Saturday we have a group of children running at a Cross County event at Notre Dame School which we are very excited about.

Next Thursday we have a parent forum. The focus is going to be parent helpers and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

After the beautiful spring weather we have been having, it is hard to believe that snow is forecast for the weekend, but we know that the children are delighted at the prospect of more snowmen and snowball fights, so wrap up warm and enjoy it!

Best wishes,

Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman

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

19 Mar	YR1 Easter Visit St Mary's Church
19 Mar	Scholastics Book Fair all week—3.00pm
20 Mar	Nursery Tour—11.00am
21 Mar	Parent Safer Internet Workshop—6.00pm at Cleves
22 Mar	Parent Forum—2.00pm
26 Mar	YR4 Roman Workshop
27 Mar	YR4 Residential Parent Meetings—3.00pm & 6.00pm
29 Mar	BREAK UP FOR EASTER—2.00pm
16 Apr	INSET DAY
17 Apr	YR6 Residential Parent Meetings—3.00pm & 6.00pm
24 Apr	YR1 London's Burning Workshop
25 Apr	Class Photos
26 Apr	YR6 SATS Parent Meeting—3.00pm & 6.00pm
3 May	POLLING DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
4 May	Reception Bocketts Farm trip
7 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Reception Height and Weight Checks
10 May	YR2 Windsor Castle Trip
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.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

After our very exciting farm visit, we have been learning all about farm animals. We know which animals live on a farm and the food products they give us. We turned into farmers yesterday and made butter out of cream, it tasted delicious!

RECEPTION

This week reception have been writing all about their experiences with Mill Cottage Farm last week. As part of Science Week, we have been investigating floating and sinking. In numeracy we have been finding pairs of numbers which make ten in practical ways.

YEAR 1

This week it has been Science Week. We have enjoyed creating grass heads and can't wait to see them grow! In Maths we have been learning about place value (tens and ones) and using dienes to support our learning.

The Year 1 team are incredibly proud of all the children in their fantastic performance of their class assembly! :)

YEAR 2

Year two have been learning some wonderful science this week, thinking about what living things need. We have planted some seeds to find out what they need to grow and are waiting to see if we are right! We also thought about some animals and what their habitats are like. In English we really enjoyed reading *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne, especially looking at all of the details in the pictures to give us clues about the story.

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 we have been enjoying Science Week! We have done a few different experiments including writing secret messages with invisible ink, looking at the changes of an egg in vinegar after 2 days (yuck!) and even designing an 'Astro-nappy' for the astronauts. In English we have been writing informal letters and in maths we have been learning about fractions.

YEAR 4

We have moved onto our new text type 'Newspapers' in English this week, and have been looking at the features of articles. In maths, we have come back to comparing, and now adding decimals. We've also had great fun celebrating British Science Week and completed an investigation into tooth decay using eggs. In addition, we made some spinners to look at the affect of the size of wing spans on the speed of falling.

YEAR 5

Year 5 children have learnt all about prime numbers this week in maths. The children have identified the prime numbers and solved various problems involving these numbers. In English, the children have been learning about newspaper articles, identifying their features and then preparing parts of a newspaper article they are writing next week about the Black Death.

YEAR 6

This week, year 6 have been finishing *Pig Heart Boy* and writing missing chapters to complete the story. In maths, we have been learning about coordinates, translation and reflections. Otherwise, it has been all revision systems go for our final mock exams of the spring term next week! We know we'll smash it!

Internet Safety Seminar – 21 March 2018, 6.00pm at Cleves School

This adult only seminar will be delivered by Teresa Hughes of the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, who has an outstanding reputation for her work in her field and talks internationally about Internet Safety for children.

We cannot emphasise how important it is that you attend this seminar if you have not done so already. As the use of internet ready devices proliferates in children's lives, it is essential that parents are aware of the problems as well as the many benefits these changes bring.

If you are planning to attend this seminar, please remember to return the reply slip attached to the invitation letters sent out so we have an indication of numbers. Thank you.



Football

Grovelands V St Paul's Two Victories

The year 5 and 6 teams had a very wet and cold experience last Friday at St Paul's school. Both teams played with strength and skill and managed to take command of any position they were placed in on the pitch.

The year 5 team started very strong and were one goal up within minutes. At points, we did get a bit scrappy but didn't ever get complacent and managed to secure a 5-1 victory. Charlie was the man of the match, he scored goals, drove hard down the pitch, defended and supported the team throughout the whole match. Well done year 5.

Year 6 had a tougher match. St Paul's had some very talented players on the pitch but our boys managed to clamp them down. The teams had chances to score but both keepers made some excellent saves. In the last few minutes Che managed to do what he had been promising all day and scored a solid goal. For this and all the times he has given 100%, he was the player of the match for year 6. Harvey had his first game and had excellent positioning on the pitch and kept on offering and reoffering- great effort Harvey.



Scholastic Book Fair



Scholastic book fair will be held every day next week at 3.00pm. With over 200 of the newest and best children's books suitable for all ages and abilities there is sure to be a book perfect for every child!

The Scholastics team select books from over sixty publishers, with prices starting from £2.99 and exclusive titles that you won't find in the shops or at any other fairs. Plus, every book sold at your Fair can help to earn free books for your school with Scholastic Rewards! See you there.

Netball Match Report

Date	15.03.18
Opponents	Cleves
Venue	Cleves school
Final Score	8-1

Team News

* Naomi a former team member, stepped in with only a days notice so we can play.



Report

-In the match we played against Cleves 8-1 but we sadly lost. Hannah was fantastic during one of the quarters and shot a goal. Meryn was amazing at marking her opponent. Naomi on the other hand was fabulous at interception with the ball. Amber was excellent in center and had quick reflexes. Joanne was brilliant in goal attack and defence.

Player of the Match:

Joanne fantastic for defending 😊

Report by:

Joanne



Mill Cottage Farm

Friday 9th March 2018



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Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.1%	93.7%	94.9%	97.2%	96.9%	96.2%	98.9%

Well done to **Year 6** for the best year group attendance
 Well done to **Cobras & Bears PM** 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
94.4%	96.5%	96.5%	96.5%	96.6%	95%	96.1%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>
Otters	Leighton
Squirrels	Charlie
Badgers	Scarlet
Flamingos	Theo
Swans	Ella
Dolphins	Hanaan
Seals	All girls
Antelopes	Daisy
Giraffes	Arjun
Zebras	Dylan
Leopards	Daisy
Panthers	Lilly Mai
Eagles	Meryn
Kestrels	Louis
Cobras	Fraser
Pythons	Whole class

WELL DONE EVERYONE

EASTER WALK

St Mary's Church

March 19th-24th

3-5pm Monday - Friday

Tuesday 7-9.00pm

followed by 9-9.30pm Compline

10am-3pm Saturday

Suitable for children, families and adults alike. Makes for a great home group outing!
For more information contact mandy@waltonparish.org.uk or 01932 246609

7 stations displayed within the church -

Walk down the road on Palm Sunday

See the destruction in the temple

Wash your feet

Climb the stairs to the upper room for the Last Supper

Pray in the garden

Kneel at the cross

Finally, wonder at the surprise on Easter Day

