

Dear Parents and Carers

I have thoroughly enjoyed this week, and it has ended on a real high, with children spottily dressed in aid of Children in Need. Thank you for your donations towards this excellent cause.

There has been a good deal happening, with a very successful year 5 trip to Three Rivers for a Modern Foreign Languages workshop - I know the children really enjoyed visiting the school and getting a taste of Spanish. We also kicked off our excellence groups today with some children from Cleves School coming to Grovelands for a debating workshop to which I know they were really looking forward. Whilst that was happening, we also had children visiting Cleves for an ICT excellence group and I look forward to hearing all about it.

Sporting fixtures are well underway and we have year 5 and 6 football league matches happening after school today. Good luck to all of the boys. In the next few weeks, many of our children will be representing the school in a range of different sports, including dodgeball, athletics, netball and tag rugby, which is all very exciting and we're sure they will compete well.

Thank you so much to all of the parents that came along to our parent volunteers workshop this week. It is wonderful to have so many parents on board and signed up to help with things like hearing readers, going on trips and helping in the library.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Evans has had a beautiful baby girl called Beatrice. Both baby and mummy are doing very well and enjoying settling into life as a family of 4. We wish them all the very best.

Have a wonderful 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 1996.

Dates for your Diary

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| 21 Nov | Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15) |
| 21 Nov | Giraffes visit Wagamamas |
| 22 Nov | Zebras visit Wagamamas |
| 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 | Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' Christmas Lunch |
| 14 Dec | Tigers and Bears Christmas Performance (9.00) |
| 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) |

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| 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

It has been very exciting in nursery this week as we had a visit from a friendly alien, who left us a letter and a hidden present! We have written thank you letters back to the alien and have drawn maps of our alien hunt. We have shared lots of alien books and we so enjoyed 'Aliens Love Underpants' that we designed our own pants!

RECEPTION

This week reception have been learning to put phonics sounds together to make simple words like cat and dog. We have also been investigating addition in practical fun ways. Otters and Squirrels made their own adding machines using coloured balls and ramps to roll them down. In PE this week the children have been using the apparatus, climbing confidently. It was amazing to see what the children could do!

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we received an invitation to listen to a story in the woods. We have been learning the features of an invitation and how to write an invitation based on the story Kipper's Birthday. In SPAG we have been learning about plurals and which suffix to add to words. In maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of place value, using ten frames, Numicon and Dienes. In science we have been learning about evergreen and deciduous trees- see if you can find any on your travels this weekend!

YEAR 2

This week in year 2 we have written our own story based on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and it was fun changing the characters and main events! We have also been learning to use contractions in our writing. In maths we have been looking at strategies to help us add three 1 digit numbers together, such as finding number bonds to 10, or doubles first. Singing and dancing for our Christmas production is in the calm early stage.

YEAR 3

The children have been learning about persuasive letters this week, looking at some of the features and writing their own letters trying to persuade King Minos not to feed them to the Minotaur! In maths the children have been learning multiplication and division facts related to the 3 times table.

YEAR 4

In maths, we've been exploring measurement, focusing on converting kilometres to metres. In English, we've been writing a 'balanced argument' about whether or not it was a good decision for Harry Potter to go to Hogwarts school. In science, we've been investigating different states of matter and the processes involved.

YEAR 5

Eagles class visited Three Rivers Academy for their Spanish workshop - ask us the words we learnt with Mrs Marshall! - There are skull (*calaveras*) templates coming home with children to decorate for a Three Rivers Competition. These are due back in at the end of the month and will be judged by Three Rivers staff for a prize. Kestrels class are looking forward to going next week.

We have also begun to learn to dance the Haka in PE lessons, which we're really enjoying and have been planning our space buggies during D&T lessons. Please continue to send in any cardboard boxes or plastic trays/pots for us to use for this in the following weeks.

YEAR 6

Year 6 are whizzing through fractions...and mixed numbers....and problem solving. In English, we are getting our teeth into the role of Willie Beech as we write diaries. And in science, we are learning about evolution and Darwin's finches.

Attendance last week

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 87.7% | 96.3% | 96.2% | 97.6% | 97.6% | 97.2% | 94.9% |

Well done to **Year 3 and 4** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Dolphins** 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 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 94.2% | 97% | 96.3% | 97% | 97% | 97.2% | 95.5% |

Overall attendance percentage to date: **96.5%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



| Class | <i>Behaviour</i> | <i>Achievement</i> | <i>Writer of the Week</i> |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Otters | Evie | Ava | Fynn |
| Squirrels | Fiorella | Amelia | Eira |
| Flamingos | James Br | Archie | Mysha |
| Penguins | Harley | Tyler | Tom |
| Swans | Link | Emily | Isla |
| Dolphins | Oliver | Melody | Olivia |
| Seals | Amelia | Harry | Junior |
| Giraffes | Lucy | Jayden | Ruby |
| Zebras | Mohamed | Harley | Ranell |
| Jaguars | Lily | Jaila | Tianna |
| Leopards | Skye | Daisy | Jack |
| Panthers | Vera | Chloe | Jensen |
| Eagles | Kumial | Cameron | James Pa |
| Kestrels | Alex | Srileka | Lilly-Mai |
| Cobras | Joanne | Toby | Logan |
| Pythons | Archie | Ashton | Ollie |

Pen Licences



Phoebe—Giraffes

Evie—Eagles

Aleksandra—Eagles

Theo—Giraffes

Lilly—Eagles

Laila—Eagles

WELL DONE EVERYONE

A Big **THANK YOU**



Walton & Hershams **foodbank**

Grovelands School

For your generous donation of 154 kgs of food

Your help will make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Walton & Hershams foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

Registered Charity Number : 1131361 | Registered in England and Wales www.waltonhershamsfoodbank.org.uk

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child arrives at school every day wearing full school uniform.

Although the network Shop in Molesey is now closed, uniform can still be purchased from them online.

Please see our school website for further details.



THANK YOU!

We have loved the spotty support this charity received today. The children all looked **spotacular** in their outfits. We will report the final total raised in next week's edition!



On Thursday, 27 Year 2 children spent the morning making lanterns for the Walton Festival of Light. They all worked very hard and learnt how to work with willow and tissue paper to create some fabulous pieces.

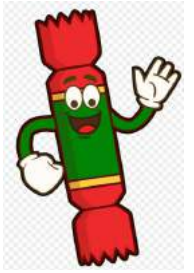
A big thank you also to the fantastic team of parent helpers who came along to help the children.

Do come along to support the children and see their beautiful lanterns as they parade through the town centre next Saturday.





LET'S GO CRACKERS!!



Our Grovelands Christmas Fair is now just over 2 weeks away and we really need your children's help to stock our Christmas Cracker stall.

We would like every child to make a cracker (or more than one) and fill it with a small gift to the value of 50p to be sold on this much loved stall.

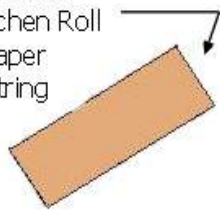
'Make your own' cracker kits can be purchased from High Street retailers such as Wilkinsons, M&S, The Works or online at Amazon (you may wish to club together with other parents and split the cost). If you are feeling creative try making your own as detailed below.

Please place your crackers in the boxes outside the school office from Monday 19 November til 29 November 2018.

Have fun and see you at our fair on 1st December from 4pm – 6pm.

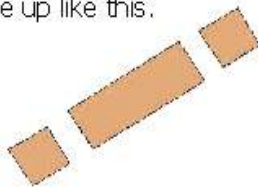
What you need:

Toilet or Kitchen Roll
Wrapping Paper
Ribbon or String
Glue



Step 1

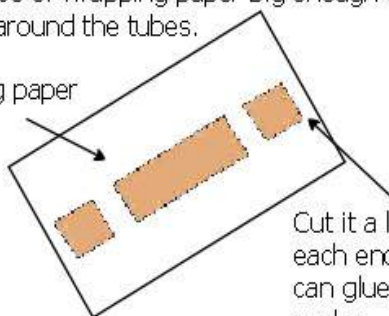
Cut one of the toilet rolls in half and line up like this.



Step 2

Cut a piece of wrapping paper big enough to go all the way around the tubes.

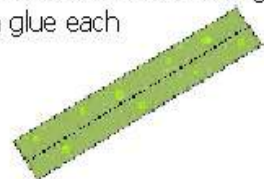
Wrapping paper



Cut it a little longer at each end, so that you can glue the ends under

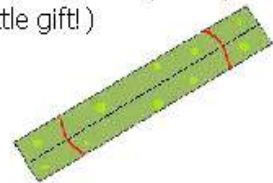
Step 3

Roll the paper around the tube and glue in place. Then glue each end under.



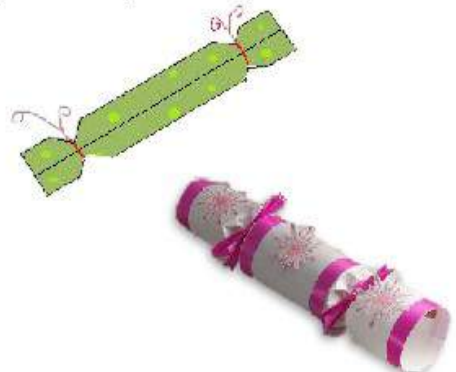
Step 4

Use some ribbon to tie in place (not forgetting to put in a little gift!)



Step 5

Tie the ribbon in place and you are done!



A HOME FOR MY TEDDY!

Grovelands Christmas Fair



Need to re-home any Teddy Bears in readiness for Christmas– we need your Bears!

Donate your Teddy Bears or good condition soft toys to ‘A Home for my Teddy’ Stall at this year’s Grovelands Christmas Fair. Please bring your donations and place in the ‘drop off’ box at the School Reception on 19th, 20th or 21st November (drop off or collection)

Please ensure your Teddies/good quality soft toys are washed and fully manicured before donating them!

Thank you for your support!