

Dear Parents and Carers

I am really pleased to write the first newsletter update in quite some time, which is certainly a sign that we are approaching some kind of normality! It has been another fantastic week and it remains a real joy to have a thriving school again.

It's really important that we continue to celebrate the many achievements of our pupils and we have listed all of the children who have been selected for their brilliant behaviour, achievements or writing later in this newsletter. As these assemblies are now pre-recorded, we have also put these on YouTube too. If your child was chosen this week, do watch together at home to share in their good news.

This week, we have finalised the details of our remote learning offer. You will hopefully know about the learning that the children can access if they are at home and the rest of the class are in school. This can be found at:

<http://www.grovelands.surrey.sch.uk/home-learning.html>

This enables a child that cannot attend class for any reason, but are still well, to access similar learning that they would be having at school through the links provided.

We have also been considering our remote learning offer in the event of a bubble closure. Whilst we hope this doesn't happen, it's important to be prepared and we want our offer to be as good as it can. I have prepared a video here which explains this offer and also demonstrates how to use Google Classroom, which is the platform we have chosen to use:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5890IrlWqw>

We will share the full remote learning policy shortly and also create a little 'How-To' guide to Google Classroom, which will help you learn how to use this platform at your own pace. We understand the importance of ensuring there is equal access to the required technology, so we are able to loan chromebooks again should the need arise. We have requested more chromebooks for this purpose using DfE funds.

A reminder too that we have a webinar for parents summarising our 'Trauma-Informed School' training, taking place at 10am on Tuesday 29th September. We will record the session for parents who cannot take part live. A Zoom-link will follow nearer the time.

Finally, I can also confirm that we will be holding our Parent Teacher Meetings through Zoom in early November. Again, more details about this will follow, but the dates are shown on the website and newsletter, so do pop these in your diaries.

Have a really great weekend and stay safe.

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THANK YOU.

Diary Dates

24th Sept	Year 4 Roman Day
28th Sept	Nursery Children all full time
28th Sept	Reception Children all full time
29th Sept	Parent Forum—Trauma (10.00am)
12th Oct	YR6 Bikeability week begins
23rd Oct	Break up for Half Term
2nd Nov	Children return to school
3rd Nov	Parent/Teacher Meetings Session 1
4th Nov	Parent/Teacher Meetings Session 2
5th Nov	Parent/Teacher Meetings Session 3
18th Dec	Break up for Christmas
4th Jan	Inset Day
5th Jan	Children return to school
12th Feb	Break up for Half Term
22nd Feb	Children return to school
31st Mar	Break up for Easter
1st April	Inset Day
19th April	Children return to school
1st May	Bank holiday
28th May	Break up for half term
21st July	Break up for Summer

HOME LEARNING FOR CHILDREN THAT MAY BE SELF ISOLATING

The learning for children at home can be found on our website under the 'Parent' tab. New tasks for the forthcoming week will be uploaded to the site each Friday. Thank you.

In class this week...

NURSERY

It's been so lovely this week to welcome back some of our Nursery children and we look forward to more starting next week. We have been busy getting our classrooms ready and have been doing home visits. It's been wonderful to meet so many of you even though it has been on the doorstep!

RECEPTION

We have been so excited to have our first two groups of Reception children start in Otters and Squirrels this week. The children have settled in really well and enjoyed using our new outdoor area in the lovely weather. It has been fantastic to see them making new friends and exploring their learning environments so well. We are looking forward to welcoming our final group of children next week!

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been looking at the story of Beegu. We have created a salt dough Beegu and have been thinking about what the character might feel and say. In maths we have been sequencing numbers and writing one more than. We have been really pleased to see that a lot of children have started to read at home daily. We cannot stress how much this really helps support their learning in school, so thank you to all parents and carers for your support with this.

YEAR 2

This week, year 2 have continued to learn about place value by comparing numbers and partitioning them in different ways. We read 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and have been writing our own sentences about the story, thinking lots about how the characters might be feeling. We've enjoyed learning more about materials in Science, and have had lots of discussions about why we wouldn't use chocolate to make a rowing boat!

YEAR 3

Year 3 are really enjoying reading Charlie and The Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl, and have written a diary entry as Charlie explaining his innermost thoughts and feelings about what has happened so far. We are also doing really well with using three digit numbers in maths and have represented them in a variety of ways, including with Diennes, place value counters and money.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have continued to learn all about the Romans, in particular Boudicca's Rebellion. In history we have taken the part of a character involved in this period of time to understand the rebellion from that person's perspective. In English, we have been writing character descriptions about the children 5 we have read about in The Thieves of Ostia. In maths, we have worked hard to consolidate our understanding of rounding!

YEAR 5

This week in year 5, we have been ordering, rounding and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000. In English, we researched lots of facts about King Henry VIII and we have been writing a biography all about him. In art, we have started to construct our Tudor houses and in PE, we have been practising our ball skills.

YEAR 6

Year 6 has continued to investigate place value by rounding numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We have read further in our class novel Carrie's War, and have completed our first SuperWrites - letters home in role as WWII evacuees! In topic, we have learned about the structure of the eye, and researched further detail about the Second World War.

CERTIFICATES



Class	Behaviour	Achievement	Writer
Flamingos	Esmae	Alex	Olivia
Penguins	Willow	Hollie	Vihaan
Dolphins	Ella	Cameron	Everly
Seals	Harry	Alex	Jasmine
Antelopes	William	James	Jack
Giraffes	Jack	Zach	Belle
Zebras	River	Rosie	Rayen
Leopards	Melody	Jade	Niall
Panthers	Ethan	Oliver M	Jessica
Falcons	Sufian	Liam	Sulaiman
Kestrels	Zack	Oscar	Luke
Cobras	Leeana	Callum	Jack
Pythons	Josh	Max	Scarlett
Vipers	Kacper	Julian	Emily

WELL DONE EVERYONE

If you would like to see our Achievement and Behaviour assemblies—these can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/xfATzJlKNSs> - Achievement

<https://youtu.be/siqBbsRh5A> - Behaviour (Part 1)

<https://youtu.be/aF9GYBBRwdA> - Behaviour (Part 2)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Mrs Anning



My name is Mrs Anning and I am the new Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion.

My responsibilities are to support children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) and EAL (English As An Additional Language). I also have a joint responsibility for Pastoral Support (Mental Health & Well-Being) with Mrs Coleman.

I have been in primary education for the past 16 years and have worked as a class teacher, English Leader, PE Leader, Geography Leader and also as a KS1 Leader. I believe that every child deserves the right to a high quality education. In my role as Inclusion Leader, I will ensure all children receive an inclusive education in a nurturing, joyful and aspiring environment.

I look forward to working with you and your children at Grovelands.

Mrs Chappells



Hi, I'm Mrs Chappells and I'm teaching in both the Year 2 classes throughout the week. I know many children and staff already as I worked here for eight years previously so it feels like I've never been away!

It's super seeing the children enjoying being back at school, playing with their friends again and getting used to all the routines of the new school year.

Miss Dandie



Hello Grovelands community! Some of you may know me already but I'm Miss Dandie and I am a newly qualified teacher currently teaching Vipers class in Year 6. It has been great to meet new faces and old ones throughout the past few weeks and I am so glad to see so many smiles around school.

I am loving teaching Vipers class and we are having SO much fun. We are doing lots of work on our WW2 topic which is one of my favourites. Grovelands is such a supportive and friendly place and I am so happy that I get to be part of it.'

Mrs Nugera



My name Mrs Nugera. I Hail from the tiny Island Sri Lanka and have been in the UK for the past two years. I am delighted to be a part of this marvellous school as a TA for Zebras.

I have been a SEN and a mainstream teacher back home and also got the opportunity to teach 1:1 in the UK too. My inspiration and passion is to support each child to be a part the curriculum irrespective of their abilities.

Mrs Sohl



I joined Grovelands to manage the After School Club provision and am also temporarily stepping in as Attendance and Welfare officer whilst a new staff member is being recruited. I am delighted to be spending time with the pupils of the school and the after school club team as well as the school community as a whole.

Apart from my role in school, I work with The Practice in Weybridge as a parenting coach and parenting course facilitator. Previously I led Weybridge's Children's Centre which was a service for families with young children.

Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2020**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

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