



We wish you an amazing Summer!

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have come to the end of what has been a truly fantastic year. Personally, I have been delighted to join the school in the last half term and to experience part of the non-stop excitement that has made this year so special. There are many highlights - probably too many to share with you now - and there have definitely been lifelong memories created this year.

It is certainly also true that there has been some very impressive learning taking place, right from our now 30 hours nursery through to our oldest children in year 6 - who are indeed our very first year 6 cohort, and who have set the bar very high for those that follow. Whether it has been in literacy, maths, art, history or in a forest school session, our children have worked hard and should be very proud of their efforts and achievements. I could talk of many new developments, but one that is very much worth celebrating is the improvement in ICT provision. Our children now have access to 60 chromebooks, which are in wide use, and which have been incredibly successful, leading to some stunning collaborative work in Computing lessons and beyond. Our investment in ICT is set to continue, and we have firm plans in place to ensure that our children have access to the best technology to support their learning.

Another fantastic success from this year has been the transformation of sport at Grovelands. Thanks to the hard work and leadership of Mrs Matthews, our children now have many more opportunities to take part in a range of sports, both in extracurricular clubs and in a wide range of competition - even winning our very first trophy! It should also be said that our two sports days were very successful and brilliantly organised. We are very sad to be losing Mrs Matthews, but delighted to welcome a new sports specialist, Mrs Tambling, who will be working with us from September to ensure that we continue to provide a wide range of opportunities within sport.

As well as saying goodbye to Mrs Matthews, we are also saying some very fond farewells to Mrs Lindup, Miss Forsey and Miss Carter, who are moving on at the end of this year. I would certainly like to thank them for everything they have done for the school and wish them well for the future. We do however look forward to welcoming our new staff from September, including Mrs Collins, Miss Cooper, Miss Shepherd and Miss Elbadaoui, our new full time teachers, as well as Mrs Steed, our new part time nursery teacher. We are also delighted to have supported Mr Singleton with his wish to step back into the classroom, and to take on a different leadership role within the school in order to further his experience in other areas. Our Inclusion Leaders will now be Mrs Coleman and Mrs Chadda, who look forward to undertaking this important role.

There are far too many people to thank, but it is well worth starting with Frogs, our fantastic PTA. The new middle garden, funded by Frogs, is now complete - it is a wonderful new space and will be hugely beneficial to our pupils - so thank you to everyone involved in making it happen. I'm sure you'd also like to join me in thanking all of our staff, who have worked tirelessly to make this a very successful year. Personally, I would like to thank everyone that has welcomed me into the school so quickly. It has been a very enjoyable start.

Whatever it is that you're doing over this Summer break, I hope that you have a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing you back in September for what I'm sure will be another fantastic year.

Have a great holiday!

Mr Daniel Tuck

# IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

## NURSERY

This week in Bears class we performed our concert to our families. Everyone sang beautifully and remembered all the words and actions. Mrs Howe and Mrs Overton were very proud!

## RECEPTION

This week the children have been getting ready for year one. On Tuesday afternoon they enjoyed meeting and spending time with their new teachers. We are extremely proud of all the Badgers, Squirrels and Otters. They have worked and played hard all year. They have grown up so much and we wish them well on the rest of their Grovelands journey.

## YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been celebrating our time and achievements as Flamingos and Swans. We have all worked so hard this academic year and all the Year 1 team are really proud of the children. Miss Forsey is sad to leave but she is so glad to have taught such a wonderful class! We are excited to see what Year 2 has to offer! Have a lovely summer break! Year 1 team :)

## YEAR 2

In our final week as year 2 we have had lots of fun being creative making habitat dioramas. They looked fantastic! We have enjoyed meeting our new teachers for next year and spending time in our new classrooms. It has been a fun and exciting week with lots of end of term activities, looking back at the year we have had. Enjoy the summer break Year 2!

## YEAR 3

In year three we have had fun decorating and evaluating our photo frames in D&T lessons. We have been finding out more interesting Stoneage facts and performing our Stoneage adverts! The children enjoyed meeting their new teachers on Move up day and completed some fun activities in their new classes. We have had a fantastic year and we wish the children a happy, safe summer and know they are looking forward to year 4!

## YEAR 4

Year 4 have been celebrating the end of a wonderful, successful year this week with a party and time to look back on what we have learnt and achieved. The children enjoyed meeting their new teachers on Shuffle Up day and we thought about the changes going into Year 5 in PSHE. Thank you so much to the parents and carers for all your support this year and congratulations to the children on a fantastic year - we hope you all enjoy a well earned rest!

## YEAR 5

The children in year 5 have written letters to their year 6 teachers this week writing about their hopes and aspirations for next year. They have also completed some problem solving investigations in Maths. Have a great summer break and see you in September!

## YEAR 6

Goodbye and good luck! This year has been an adventure and we are grateful that we've been able to have it with such a wonderful group of children.

## Miss Lindup

A huge thank you to all of the staff, the parents and the children at Grovelands. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with you all, it has been a wonderful experience full of fun and laughter! I have had the best year teaching the Badgers. I wish them the very best as they move in to year 1, I know they will continue to be super stars! I am extremely sad to be saying goodbye to you all but I will be leaving having gained many happy memories. I have lots to



look forward to over the summer and the next year and I am excited to start my new adventure. I will be relocating to my home town, moving in to a new house, starting at a new school and of course my wedding in April! Thank you once again for all of your kindness, support and encouragement this year and I will miss you all very much!

## Mrs Matthews

Thank you so much for your support and enthusiasm over this school year. I was asked to sum up my year at Grovelands with a picture and I feel this one is perfect.

I've been so excited all year with the passion your children have shown towards sport and their learning in general. The thumbs up is for how impressed I have been with the dedication and hardworking spirit of the school and the reason Daniel Lewis and I are in the picture is to remind you to:



**Never give up; Believe in yourself; Stand out from the crowd and continue to step out of your comfort zone.**

I wish you all the best and would love to hear about your continued achievements. Please contact me on: [smatthews@cleves.co.uk](mailto:smatthews@cleves.co.uk) with exciting news or potential events I could come and watch.

Thanks again. Have a wonderful summer.

## Mrs Hacini

It's been an amazing experience working at Grovelands, I loved and enjoyed every minute of it.

Badgers have given me a lot of joy and working with the KS2 choir was fantastic. There are some true hard working talents in there and I hope you will continue singing next year and make Grovelands even more proud of you all.

I am off to become a Mum for the second time which I'm sure will be very exciting and will keep me busy for some time until I am ready to come back and



hopefully teach you all again.

Thank you for this lovely experience, I felt very lucky to be a part of the "Grovelands team" Have a relaxing summer holiday and good luck for next year!

## Miss Carter

I have had a wonderful year here at Grovelands and am sad to go. I have watched my brilliant Panthers class make wonderful progress in their confidence and achievements. They have grown so much in their everyday tasks and actions. Looking back at photos of their first days in Year 4, it made me proud at how little they seemed and how ready for Year 5 they are now! They are always ready for a giggle and have looked after and supported each other so well. Our Spark days and the Residential have been highlights and I have many fond memories of each and every one of them.

All of the staff at Grovelands have been amazingly welcoming and supportive from my very first day. Always ready with ideas, advice or a slice of cake! It has been wonderful working with Mrs Dixon who I've spent many a long day working alongside. A special mention has to go to the absolutely fabulous Mrs Hawke who has been the most amazing support to both myself and the whole year group.

I will miss you all and wish you all the very best for next year and beyond. I look forward to hearing all about it.



# Miss Forsey



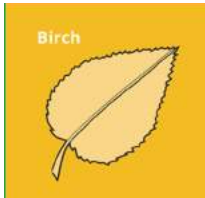

My last two years at Grovelands have been amazing. Grovelands has shaped my teaching career and the children have made my time here so valuable. Seeing each one of them grow and progress has taught me that we as teachers really do make such a difference and I am lucky enough to have taught such wonderful children as well as being part of such an incredible team with the staff at Grovelands. You are such a wonderful team and I really am going to miss you all. When my partner and I were presented the opportunity of going travelling for a year, we just had to snap it up! I cannot wait to go to all these different places and enable others to find out about the world. If I could stay here I would, but this is an opportunity that can't be passed up. I do hope to be back and teaching again at Grovelands upon my return. It's been a pleasure working here and I will truly miss it. I take with me fond memories, and I hope to one day leave an impression on others similar to the one you have left on me. I want everyone here to know that this place is the reason I have become the person I am today. Thank you for my time at Grovelands, I really have had the best 2 years. None of it would have been the same if it wasn't for all the children, staff and parents. Take care everyone and enjoy the summer. Good luck and goodbye.

Miss Forsey ☺



## Grovelands Primary School – Values Tokens

The Grovelands Values tokens for the summer term were counted, with the totals being added to the previous terms totals, to give us the final results for the 2017-18 school year. Well done to all children for achieving such a huge number of Values Tokens!! The results were as follows.....

				
	<b>Yew</b>	<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>Birch</b>	<b>Chestnut</b>
<b>Autumn 2017</b>	259	316	425	240
<b>Spring 2018</b>	537	559	592	505
<b>Summer 2018</b>	692	699	529	737
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>1574</b>	<b>1546</b>	<b>1482</b>

# Sponsored GB Athlete Visit - Daniel Lewis

We cannot thank you enough. We raised almost £2,000 which is incredible. I would like to give a special mention to Faye in Eagles who raised a whopping £140.00 all by herself. Exceptional.

We have already managed to place an order with Davies Sports which should arrive for the new school year as follows:

- Pop- up goals for the main hall
- Rounders equipment
- Cricket equipment
- Pop-up tennis nets
- New tennis racquets
- Pop-up target set
- Cones
- Measuring tapes
- Bean bags

And so much more.

Thank you all so much for participating, sponsoring and encouraging the event. Sport in this school is going from strength to strength.



## Walton Charity

**We know that many people are finding it increasingly hard to cope financially. Walton Charity supports local people with a wide range of funding.**

**The Charity also supports children and young people from low income families with the cost of:**

- School uniform and shoes.
  - School trips.
  - Holiday clubs.
- Extra Curricular Activities

Please apply via their website: [www.waltoncharity.org.uk](http://www.waltoncharity.org.uk)

# Attendance

Well done to everyone (parents and pupils) for fantastic overall attendance this academic year!

Highest Attending Year Group 2017/18 – **Year 4** - 96.5%

Highest Attending Class 2017/18 – **Swans** – 97.1%

The following pupils all attended school every day this academic year. They received 100% certificates and stickers in assembly on Thursday.

Congratulations!



Nursery – **Evie**

Reception – **Iden, Agata, Emily N, Charlie Y, Tilly P, Tyler P, Rayen and Thomas S**

Year 1 – **Louis, Oscar T, Melody, Ellen, Jessica and Aiden P**

Year 2 – **Matthew, Oliver P, Jayden P, Flynn, Oscar G**

Year 3 – **Jensen, Joshua Pe, Meirah, Joshua R, Lola, Leo and Max**

Year 4 – **Kitty, Phoebe, Leoni and Kumial**

Year 5 – **Frankie, Joanne, Ethan and Toby**

