

Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe that we have reached the end of our first half term! We have celebrated so much wonderful learning and are so proud of how well all the children have settled into their classes and how much they have achieved. They truly are a credit to you.

We certainly ended our term on a high yesterday with a fantastic assembly from Year 2, based on their topic Land Ahoy! The children were all so confident, clearly enjoyed every minute and we could see how much hard work had gone into their performance. Well done Dolphins and Seals. Year 4 have celebrated the culmination of their 1066 topic today with Norman Day. They all looked amazing in their costumes and had a great time exploring all aspects of Norman life and how the Battle of Hastings has shaped our monarchy.

We have recently welcomed Mrs Rogan into our Year 5 team where she has already shown herself to be a part of the Grovelands family, supporting children wonderfully. Mrs Gutteridge successfully applied for a position at Grovelands as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, covering Miss Thomas's maternity leave; we know she will do a fantastic job in this new role. As a result of this, we have appointed a new teaching assistant in Swans class; Mrs Lyons, who will be joining the team after half term and she looks forward to meeting you all.

We have been talking to the children about Diwali this week and wish a very Happy Diwali to those of you who have been celebrating this festival.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing you again on 30<sup>th</sup> October, ready for more exciting learning.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman

## Dates for your Diary

### 2017 Autumn Term

- 20 Oct** Break up for half term—3.00pm
- 30 Oct** YR3 Hobgoblin Theatre visiting the school
- 1 Nov** Halloween Disco  
Nursery, Reception, YR1 3.15pm-4.00pm  
YR2, 3 & 4 4.30pm-5.15pm  
YR5 & 6 5.45pm-6.45pm
- 2 Nov** YR4 Trumpet Lessons begin
- 8 Nov** Parent Tour (Sept 18 intake)—9.15am
- 11 Nov** YR6 Height and Weight checks
- 13 Nov** YR5 Parent Assembly—9.00am
- 16 Nov** Parent Tour (Sept 18 intake)—9.15am
- 17 Nov** Children in Need (spotty mufti day)

### INSET Days 2018

Friday 9th February  
Monday 16th April  
Monday 23rd July

NB. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception /  
KS1 = Years 1 & 2 / KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

### SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS

**MONDAY—FRIDAY 8.30AM TO 3.30PM**

If you wish to report an absence please call 01932 227816 (selecting option 1) and leave a message. Calls must be made by 09:30 at the latest to safeguard our children.

**Thank you**

### 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.

### 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 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. 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.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

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.

# Message from the Chair of Governors

Governors have been active behind the scenes in working with school leaders to identify how to continue to strengthen the school's recent "good" Ofsted rating and in recruiting new governors.

At a recent committee meeting Mr Hodges, Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman presented information about the overall pupil attainment and progress at Grovelands and a range of proposals were agreed to further support pupils' learning and development.

Governors have also set up two working groups: one to develop the IT strategy and look at the school's IT systems and usage, the other to work on identifying the best future structure and leadership model for Grovelands. On the latter, the current educational climate requires governors to look at the pros, cons and practicalities of a range of very different options and governors are being advised and guided by the head of governance at Surrey County Council on these. We know how crucial a school's leadership is and we will update you on this work as it progresses.

We are also delighted to welcome Kathryn Exell, Cassandra Rock and Tanya Quddus onto our Governing Body as full governors; and to be welcoming Jon Cook, Brigid Crew, Susie Oliver and Emma Williams as Associate Members onto one of our Governing Body's committees. It has been a real pleasure to see great energy and enthusiasm to support the school in those who have already joined us for a meeting.

Best wishes

Susan Foster  
Chair of Governors

# Year 1 - Moon Zoom! Moon Buggies



To finish our topic of Moon Zoom, Year 1 have created Moon Buggies! We have designed them, built them and evaluated them. It has been so much fun and now we can take them home to race! We can't wait to see what our next topic will bring!

On Tuesday morning, YR2 had a surprise visitor to help them with their topic of Land Ahoy! They had the opportunity to interview a pirate who was taking a break from sailing the seven seas. The children had prepared some very interesting questions and learnt all about her adventures and how she got her pirate name of 'Sharkbait'. Ooh Argh!



## CLOTHING DONATIONS PLEASE!

If you have any old uniform you no longer require please can you send them into school—we are in particular need of clothes for reception children, including skirts, trousers, tights and underwear.

We would also be very grateful to receive any dressing-up clothes and items you may no longer want for our outside stage area.

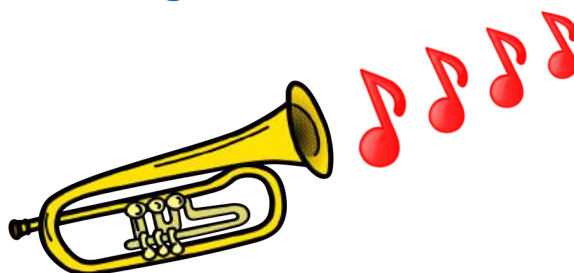
THANK YOU KINDLY!

Please can  
parents/carers  
save any kitchen  
rolls or gift wrap  
rolls over half term for our YR1  
firework display painting. If  
you could bring these in on the  
first day back it would be  
greatly appreciated.

Thank you!



We are very pleased to  
announce that YR4 Trumpet  
lessons will be back after half  
term! These will take place  
on a Thursday afternoon  
during lesson time.





# Jolly Hockey Sticks!



This Monday, some of our year 5 and 6 children represented the school in a district hockey tournament held at Surbiton Hockey Club. We would like to congratulate: Victoria, Alfie P, Tawana, Holly, Samuel, Anna-Louise, Lottie, Emillie, and Alfie J, for outstanding sportsmanship. They showed courage, determination and strength as it was clear they were up against teams that had trained for years. We are very proud of them and can't wait to report on more sporting fixtures to come. Surbiton Hockey Club has produced many outstanding England players and is an exceptional local club. If your child would like to learn and play more, this club is highly recommended.



## **INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE!**

Years 3, 4 and 6 have competed in their inter-house competition this half term. The children were very enthusiastic and passionate about the afternoon. It was clear that they have been taught excellent skills across the board and loved being part of the team.

YR3 Winners = Birch    YR4 Winners = Sycamore    YR6 Winners = Sycamore



## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.4%	93%	96.4%	98.3%	96.9%	96.6%	97.1%

Well done to **Year 3** for the best year group attendance  
Well done to **Zebras** for the best class attendance **98.4%**

## Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.9%	97.1%	97.4%	96.7%	96.4%	96.3%	96.6%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 97%  
Target: 96%

# CERTIFICATES



### **Class**

### ***Behaviour***

### ***Achievement***

### ***Write of the Week***

Flamingos

George

Piriyanka

Sophie

Swans

Jana

All

Sean

Dolphins

Flynn

Jacob S

Ace

Seals

Rosie

Scarlett

Alessandro

Antelopes

Milana

Lily

Daisy

Giraffes

Sophia

Maram

Sebastian

Zebras

Jensen

Molly

Beau

Leopards

Aleksandra

Megan

Alex

Panthers

Lilly-Mai

Mathew

Evan

Eagles

Archie

Bailey

Tiana

Kestrels

Molly

Logan

Albie

Cobras

Katie

Kyle

Michael

Pythons

Violet

Amber

Lottie

### **Pen Licences**

Emily — Zebras

Tianna — Zebras

Lola — Antelopes



# WELL DONE EVERYONE



# FROGS NEWS!!



Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as your new FROGS Co-Chairs.

As of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, we will be taking over as Co-Chairs, with Melanie Reynard stepping up as Vice Chair. We have Anita Trainor as our Treasurer and Tracey Bird as our Secretary.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Tracey Bird, Cassandra Rock Rees, Paulette McGahan, Sarah Goldsack and Jodie Hopkins for all their hard work and dedication. They have done such a brilliant job and we hope to continue with this.

It's great to hear ideas on ways to raise funds to benefit our children, and we welcome any new suggestions people have. We are really keen to drive FROGS forward and raise some fabulous funds to directly benefit our children and the school.

A FROGS suggestion box will be in the school reception office area, with some slips for anybody to fill out with ideas for fund raising – we'd love to hear from you! It would be so great if we could get lots of people on board to help support our lovely school.

Also, with the Christmas Fair fast approaching, we are busily starting to plan for this, so if anybody has an idea please pop it in the suggestion box. These events really do rely upon the time people so generously give to help, so if you feel that you could spare a minimum of 30 minutes at the Christmas Fair to man a stall, we really would be so grateful.

We would hope each stall would have at least two volunteers per 30 minute slot. The more volunteers that we have, the more our events can grow! Volunteer slips will be next to the suggestion box for people to complete and pop in the box...thank you!

We also have a Christmas shopping evening planned, and we will send out the date for this shortly. If anybody would like a stall at this event, please speak to one of the team.

There will be a FROGS meeting after half term so that everyone has the opportunity to put forward their ideas and we would love to see as many people there as possible. FROGS really is about all of us working together as one big team for the benefit of our children and it would be fantastic if this team could continue to grow.

We look forward to reading your suggestions!

All the best

**Tracey & Imran Malik**  
**Co-Chairs**  
**FROGS Team**