

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all of the children for what has been a lovely week at Grovelands. As ever, there is a lot to celebrate.

Our year 6 pupils loved their visit from the Home Front bus, which was a fantastic experience for all of the children. I would tell you everything that the children learned about the Second World War, but as our visitor said, 'loose lips sink ships', so I have been sworn to secrecy. What I can say is how much our visitor enjoyed working with these children, who he said were marvellously well behaved. We are very proud of our children at this school for their continued excellent behaviour.

The children are well and truly up and running with their learning. I have seen some fantastic writing this week from across the school, including a wonderful diary entry from the point of view of a soldier fighting in the Battle of Hastings! Walking around the school this week, it was clear that children are very well settled in their new classes and that they clearly understand the expectations of their teachers. A truly fantastic start has been made.

Well done to our year 2 swimmers this week, who thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to the Xcel centre. It is fundamental that children become confident swimmers, as this is such an important life skill, so it is very good that this is now underway.

We have also really enjoyed welcoming our nursery children this week. It has been wonderful to see them settling in so well and enjoying their new classrooms. I love visiting our very youngest children and seeing their enthusiasm. I know that they have been enjoying our new nursery equipment, which is simply stunning.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck

### 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

## Dates for your Diary

24 Sept	Reception stay all day
24 Sept	Nursery 30 hrs—3rd intake full time (9.00-3.00)
24 Sept	YR1 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
25 Sept	YR2 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
26 Sept	YR4 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
27 Sept	YR5 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
28 Sept	YR6 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
29 Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning (9.00)
1 Oct	YR3 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
2 Oct	Reception Meet the Teacher (9.00am)
3 Oct	SEND Parent Drop-in Session (3.15-4.45)
5 Oct	Parent Forum—SDP (9.00 / 2.15)
10 Oct	Sibling Photos
11 Oct	Individual Photos
16 Oct	Parents Evening (3.30-5.30)
18 Oct	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
18 Oct	Parents Evening (4.00-7.00)
19 Oct	<b>Inset Day</b>
22 Oct	Half Term Week
31 Oct	YRs 2 & 3 Performance Drama Workshop
1 Nov	Nursery Halloween Disco
1 Nov	YRs 4, 5 & 6 Halloween Disco
2 Nov	YRs 1, 2 & 3 Halloween Disco
6 Nov	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
21 Nov	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
1 Dec	FROGS Christmas Fair
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	Nursery Christmas Performance (9.00 / 2.00)
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)

<b>Inset Days</b>	15 February 2019
	23 April 2019
	3 June 2019

N.B. Please note dates are subject to change.

## 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

Welcome to all the children who have started in Bears and Tigers this week, they have all settled well. We have been very busy getting to know each other and have enjoyed exploring our new outdoor area.

## RECEPTION

We have now welcomed all the new reception children to Grovelands. They have been learning school routines and taking part in assessment activities. On Thursday, the children stayed for lunch and we look forward to having the children at school for full days from Monday.

## YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been reading the story of Beegu. We have been acting out the story and discussing how Beegu felt. In maths we have been learning to find 1 more / 1 less than a number. In art we have been learning about the primary colours.

## YEAR 2

This week in year two we have continued to study Oliver Jeffer's book 'Lost And Found', discovered some facts about the Antarctic (where it is set) and have rewritten the story using some interesting adjectives. We have learnt to use the greater than, less than and equals symbols in maths to compare numbers. To continue with our boat theme, we have tested different materials to see if they float or sink, and came to the conclusion that the shape is more important than the material. We will test out this idea in a couple of weeks. Dolphins have enjoyed their first swimming lesson too this week, luckily all of them found they could float!

## YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about how to write instructions for recipes this week in English. We have been studying the features of instructions and have written sequenced sentences using fronted adverbials. In maths, we have continued to learn about place value working with 3 digit numbers.

## YEAR 4

We had an exciting science lesson, where we made Trumpet Straws! We were able to change the pitch of the sound by adjusting the length of the straw. In English, we've been using emotive language to write a diary entry. We have taken on the role as a Saxon soldier and are writing about the Battle of Hastings. In maths, we've been using greater than and less than symbols. We also created number riddles for 4 digit numbers, using our place value knowledge.

## YEAR 5

This week in year 5 we did research on Anne Boleyn and wrote an independent biography about her. We rounded numbers from 10 up to 100,000 and discussed Roman numerals. In art we looked at Tudor portraits and started sketching our own. We are also collecting junk boxes for our Tudor houses.

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have immersed themselves in Wartime Britain this week, with a visit from the Home Front Bus and some corned beef fritters. We have also had our first round of mock exams--when May comes, we will be super ready!

## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	98.9%	94.7%	97.8%	95.5%	97.5%	97.2%

Well done to **Year 5** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Squirrels, Flamingos, Leopards & Eagles** for the best class attendance **100%**

## Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	98.3%	95.8%	96.7%	95.2%	97.6%	97.1%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **96.8%** - Target: **96%**

# CERTIFICATES

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Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Flamingos	Amel	Sami	Jude
Penguins	Harry Ma	Zach	Harry Ma
Swans	Dominik	Archie	Joe
Dolphins	Aiden	Ollie	Levi
Seals	Junior	Rylee	Oscar
Giraffes	Leo	Jacob R	Oscar
Zebras	Paige	Ace	Anusha
Jaguars	Max	Martyn	Lola
Leopards	Filip	Amelia	Ethan S
Panthers	Arabella	Jake	Emily
Eagles	Tilly-Mae	James P	Eva
Kestrels	Leoni	Lee	Nancy
Cobras	Tiana	Meryn	Kara
Pythons	Naomi	LJ	Max

# WELL DONE EVERYONE

**WORLD'S  
BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**



**'LAUGHING.  
YUMMY CUPCAKES.  
GETTING TOGETHER...  
AND HELPING FAMILIES  
AFFECTED BY CANCER.'**

**MAKE, BAKE  
OR DONATE**



**WE NEED YOU!**

Any donations for the coffee morning, would be greatly appreciated. These can be shop bought or homemade. We are hoping to have a really positive turnout for the event, so if you are able to contribute just a few cakes, it would be fantastic.

Please hand these cake donations to the office by 8.45am on the morning of the event.

**Please come along and  
LET'S CHANGE LIVES  
TOGETHER AT**

Grovelands Primary School

Every penny raised helps us make a difference to people affected by cancer.

When: Friday 28th September 2018

Where: Main School Hall

Time: 9.00am

Can we make this year our biggest ever?

Of course we can!

**THANK YOU**