

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed another busy and productive week at Grovelands. It has been wonderful to welcome our final intake of Reception children and to also begin welcoming our new Nursery children who have made a fantastic start and enjoyed meeting the staff and exploring our school. We are very proud of them all and look forward to a very successful and happy time with them at Grovelands. We are also delighted to inform you that work on the Nursery garden is nearly complete and I know the children can't wait to use this new play area and equipment next week.

The Key Stage 1 children enjoyed an exciting 'Under the Sea' themed drama workshop this week, where they explored the movement of different sea creatures and enjoyed playing lots of drama games together.

We are also fortunate to begin working with Mrs Matthews, a teacher from Cleves, who is working in partnership with Miss Arthurs, our PE lead, to develop the sports provision. Look out for details of the new clubs coming soon and please see further in the newsletter for Mrs Matthews' introduction.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, and, of course, our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon next Friday.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy spending time with your families and hearing about your children's learning this week.

Best wishes  
Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman

## Dates for your Diary

### 2017 Autumn Term

<b>25 Sept</b>	Reception stay for lunch—1.00pm pick up YR1 Meet the Teacher—2.30pm
<b>26 Sept</b>	Third Nursery intake School Development Workshops— 9.00am/2.00pm/7.00pm YR4 Meet the Teacher—2.30pm YR4 Residential Meetings—3.00pm & 6.00pm
<b>27 Sept</b>	YR5 Meet the Teacher—2.30pm
<b>28 Sept</b>	YR6 Meet the Teacher—2.30pm
<b>29 Sept</b>	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon—2.00pm YR2 Meet the Teacher—2.30pm
<b>2 Oct</b>	Reception children full time
<b>3 Oct</b>	YR6 Home Front Bus visiting the school
<b>5 Oct</b>	Reception Meet the Teacher—9.00am
<b>6 Oct</b>	YR6 Parent Assembly—9.00am
<b>11 Oct</b>	Sibling Photos Parent Tour (Sept 18 intake)—9.15am
<b>12 Oct</b>	Individual Photos
<b>17 Oct</b>	Usborne Book Fair—3.00pm Parents Evening—3.30pm to 5.30pm
<b>18 Oct</b>	Parent Tour (Sept 18 intake)—9.15am Usborne Book Fair—3.00pm
<b>19 Oct</b>	YR2 Parent Assembly—9.00am
<b>19 Oct</b>	Parents Evening—4.00pm to 7.00pm
<b>20 Oct</b>	<b>Break up for half term—3.00pm</b>
<b>30 Oct</b>	YR3 Hobgoblin Theatre visiting the school
<b>8 Nov</b>	Parent Tour (Sept 18 intake) - 9.15am
<b>13 Nov</b>	YR5 Parent Assembly—9.00am

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.

# A WARM WELCOME TO MRS MATTHEWS!



My name is Mrs Matthews and I am a PE specialist from Cleves school. I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to work in your school to encourage and promote sport and healthy living at Grovelands. I will be working very closely with Miss Arthurs to do this and look forward to meeting you all. Trials have already taken place for the Year 5 and 6 football team. A selection of children are starting to train for a hockey competition being held at Surbiton Hockey Club in a few weeks time. I am hoping to start up a running club before school on a Thursday morning. Please keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information. We are hoping to offer lots more and would like to hear from you and your

children on what they would like offered at their school. Also, if you are willing to help or run a club please see either Miss Arthurs or myself to register your interest.

## Absence Procedures

For any new starters, Reception children and anyone who is unsure, here are the expected procedures that you should follow if your child is going to be absent from school:

- Every child is expected to attend school 100% of the time. If your child is unwell, you must contact the school office **before 9.30am on every day they are absent**.
- If the absence lasts longer than 2 days, you must provide medical evidence for the absence to be authorised.
- Appointments during the school day are discouraged. However, if a medical appointment is unavoidable, an appointment card must be shown to the office.
- If you need to request leave of absence, a letter should be written and addressed to Mr Hodges with an explanation for your request.

If you require any further information, please speak to our Welfare and Attendance Officer, Miss Harrison.





# SCHOOL LUNCH

## WHAT'S COOKING?

As a result of our kitchen currently being upgraded, our menu differs slightly from Surrey County Council's website and their menu leaflets. We therefore detail below our three week menu cycle which is all freshly prepared in our onsite catering units and still offers the children a great variety. We are even keeping Friday's fun by offering them their favourite foods!

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	MEDITERRANEAN PASTA	SAUSAGES AND MASH	ROAST CHICKEN STUFFING ROAST POTATOES	PASTA BOLOGNAISE	FISH FINGERS COUNTRY STYLE POTATOES
	JACKET POTATO WITH CHEESE	CHILLI NON CARNE AND RICE	QUORN FILLET	QUORN SAUSAGES AND BEANS	COUNTRY BAKES
	PEAS SWEETCORN	CARROTS GREEN BEANS	CABBAGE PEAS	SALAD COLESLAW	SWEETCORN BAKED BEANS
	OAK FLAKE SHORTBREAD	MELON WEDGES	YOGHURTS	CHEESE AND CRACKERS	CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	PIZZA POTATO WEDGES	HAM AND CHEESE PASTA BAKE	PORK STEAKS ROAST POTATOES	BEEF BURGER AND CHIPS	SMALL FRY FISH HERB POTATOES
	QUORN SAUSAGE ROLLS	SWEET POTATO WHIRLS NEW POTATOES	QUORN FILLET	SOUTHERN FRIED QUORN BURGER	CHEESE AND BEAN BURITO
	SALAD COLESLAW	PEAS SWEETCORN	FARM HOUSE VEGETABLES	SALAD COLESLAW	CARROTS BROCCOLI
	MELON	FRUIT COOKIE	JELLY	MARMALADE CAKE	YOGHURTS

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	MAC AND CHEESE	SAUSAGES NEW POTATOES	ROAST TURKEY STUFFING ROAST POTATOES	CHILLI AND RICE	SMALL FRY FISH AND CHIPS
	JACKET POTATO WITH BEANS	COUNTRY BAKES	QUORN FILLET	CHEESE AND POTATO PIE	QUORN SAUSAGES
	BROCCOLI CARROTS	BAKED BEANS PEAS	FARM HOUSE VEGETABLES	BROCCOLI CARROTS	SWEETCORN PEAS
	APPLE MUFFINS	SHORTBREAD BISCUITS	FRUIT SALAD	BANANA MUFFINS	YOGHURTS

## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.8%	97.8%	98.6%	95.1%	98.1%	96%	98.4%

Well done to **Reception** for the best year group attendance  
Well done to Otters and Badgers for the best class attendance **100%**

## Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.8%	98.4%	98.7%	94.2%	97.8%	97.5%	96.7%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 97.1%  
Target: 96%

# CERTIFICATES



<b>Class</b>	<b><i>Behaviour</i></b>	<b><i>Achievement</i></b>	<b><i>Writer of the Week</i></b>
Flamingos	Louis	Arlo	Amelie
Swans	Kacey	Laycee	Timmy
Dolphins	Alan	Oscar	Theo
Seals	Damien	Leo	Niamh
Antelopes	Ethan	Miles	Scarlett
Giraffes	Jack	Lilia	Christopher
Zebras	Charlie	Julian	Dylan
Leopards	Nathan	Evie	Gabriel
Panthers	Jessica	Laszlo	Anastasiia
Eagles	Frank	Riley	Victoria
Kestrels	Molly	Louis	Louisa-Joan
Cobras	Ryan	Kyra	Aaron
Pythons	Nell	Khalil	Lottie



**Pen Licence**  
Alysia—Leopards



**Grammar Wizards**  
Charlie—Zebras

# WELL DONE EVERYONE

# **A plea for volunteers from our Children's Centre!**

**THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 1.00PM TO 2.30PM**

The University of Surrey is undertaking a research project to develop an App to help prevent accidents in children under 5.

They are looking for parents with children under 5 to participate in a focus group to develop a mobile app aiming to reduce unintentional injuries, improve home safety and provide information on play and child development.

We are looking for 6 to 8 volunteers who can try out the App first and then answer some questions on how easy/hard/relevant it was to negotiate.

This will take place on Thursday 28 September from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a crèche but if you have a child at school or in nursery or you can get a sitter for an hour or so, please phone the Children's Centre on 01932 229313.

**Thank you.**





## GROVELANDS ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

Fridays 3 - 4pm

**1 week Taster Session for all newcomers**

Friday 22nd or 29th September

Why not come along for a free trial session,  
and find out more about what we make and do  
at the Grovelands Arts and Crafts Club.

For more information or to reserve a place,  
please contact Ioanna:

Email: [ioannanamin@hotmail.com](mailto:ioannanamin@hotmail.com)

**Tel: 01932 874253 / 07709 949819**

[www.artsandcraftsclub.squarespace.com](http://www.artsandcraftsclub.squarespace.com)

Please note that there are a limited number  
of places, which are allocated on a first come,  
first served basis.

