

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy and successful week at Grovelands. It has been great fun to see all the children's excitement over their mufti day today and thank you so much for all of your generous donations for our Christmas Fair.

Our Year 3 children have been particularly busy this week with a Dodgeball tournament at Cleves, a Mini-Olympics happening today and trips to Wagamamas to learn more about preparing and eating healthy food - the only downside is that we were very disappointed that they didn't bring any back for us to taste!

Year Two had a lantern making workshop last Friday and have made some very beautiful lanterns which you can see in the Walton Lantern Parade on Saturday. This very special event always feels like the start of Christmas, and it is lovely to see so many local schools and organisations coming together to celebrate. I know that our children will do a fantastic job of representing our school and we hope to see lots of you there.

Finally we would like to share with you the fantastic news that we have been granted planning permission for our Multi Use Games Area. This will make a huge difference to playtimes and lunch times as it will be a place that children can play ball games in all weathers and it also means that we can host more sports matches at Grovelands.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Beth Chadda
Deputy Head

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 1996.

Dates for your Diary

- 1 Dec FROGS Christmas Fair (4.00—6.00)
- 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 Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'
Christmas Lunch
- 14 Dec Tigers and Bears Christmas Performance (9.00)
- 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)

Inset Days 15 February 2019
 23 April 2019
 3 June 2019

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

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

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

This week in nursery we have been learning about nocturnal animals and about how they sleep all day and then are active at night. We have made clay hedgehogs and even hedgehog biscuits !!

RECEPTION

This week, reception have been investigating numbers in lots of different ways. We have also been talking and writing about our value of responsibility. The children have been practising this in their classrooms and are becoming more independent.

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been learning about bossy verbs. We have been using these bossy verbs to plan and write instructions on how to make a potion. We had lots of fun writing our disgusting ingredients in our potions! In maths we have been learning to add using a range of resources. We have even had a go at using number lines to solve missing number addition problems. In science we have been discussing animals in our local environment and why we sometimes only see some animals at night.

YEAR 2

In year two we have worked really hard in maths to understand equal groups and repeated addition, and have begun to relate this to multiplication. In English we wrote a letter of complaint from Mr Grinling, the lighthouse keeper, to the pesky seagulls that ate his lunch in the story. We tried to use a variety of sentence types (questions, commands, exclamations and statements) with the correct punctuation to make this more interesting. We are looking forward to the Festival of Light this weekend in Walton, where you will see some of us in the parade with the lanterns that we have made.

YEAR 3

The children in year 3 have visited a local Wagamama restaurant this week. During the visit, the children were able to see how fresh juices are made, they measured ingredients using scales and tasted some of their delicious dishes! In maths, the children have been working with multiples of 4 and solving calculations and problems using the 4 x table. In English, the children have been writing their own version of the story 'The Trojan Horse'.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a busy week! We had an intriguing science lesson, where we conducted an experiment and investigated water temperature. In English, we've continued working on balanced arguments and have produced some interesting writing! In maths, we've been calculating perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been focusing on calculating perimeter in maths and have been looking at a range of diary entries before writing their own diary entry as the astronaut Tim Peake. During PSHE lessons we have focussed on how to help anyone being bullied and the importance of staying safe whilst online. Kestrels class has their visit to Three Rivers and enjoyed their Spanish workshop. Keep the 'Day of the Dead' skull designs coming in for their competition.

YEAR 6

In maths, year 6 have been learning how to convert fractions to decimals and percentages. Our English focus has been newspaper articles, where we are growing increasingly concerned about William Beech, the protagonist of our class novel, Goodnight Mr Tom. Finally, topic time has been spent delving deeper into the wonderful world of Darwin, and explaining natural selection and survival of the fittest.

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.8%	96.9%	96.8%	95.3%	95.5%	96.9%	97.9%

Well done to **Year 6** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Swans** for the best class attendance **98.1%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.6%	97%	96.4%	96.8%	96.8%	97.2%	95.7%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **96.4%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Kate	Poppy	Ahmed
Squirrels	Pippa	Ronny	Charlotte
Flamingos	Harry	Hayden	Erin
Penguins	Tyler	Lucas	Emily
Swans	Paloma	Dominik	George
Dolphins	Poppy	Jason	Aiden
Seals	Ben	Grace	Amelie
Giraffes	Whole class	Hunor	Ramsay
Zebras	Samuel D	Anusha	Oscar
Jaguars	Koby	Teddy	Caitlyn
Leopards	Arjun	Beau	Molly
Panthers	Christopher	Grace	Kiano
Eagles	Evie	Mathew	Tilly
Kestrels	Daisy Bell	Joshua	Shivanjali
Cobras	Shanaiya	Ellen	Amber
Pythons	Molly	Bailey	Isis

Pen Licences



WELL DONE EVERYONE

The EYFS team have invested in a fantastic outdoor new resource for our Nursery and Reception children. Poddelly is an amazing open ended construction material which can be used to create anything - from story telling chairs to cars and from water trays to rockets, the only limit is your imagination. On Tuesday our early years team was trained in how to use this amazing resource and we are very excited to introduce it to the children.



The Year 3 children visited Wagamama this week in Walton to learn about food from the around the world and food hygiene. The children met Becky and the team who provided some enjoyable activities for the them. In the first activity, the children were able to learn about different fruits and vegetables and then saw how they are put through a machine and turned into fresh juices. They were able to enjoy many different varieties and thoroughly enjoyed them!

In the next activity, the children weighed out vegetables using a set of scales, including peppers, sweetcorn and green beans. These vegetables were then made into a delicious dish cooked by the chefs, which they ate during their visit. The final activity involved learning about and tasting different ingredients, such as noodles and mooli (which is a type of radish). Some children experienced flavours that they have never had before!

The children had a fantastic time and came home with a cooking apron and some origami that they were also able to make. Thank you to Wagamama for hosting us for such a fantastic experience!



THANK YOU!

The final total raised for Children in Need was an amazing £409.06. Thank you all for your kind donations.

How will you get ready for Christmas?
Is it all about spending money, sending cards,
presents, decorations, stress?

Mon 26th Nov - Sat 1st Dec

ADVENT Walk 2018

Mon - Fri 3-5pm * Sat 10am-3pm

Mon & Tues 7-9pm

finishing with Compline 9-9.30pm

**A space to explore and think what
Christmas is REALLY about.**

Explore the themes of Advent as we prepare for Christmas with
5 displays in St Mary's Church. Come and be challenged with
activities and questions. Space to think, pray and draw breath.

Suitable for children, families and adults alike.

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Walton-on-Thames
 **St Mary's and St John's**