

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy final week before the half term break with many successes across the school.

Our Year 2 children have continued with their SATs. I'm sure that all of their hard work since they started school will have helped them in achieving well in these assessments but also in all of their endeavours at Grovelands.

We are very pleased to announce that the year 5 football team have won the local Elmbridge football league. Having competed against other local schools over the year, the team has played so well that they have finished the season at the top of the league standings. This is a significant achievement, bearing in mind this is the first year in which this team has played together. They were presented with the plate trophy that they won in assembly this morning. Well done to the Year 5 children!

Finally it is with sadness we are saying goodbye to Miss Arthurs, who is leaving us today as she is moving abroad to Canada. Miss Arthurs has been a highly valuable member of the teaching staff here at Grovelands and has taught many classes with enthusiasm over the last 3 years. She has also been heavily involved in P.E. within the school and has especially enjoyed developing the netball team during her time here. I'm sure the children and staff will miss her immensely but we wish her well with the move and start of her new life overseas and we do hope to hear about her adventures in the future.

Finally, we would like to wish you a fantastic bank holiday weekend and half term break and look forward to seeing you again for the second half of the summer term starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Best wishes

Mr Kempton

### **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 2018

<b>25 May</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM—3.00pm</b>
<b>4 Jun</b>	Return to school at 8.45am
<b>5 Jun</b>	YR3 First Falconry Visit
<b>11 Jun</b>	YR4 Science Museum Trip
<b>15 Jun</b>	YR5 Chessington Trip
<b>18 Jun</b>	YR6 Residential (return 22 Jun)
<b>3 Jul</b>	YR6 Senior School Induction Day YRs R — 5 Shuffle-up day
<b>4 Jul</b>	YR6 Senior School Induction Day
<b>11 Jul</b>	YR6 Leavers' Performance—1.30pm
<b>12 Jul</b>	Sports Day YR6 Leavers' Performance—7.00pm
<b>16 Jul</b>	Sports Day (back-up)
<b>18 Jul</b>	Parent Report Drop-in/Meet next year's Teacher
<b>19 Jul</b>	YR6 Leavers' Assembly—9.00am
<b>20 Jul</b>	<b>END OF TERM—2.00pm</b>

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 £2.25.

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 all about spiders. We have talked about how spiders spin webs and how they use the webs to catch food. We have made webs from cut up straws and glue and glitter. We have also been busy practising our number eight formation as we know spiders have eight legs!

## RECEPTION

Another fantastic class assembly from the Badgers this week! Didn't they do well! We were very entertained by the wiggling caterpillars. In class, we have been writing about trust and honesty. In maths, we have been finding pairs of numbers that make 10 or 20.

## YEAR 1

This week, in year 1, we have been recapping all our sounds in phonics. In English we have been writing different facts about firefighters and fire-engines. We have been lucky to have a firefighter come and talk to us about how to keep safe if there were to be a fire. Thank you very much Isaac's Dad! Year 1 team would like to wish you a happy half term :)

## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been finishing off their castles topic by weaving shields and designing and making castle towers. We have also brought together all of our knowledge in a non-chronological report- we are so proud of the progress in our writing this year! In science we have been looking at grouping animals according to their features and what they eat. We were very surprised to find out that whales and dolphins are actually mammals!

## YEAR 3

This week we have pretended to be newspaper reporters reporting on the historical eruption of Mount Vesuvius using facts and a catchy headline. In maths we have carried on the topic of time, please continue to practise this with your children at home over half term. In science we have been learning about the different types of rocks!

## YEAR 4

After our fantastic residential and activities last week, we spent the start of this week recounting everything we got up to. We have also written some persuasive leaflets to encourage people to visit some American states. We have continued to practise using coordinates and identifying 2D shapes in maths, and looked at endangered species in science, and how we can help support their habitats.

## YEAR 5

The children have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages this week in maths and have been finding the percentage of a number and solving word problems involving different operations. In English, the children have been preparing and writing a non-chronological report about an allotment ensuring that they have included factual and formal language.

## YEAR 6

Now that SATS are over, we are exploring other areas of the curriculum, such as geography, as we embark on our final topic, Hola Mexico! Expect us to come home knowing all about how chocolate travelled from the Mayans to the Co Op!

# Year 4's Residential Trip

Wow, what a trip! Most of Year 4 headed down to Hayling Island for a few days last week for our wonderful residential trip. The children took part in a wide range of activities including kayaking on the lake, abseiling down the climbing tower, snorkelling in the pool, and climbing on the high ropes before jumping from a pole to a trapeze! We also headed down to the beach for one morning, played games and treated ourselves to ice cream.

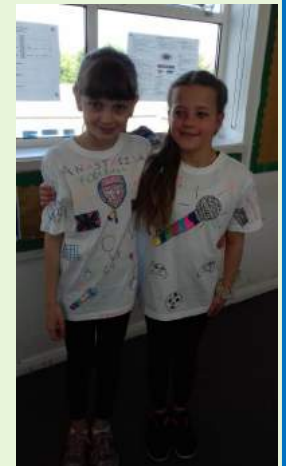


All the children were fantastic role models for Grovelands, showing gratitude and respect for their instructors as well as **fully challenging** themselves at all the activities. The staff couldn't be more proud of them. Well done Year 4!



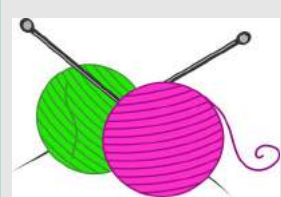
# Year 4's Fun Days

Some Year 4 children stayed at school last week and had a fantastic time with Mrs Miller. We headed to the Excel for swimming, badminton and table-tennis sessions and had a wonderful trip to Bushy Park in the sunshine. We got busy putting our cooking skills to use making some fantastic cupcakes (which the staff were treated to on their return from the trip - yum!). Also, we designed and made some super t-shirts using fabric paint. Mrs Miller was really impressed with all the children's enthusiasm and behaviour. Well done to all!



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

With the excitement of the residential last week, we didn't get round to updating you on our YEAR 4 competition. Children had the chance to show us their progress in tag rugby, hockey and basketball skills and the staff were really impressed with what they saw. Well done to Yew and Sycamore who were joint winners!



If you have any wool at home that you no longer need, any donations would be greatly appreciated for our after school knitting club. Thank you.



There is now additional storage for bikes and scooters etc., outside the year 5 classroom.



# Our first piece of silverware!

We are so proud of both the year 5 and 6 football teams this year. They have been playing in the ERPSSA (Elmbridge and Runnymede Primary School Sports Association) football league and have managed to beat local schools such as Burhill, St Jude's, St Paul's and Ashley to win the plate for 2018. Year 6 ended second in the league and year 5 brought home the plate.



Year 6, you have been a delight to manage and have a fantastic future ahead of you in any sport you would like to commit to.

Year 5, are a work in progress with their listening skills and taking on direction but have extremely talented players and through their passion and commitment will be fantastic sportsmen. Well done all.

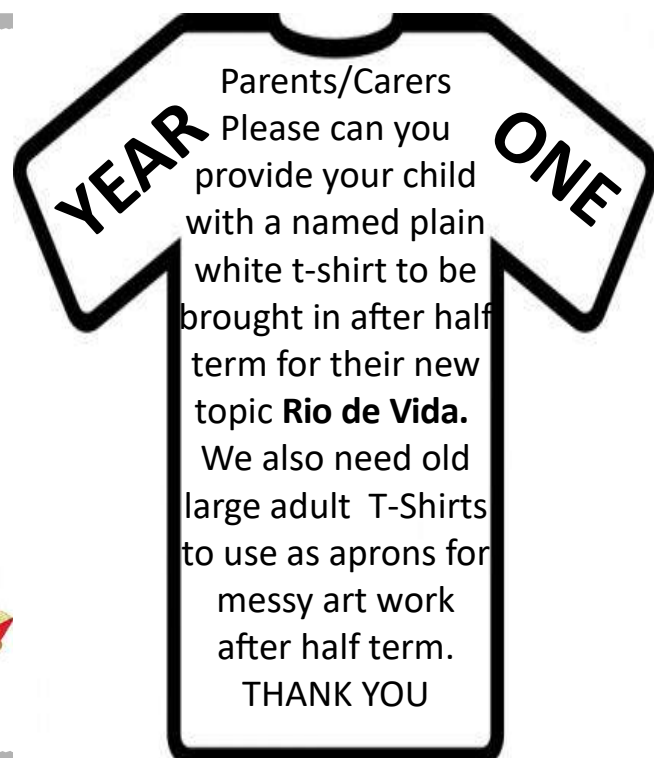
## Year 5 Tournament

Yesterday the boys entered the ERPSSA tournament and finished in the top two of their group, beating Thorpe Lea and St Cuthberts and drawing with St Charles. They played Cardinal Newman in the quarter finals and were knocked out by a goal. Well done to Charlie, Sam, Alfie, Albie, Frank, Jaiden, Aidan, Josh and a special mention to Gabriel for his first time playing and excellent effort.

I would like to mention Yosef, who should have been playing as he has been outstanding all season and will make an excellent captain one day. You were missed yesterday but you will have lots more opportunities in year 6 to shine.



We are pleased to announce that the library will be fully open after half term and children will be able to take books out. KS1 will do this during class time and KS2 can go anytime when the library is open - there will be a timetable on the library door. Thank you so much to Jayne Beale and Melanie Reynard who have volunteered to open the library on Wednesday 10:30 -11 and Thursday 12:30-1:30 and to staff who have volunteered to help after school.



# Firefighter visit for Year 1

Year 1 were very lucky to have a visit today from Isaac's dad who is a firefighter. He came in and talked about what you need to do to be safe in a fire. Get down, get low! He let some of the children wear his firefighter suit and he showed everyone the stop, drop and roll and answered all our questions. It was brilliant and the children loved it!



This afternoon, Walton Fire Brigade came in to discuss how to be safe with a fire and the features of a fire engine. The children were lucky enough to use the hose and sit in the fire engine. We set fire to some spare Tudor houses to show how quickly the fire would have spread in 1666. The firemen put the fire out safely and nobody was injured in the process. We look forward to their return visit to our summer fair.

## Three Rivers Academy



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## Parent tours – 2019 entry

We will be offering parent tours in the autumn term for 2019 entry. In addition we are pleased to offer three additional dates this term:

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am

We expect there to be a high demand so booking is essential; please contact the main office on 01932 242994 if you would like to join one of these tours and see our fantastic new facilities. Tour dates for the autumn term will be announced in due course.

## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.3%	99.2%	96.3%	98%	96.2%	99.8%

Well done to **Year 6** for the best year group attendance  
Well done to **Cobras** 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
95%	96%	95.9%	96.4%	96.7%	95.1%	96.1%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.9%

# CERTIFICATES



Class	Behaviour	Achievement	Writer of the Week
Otters	Thomas	Lucas	Kai
Squirrels	Isabella	Hayden	Archie
Badgers	George	Roan	River
Flamingos	Sophie	Evie	Veronika
Swans	Niall	Aiden	Ella
Dolphins	Sufian	Ruby	Cohen
Seals	Ramsay	Nick	Daniel
Antelopes	Frank	Skye	Leo
Giraffes	Grace	Filip	Arjun
Zebras	Emily	Chloe	Charlie
Leopards	Alfie	Alex	Nathan
Panthers	Mathew / Kai	Zane	Freya
Eagles	Aiden E	Jayden C	Ikram
Kestrels	Zosia	Hannah	Alfie
Cobras	Lily L	Ciaran	Hannah
Pythons	Molly	Paulo	Nell

### PEN LICENCES

Ciarán — Kestrels  
Grace—Giraffes  
Sophia—Giraffes  
Mariam—Giraffes



## WELL DONE EVERYONE

# Join us for a **SUMMER SOCIAL**

TICKETS: £25

INC. FOOD & WELCOME DRINK\*

FRI

JUNE  
8TH

8PM  
TILL LATE

Live band | Hog roast\*\* | Raffle | Cash/card bar

WEYBRIDGE VANDALS RUGBY CLUB,  
DESBOROUGH ISLAND, WEYBRIDGE

\* Tickets for this event are only available at [Classlist.com](https://www.classlist.com).  
Deadline for ticket sales midnight on Monday 28th May.

\*\* Vegetarian option available.

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