

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another great week at Grovelands, with lots of fantastic learning throughout. I've enjoyed celebrating the fantastic achievements and behaviour of our pupils through our assemblies, which can be found later in the newsletter.

Year 4 had their Roman day, which was a real highlight. It was wonderful to see how much they loved learning about Roman history through this experience and they looked great in their outfits. Please do ask them about what they learnt - I know they'll have lots to say!

It is comforting to see the community remaining vigilant regarding Coronavirus as the risk rises nationally. We are continually reviewing our own risk assessment to check that our measures are working as well as they can. During the school day, we have been really successful ensuring our different bubbles of children do not mix and our additional cleaning measures are working extremely well too. I would like to ask that parents ensure their children are kept with them at pick-up time, to avoid any unnecessary mixing of pupils. Thank you.

I know that for parents with siblings, there is currently a wait between drop-offs because of our staggered arrangement. We are looking at a range of different solutions for this, which I will communicate with you in time

Whilst we have been spoilt with the hot weather, it does appear that we might finally be heading into autumn. Having well ventilated classrooms is an important way to reduce risk for everybody in school and, as the weather gets colder, we are going to have to keep our doors and windows open. Please therefore ensure your children have their jumpers or coats, if necessary, to wear.

We have been refining our lunch timetable so that all children have plenty of time to eat all of their food (some take longer than others)! This is now in place and enables all children the time they need to eat and re-energise before their afternoon learning. Thank you for your feedback around lunches which helped to improve the structure of the day.

A reminder that we have our Trauma-Informed School parent workshop via Zoom next Tuesday. The Zoom details can be found later in the newsletter and I hope to see you there. If you can't make it, we will be recording the session so you can catch up later. We will also be sending through some resources from Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAHMS) by email today, which contains some great links to articles, websites and videos based around supporting children that may have anxieties around Covid or just more generally. Please do take a look if you think these will be helpful.

Finally, there is a message from our brilliant FROGS chairs being shared today, which outlines the great success FROGS has had over the last year. I would like to thank Tracey and Imran, and everyone who has worked so hard to raise the incredible funds which make a real difference to our school.

Have a great weekend.
Mr Tuck
Headteacher

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Please do not visit the office unless it is urgent— all enquiries should be made by phone or email.

THANK YOU.

Diary Dates

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| 28th Sept | Nursery Children all full time |
| 28th Sept | Reception Children all full time |
| 29th Sept | Parent Forum—Trauma (10.00am) |
| 7th Oct | Sibling Photos |
| 8th Oct | Individual photos |
| 12th Oct | YR6 Bikeability week begins |
| 12th Oct | Flu vaccinations |
| 13th Oct | Flu Vaccinations |
| 23rd Oct | Break up for Half Term |
| 2nd Nov | Children return to school |
| 3rd Nov | Parent/Teacher Meetings Session 1 |
| 4th Nov | Parent/Teacher Meetings Session 2 |
| 5th Nov | Parent/Teacher Meetings Session 3 |
| 18th Dec | Break up for Christmas |
| 4th Jan | Inset Day |
| 5th Jan | Children return to school |
| 12th Feb | Break up for Half Term |
| 22nd Feb | Children return to school |
| 31st Mar | Break up for Easter |
| 1st Apr | Inset Day |
| 19th Apr | Children return to school |
| 1st May | Bank holiday |
| 28th May | Break up for half term |
| 21st July | Break up for Summer |

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, providing specific details for the reason of 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.

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.

In class this week...

NURSERY

We have had another great week in Nursery. Tigers have started in small groups and have really enjoyed exploring their new classroom. Bears have started staying for lunch this week and we are looking forward to having them all day from next week.

RECEPTION

We have had a fantastic time in Reception this week! The children have all settled in brilliantly and have really enjoyed staying for lunch the last few days. They are making some really good friendships and have been taking part in lots of different activities both inside and outside. We're looking forward to having you in full days next week as we have some exciting activities planned!

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have continued our work based on the story of 'Beegu', an alien who gets lost on Earth. We did our first piece of writing in our new Super Write books - fabulous descriptions of Beegu, using lots of interesting adjectives. In maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction and how to use part part whole models and number sentences to show maths stories. We have also been very creative in art, inventing our own aliens. Next week we will be using recycled materials to make spaceships or rockets, so please save any small boxes or kitchen roll tubes you have and send them in to school on Monday.

YEAR 2

This week in year 2 we have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We even challenged ourselves to count in 3s! In English, we retold the story of 'Lost & Found', trying to include as many interesting adjectives as we could. We have also been learning about parables in RE and this week we talked about what 'The Prodigal Son' might teach Christians.

YEAR 3

This week has been all about instructional writing and started by being told we had to design a new factory for Willy Wonka as his had been destroyed by an airless, rocky asteroid. We soon realised that we hadn't built what Mr Wonka had expected...all because we hadn't been given clear, descriptive instructions so we worked really hard at understanding the features of instructions, ready to write our own. In maths, we have been looking at place value, comparing objects and numbers and making sure we are secure with counting in 50s. We have worked hard at reasoning and problem solving too. Our creativity has also shone through in art using pastels and clay, drawing and making peppers. In science we learnt all about the human skeleton and made our own using art straws. What a great week. Well done year 3!

YEAR 4

Year four has been busy this week planning our own Roman themed stories, comparing numbers in maths and dressing up as Romans for our Roman day! We had a huge amount of fun in the Roman workshop and learnt all sorts of amazing Roman facts! Along with learning to march like Roman soldiers, whilst under attack from the teachers armed with bean bags and how Romans used the toilet! Ask us all about it.

YEAR 5

This week in year 5 we have been adding and subtracting using column methods. In English, we have learnt about Anne Boleyn's execution and the events that happened around that time. In art, we have begun to construct and mod roc our Tudor houses!

YEAR 6

This week in year six, we have been adding and subtracting large numbers. In English we have been working hard to describe contrasting scenes from our class novel with poetry. Finally in topic we've been learning more about light and shadows; we have also been studying rationing and geography of World War II.

CERTIFICATES



| Class | Behaviour | Achievement | Writer |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Flamingos | Oscar | Albie | Oliver |
| Penguins | Terry | Ava-Rose | Willow |
| Dolphins | Ellie | JJ | Eira |
| Seals | Anish | Jayden | Poppy |
| Antelopes | Jude | Iden | Sommer |
| Giraffes | Thomas | Kaitlyn | Lucas |
| Zebras | Evie | Darragh | Poppy |
| Leopards | Aiden | Alexi | Sienna |
| Panthers | Kacey | Sophie | Lowri |
| Falcons | Simone | Jacob S | Theo |
| Kestrels | Flynn | Mohannad | Sammy |
| Cobras | Curtis | Holly | Charlie |
| Pythons | Teddy | Caitlin | Koby |
| Vipers | Arabella | Aaron | Edward |

WELL DONE EVERYONE

If you would like to see our Achievement and Behaviour assemblies—these can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/Up72rfAgcg8> - Achievement

<https://youtu.be/y94ih52SYt8> - Behaviour



Flu Vaccination Consent

You should all have received a letter via email regarding the above.

Please remember complete the e-consent form by **4 PM ON MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2020 (when the website portal will close)**. This allows time for our nurses to review and contact parents if there are any concerns, prior to the session.



Welcome Mrs Khanom

Mrs Khanom is new to the After School Club and looks after our nursery and reception children. Hafsa brings substantial experience in early years having worked as a nursery leader and SENCO. All whilst completing a level 4 Certificate in Child and Family Studies and a Business Management degree. Hafsa is over the moon to be part of our school community and we are delighted to have her onboard!



HOME LEARNING FOR CHILDREN THAT MAY BE SELF ISOLATING

The learning for children at home can be found on our website under the 'Parent' tab. New tasks for the forthcoming week will be uploaded to the site each Friday. Thank you.

Trauma Training

A reminder for parents/carers that the 'Trauma Training' will be taking place at

10.00am - 11.00 am on Tuesday 29th September 2020

The one hour webinar will include all the key points shared with staff from the 'Trauma Informed Schools' training we received at the beginning of the academic year. We will record the session for parents who cannot attend the live session. The zoom details for this webinar are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96422479511?pwd=WTBkVmcxbExxeEszRHhFSdItWdlQT09>

Meeting ID: 964 2247 9511

Passcode: RBL1dT

We kindly ask that the Zoom log-in details are not shared with anyone outside of the Grovelands Primary School community.

Year 4 - Roman Day



When we went to the Roman afternoon it was really funny because the man was wearing a Roman soldiers' outfit and he was pretending we were soldiers and shouting commands at us - it made us giggle!

It was fun because we got to try on the armour and hold the weapons. The armour was so heavy it hurt our shoulders!

At the end we were all given a wooden sword and a red shield and had to dodge bean bags that the teachers were throwing at us! We think they enjoyed it too much! It was really fun!

By Louis and Freddie - Leopards



Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2020**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

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