

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy week, with our children excelling on many fronts in their sporting endeavours.

Four of our children from Year 4 took part in the local Elmbidge mini-tennis tournament. The children competed well against other schools and were able to show how they are developing skills in a wider range of sports. Both our Year 5 and Year 6 football teams have ended their seasons well by winning their matches. The netball team thoroughly enjoyed a competitive match against Cardinal Newman School which they won 3-0 and we also took part in an indoor athletics session at Cleves during which the children demonstrated impeccable behaviours. Please do read the match reports within this newsletter.

Thank you to FROGs for the two film nights this week. Both showings were a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed watching 'Paddington 2' and eating their popcorn.

We will be opening our new library on Friday 4th May after school at 3pm. You are invited to come in and see the new learning environment, books and resources that we have for our children and tea and cake will be available. We would like to especially thank Mrs Powers for all of her work in organising the new library. She has used much of her personal time to come in and make sure that the books and resources are ready for the children. Thank you Mrs Powers!

We would also like to thank the Elliot family who have kindly donated a pristine set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica for our new library. This is a fantastic resource which the children can access as part of their learning. Thank you to the Elliot family!

Finally, please remember that the school will be closed next Thursday, the 3rd May, as it will be used as a polling station for the local elections. The school will be open as usual on Friday 4th May.

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.

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.

Dates for your Diary 2018

1 May	YR5 Bikeability
2 May	YR5 Bikeability
3 May	POLLING DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
4 May	Reception Bocketts Farm Library Official opening 3pm
7 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Reception Height and Weight Checks
10 May	Squirrels Class Assembly—9.00am
10 May	YR2 Windsor Castle Trip
14 May	YR6 SATS week YR3 Natural History Museum
16 May	YR4 Residential (return 18 May)
17 May	Otters Class Assembly—9.00am
24 May	Badgers Class Assembly—9.00am
25 May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM—3.00pm
5 Jun	YR3 First Falconry Visit
11 Jun	YR4 Science Museum Trip
18 Jun	YR6 Residential (return 22 Jun)
3 Jul	YR6 Senior School Induction Day YRs R — 5 Shuffle-up day
4 Jul	YR6 Senior School Induction Day
11 Jul	YR6 Leavers' Performance—1.30pm
12 Jul	Sports Day YR6 Leavers' Performance—7.00pm
16 Jul	Sports Day (back-up)
18 Jul	Parent Report Drop-in/Meet next year's Teacher
19 Jul	YR6 Leavers' Assembly—9.00am
20 Jul	END OF TERM—2.00pm

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 Bears Class we have continued to focus our learning on the story of Jack and The Beanstalk. We have been busy re-telling the story, using different voices for each character and have made our own flap story books. We have also carefully planted our own beans and are avidly watching and waiting for them to grow into beanstalks!!

RECEPTION

This week we have welcomed caterpillars into our classrooms. Over the next few weeks we will be observing how they change and the life cycle of a butterfly. In literacy, we sequenced the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. In numeracy we have been estimating amounts of objects.

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1, we had our 'London's Burning' workshop. A lovely lady came to help us learn all about the Great Fire of London. In maths, we have been learning how to divide by 2 and 4. In DT, we have been planning how we are going to create our Tudor houses to support our topic.

YEAR 2

In Year 2 we have been reading *The Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy and writing our own diary entries. In maths we have been continuing to tell the time to the nearest five minutes and solving some time problems. Controlling a bat and ball and learning good sprinting techniques have been part of PE.

YEAR 3

In maths this week we have been writing and telling the time in 5 minute intervals. We have been practising using clocks. A lot of us still need to practise these skills. In English we have been exploding like a volcano with our poetic ideas. We have used alliteration, onomatopoeia and personification along with all our language and SPAG skills. In science we have investigated proving that a stem transports water to all parts of a plant. We have made detailed observations, written our results and drawn amazing conclusions.

YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have sketched some wonderful American city-scape scenes in art. We have started to learn about the features of Native American animal myths in English and performed some excellent myth role plays looking at how some animals got their features. In maths, we have moved onto our shape unit and have been learning about different types of angles. We are looking forward to our special art session next week - please see the note sent out on Wednesday asking if you could support us by supplying some resources for the session.

YEAR 5

The children have been writing a balanced argument about whether they should have an allotment in school. They thought of reasons for and against having an allotment and wrote about them giving reasons for their ideas. In Maths, the children have been multiplying improper and mixed fractions by whole numbers and have been solving word problems associated with this.

YEAR 6

We are in our final countdown until SATS: we know that all of our hard work will pay off!

In addition to revising, we have also been writing stories about Bri Meyer's short film *Road's End*. Who knew that personifying death could be so interesting?

More umbrellas please..!



Thank for so much to those who have donated any unwanted umbrellas—BUT WE REALLY NEED MORE! If you have any spare lying around at home please do hand them into the school. Thank you.

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS



DO ANY OF OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS OR CARERS HAVE A FEW HOURS A WEEK SPARE TO VOLUNTEER IN OUR FANTASTIC NEW LIBRARY?

We are looking for anyone who is DBS checked and could come in and help out during a morning breaktime (10.30 to 10.50) and/or lunchtime (12.00 to 1.15pm).

If you are free and could commit to a slot each week that would be fantastic. This will enable us to draw up a weekly timetable and hopefully ensure that most days are covered, making the most of this wonderful resource — you will also have assistance from our YR6 children!

If you can help out but unable to commit a specific day or you are not yet DBS checked, we would still love to hear from you.

Please speak to Mrs Hall or email: info@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk with details of your availability.

THANK YOU

Bocketts Farm

Friday 4th May

Reception Parents - Please Remember

- Children must wear school uniform with **trainers**.
- Children must have **weather appropriate clothing** (Waterproof jackets, sun cream on, hats).
- Please **provide a packed lunch** in a **named carrier bag**, (No fizzy drinks, no nuts, and no chocolate).
- All uneaten lunch items will be thrown away at the farm.



Sports Update



On Wednesday four of our Year 4 children took part in the local Elmbridge mini-tennis tournament. After a sturdy walk to Walton Tennis Club, Herbie, Lee, Lilia and Phoebe, warmed up in the sun and were raring to start their first tennis competition representing Grovelands.

They were all very excited and played extremely well, winning games and scoring a total of 102 points. Although we drew the toughest pool of 5 other schools, including St Georges and Ashley who both got to the finals, our players were able to win lots of points from children in these matches and rain did not stop play!

Herbie summed up their own, parents and Mrs Dixon's experience of the competition, very well. "That was so much fun!"



Netball Match Report

Date	26/4/18
Opponents	Cardinal Newman
Venue	Cardinal Newman
Final Score	4:0



Team News

The team captain of this match was me (Hannah).

Report

The first quarter of our netball match went very well as we scored 2 goals. The first by Sam and the second by Keely. By the end of the second quarter it was 2:0 to us. We were all extremely excited. The third quarter went well as I (Hannah) scored a goal. The netball Gods were in our favour. By the end of the last quarter Sam had courageously scored one last goal! We had won!!



Player of the Match:

Keely

Report by:

Hannah

Indoor Athletics

Yesterday afternoon 20 of our year 3 children took part in a training session at Cleves followed by a competition.

It was a super afternoon, the children learned so many disciplines in the Sport and finished the afternoon with a win. The final points were 50 to Cleves and 58 to Grovelands.

Well done to all the children who took part. You were a credit to our School, displaying excellent behaviour with a brilliant outcome.

FOOTBALL

Year 5

What a way to end the football season. Last week Grovelands played Cleves in their final match of the year. The year 5s had to chase down an early goal from Cleves but boy did they do that. All the boys played with a lot of passion. They managed to be drawing level by half time. The second half, they passed, worked as a team and secured a 3-1 win. What a fantastic way to finish. I would like to say well done to: Yosef, Albie, Charlie, Josh, Aidan, Alfie, Frank, Sam, Jaiden, Jayden, Bailey and Ollie for a fantastic season.

Year 6

I can not be prouder of this team. They have been wonderful to coach this year. They worked so hard on playing as a team, going from strength to strength and it all came together for their final game at Grovelands. The player of the match goes to Max for his tremendous 5 goal achievement. I can honestly say I could have given this to everyone - Louie had his first time to shine on the pitch and he did just that, amazing in goal and out. I would like to say well done to all the players: Daniel, Owen, Kyle, Sid, Che, Louie, Max, Khalil, Harvey, Ashton, Dylan, Samuel and Alfie.

Grovelands glory Cleves v Grovelands

We Started the game enthusiastically pushing forward and defending well and aiming at goal. and thats when Max scored a goal into the bottom corner for 1-0 to Grovelands attack after attack we scored again as max scored a goal 2-0. Suddenly we gain possession as Louis drives up the pitch for score 3-0 before the end of the first half we pushed Cleves to breaking point as max scored two more goals for 5-0

As we started the second half we changed our goalie from Che to Kyle because Che is normally our striker. ~~As~~ ^{but} the goals to the who finishes in style 6-0. Max the Substitute scores his 5th goal 7-0. Then Louis clears the ball upfield and Che gets on it scores a brilliant headed goal and we are winning a fantastic game 8-0! Daniel decided to try his luck with a volley from the half way line. What a goal! ~~is scored as a goal~~ 9-0. After there Kickoff we gained the ball again a Khalil comes running ~~to~~ into there half a scored for a fantastic bottom corner goal! 10-0! Khalil again scores with a cool and composed finisher right at the death 11-0. Then all of a sudden cleves star man comes running into our box and scores a top corner goal! Ending a great match and a victory for Grovelands in there last encounter!

By Louis and Kyle.



Battle of The Books



Eight of our Year 4 pupils—Eva, Elisse, Lilia, Chloe, Joshua, Laszlo, Gabriel and Kai—successfully competed in Friday's Battle of the Books at Burhill Primary. The children were eloquent, polite representatives of Grovelands who made us proud with their excellent writing. Thank you again to the parents who helped us this morning!



Reading Award

Congratulations to Grovelands

for being super readers during our 'Battle of the Books' competition.



Well Done!

Date 27th April 2018

Signed [Signature]



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.6%	98.5%	96.2%	98.1%	100%	95.5%	94.5%

Well done to **Year 4** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Leopards and Panthers** 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
94.5%	96.3%	95.7%	96.3%	96.7%	94.9%	96%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES



Class	Behaviour	Achievement	Writer of the Week
Otters	Isla	Tyler	Kaysan
Squirrels	Sharbanoo	Jude	Mahnaz
Badgers	All Badgers	Thomas	Scarlet
Flamingos	Jade	Harry	Ethan
Swans	Levi	Ellen	Freddie
Dolphins	Samuel	Theo	Anusha
Seals	Alana	Daniel	Alana
Antelopes	Aidan	Gabrielle	Leeanna
Giraffes	Maram	Vera	Sophia
Zebras	Meirah	Thomas	Matas
Leopards	Nancy	Jamie	Aleksandra
Panthers	Maria	Alfie	Zane
Eagles	Jayden C	Isis	Chloe
Kestrels	Albie	Madi	Melad
Cobras	Lilly D	Aflie & Ashton	Alex
Pythons	Ruby	Nell	Lottie



Pen Licence

Aston — Zebras
 Maya — Giraffes
 Betty — Kestrels



Grammar Wizard

Oscar — Seals

WELL DONE EVERYONE