

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another fantastic and exciting week. Summer is well and truly with us and a delightful range of colourful sun hats can be seen throughout the school. Our pupils have done really well to keep working hard even when it's hot and we've seen lots of stunning work. There also continues to be lots of exciting opportunities for all of our pupils.

We had a fantastic visit this week from British triple jumper Daniel Lewis. The children loved doing their circuit activities and really showed us their jumping skills! Daniel's assembly was then nothing short of inspirational. He told us all about his journey to becoming an athlete and we learned how healthy eating and exercise, as well as perseverance and dedication, have helped him to get to where he is. We were also amazed by how far he can jump! I'm sure that lots of children will be jumping in the garden this weekend.

We've had a number of excellence groups running, including some for super scientists and computing champions. We are also delighted that some of our year 5 pupils are broadcasting live on the radio today— and they will even be interviewing me. We will send a link to the recording at some point soon in case you were not able to listen live.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Fair tomorrow.

Kind regards

Mr Tuck

### 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>30 Jun</b>	Summer Fair
<b>2 Jul</b>	Year 2 Pedals
<b>3 Jul</b>	YR6 Senior School Induction Day
<b>4 Jul</b>	YR6 Senior School Induction Day
<b>5 Jul</b>	YR4 Trumpet Concert
<b>10 Jul</b>	Nursery Sports Day—11.00am & 2.00pm
<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>17 Jul</b>	Nursery Concert (am & pm) —11.00am
<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 are continuing to learn about butterflies. We have used the interactive white board to make symmetrical butterflies and even decorated biscuits using our knowledge of symmetry. We are growing more confident talking about the life cycle of a butterfly and have used pasta to create pictures representing the different stages. We have also been busy learning the songs for our summer concert.

## RECEPTION

What an eggciting week! We have 8 new chicks in reception! The children were so eggcited when the eggs started to hatch on Monday morning! We can't wait to watch them grow next week! In other news, Burglar Bill broke into our shed on Tuesday! He left clues for the children to find. We worked together to draw clues, write incident reports, wanted posters and character descriptions to help the police to catch him! The children were fantastic detectives!

## YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning how to write an acrostic poem. We used lots of adjectives for each letter in the word 'Carnival', such as 'Amazing and 'Loud'. In maths we have been using lots of practical resources to consolidate our learning over this academic year. We really enjoyed meeting triple jump athlete Daniel Lewis and participating in the triple jump! He has inspired some of us to take part in more sports!

## YEAR 2

This week year 2 have enjoyed reading *The Shopping Basket* by John Burningham and have used our knowledge of instructions to write Steven directions for his journey. We wrote a rough draft first, then did some editing and published a final copy in our books. In science we have been thinking about the life cycle of a plant and ordering the stages, and in computing we learnt how to use a branching database to find out the names of some minibeasts.

## YEAR 3

In Year 3 we have been writing free poems about our chosen predator! "I hunt for my food, it's just out of habit, if I need a quick bite, it's mice or rabbit...." We have also continued our topic on capacity and in computing have been working more on our predator presentations! Thursday we were all very inspired by Daniel Lewis and how he got to be a GB athlete! Keep reading every night!

## YEAR 4

Leopards and Panthers have shown their fantastic problem solving skills on 2 step problems in maths this week. We have been revising the features of an explanation text in English. In science, we have started to learn more about the digestive system, helped by our knowledge from our Science Museum trip. Both classes have really enjoyed their trips to the Synagogue and learnt a lot about Jewish beliefs.

## YEAR 5

The children have been identifying the features of a diary entry this week in English. They have prepared a plan and developed sentences to be used in a diary entry which they will write next week about their trip to Chessington World of Adventures. In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of angles by learning how to measure and draw acute, obtuse and reflex angles.

## YEAR 6

Year six have been very busy learning our lines, songs and choreography for our end of year production, *Lights, Camera, Action!* We have also enjoyed a range of excellence workshops at Cleves, and trampolining. Finally, we have covered the SRE curriculum.

# Daniel Lewis visits Grovelands



Inspired? We certainly are!

Daniel Lewis was incredible. The children had so much fun trying to jump as far as him on the playground. They completed gruelling circuits beside him and then enjoyed watching the Great British athlete at work. He was bounding, leaping and showing them what he was made of in front of the whole school. Reception were so inspired, they continued to jump, run and make up races for the rest of the day. Another member of staff said "What an amazing opportunity for the children. I wish my son could have been there."

I would like to say a huge well done to the top triple jumpers of each class: Rosie, Tilly, Tommy, Oliver, Jacob, Mohammed, Ramsay, Nicola, Frank, Filip, Herbie, Joanne, Melad, Molly and an almighty jump by Che to win the overall competition. Well done all!

The children were so enthusiastic and energised and are keen to do more. I hope Daniel has inspired you all to follow your dreams and never give up, no matter how challenging the path may be. Good luck.



# SCIENCE DAY

On Monday, Elisse, Joshua, James and Kai from Year 4 went to Cardinal Newman School for a day of Science!! When we arrived, we were mixed up into groups from other local schools including Ashley, Bell Farm and Walton Oak as well as Cardinal Newman.

There were 6 different activities to complete - the first was the hangar where you inserted loops from a hangar into your ears. Secondly, you had to assemble a bottle and tubes to create a rocket! Our third task was hunting for yarn caterpillars that were camouflaged outside. We also sorted sweets into different categories and we got to dissect flowers by using a knife to inspect the different parts of the plant.

Before lunch, we had to complete a challenge to try and bounce an egg without breaking it. Interestingly, the eggs had been soaked in vinegar for 3 days and so had become bouncy! In the afternoon, we got to observe some bugs and made very detailed drawings of them.

Thank you to the Cardinal Newman teachers - we had a really exciting day and loved telling our friends about it. By Joshua, Elisse, James and Kai



## Year 2 - Multi Skills Fun!

Yesterday, after a fun packed morning, 10 of our YR2 children took part in a multi sport afternoon at Sayers Court Primary School with another nine schools. They were led by YR6 children, who taught them different skills which could then be transferred to any sport. Well done to: Damien, Grace, Haider, Jackson, Leo, Oliver, Paige, Ranell, Ramsay and Toby. You worked well as a team and developed excellent values linked to sport: Passion, Self-Belief, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Teamwork.



# LOOK WHO'S MADE AN APPEARANCE!

Reception are very excited to announce that on Monday our eggs hatched and we are now proud mummies and daddies of 8 lovely new chicks! The children are very gentle and loving towards the chicks, working hard to improve their animal handling skills. They are cheeping and chirping throughout the day but the chicks are settling in very nicely. They have grown an enormous amount in such a short time and have been moved from their small warm brooding box into a nice big cage. Not only do the Reception children benefit from this experience, but we are passing the chicks around each year group for everyone to meet them and have a cuddle. They are called Tom, Domino, Diamond, Alice, Dotty, Fluffles, Floss and Bill. Thank you to everyone who donated newspapers - we really appreciate it.



## Excellence Workshops

This term we have been developing our links with Cleves through some fantastic Excellence Workshops. Many of our Key Stage 2 children have had the opportunity to visit Cleves and conduct science experiments in a fully equipped laboratory, attend a computer workshop, present a radio show and perform in Cleves' performance hall! Everyone has enjoyed these and learnt a great deal. Grovelands are soon to host their own workshops and we look forward to welcoming some Cleves students to our school!



## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.8%	92.0%	94.2%	93.8%	96.1%	95.8%	100%

Well done to **Year 6** for the best year group attendance  
Well done to **Cobras and Pythons** 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%	95.9%	95.9%	96.3%	96.6%	95.2%	96.1%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.9%

# CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	George	Lily	Amelia
Squirrels	Olivia	Jack	Agata
Badgers	Emily K	Archie	Rayen
Flamingos	Hugo	Charlie	Jade
Swans	Melody	Jana	Jason
Dolphins	Ace	Ruby	Lucy
Seals	Tyler	Niamh	Harley
Antelopes	Frank P	Leeanna	Koby
Giraffes	Lilia	Maya	Phoebe
Zebras	Jensen	Beau	Dylan
Leopards	Phoebe	Srileka	Jamie
Panthers	Chloe	Taylor	Shivanjali
Eagles	Aiden	Andrea	Bailey
Kestrels	Amber	Naomi	Betty
Cobras	India	Ryan	Ciaran



**PEN LICENCES**  
Albie—Kestrels

# WELL DONE EVERYONE



GROVELANDS SCHOOL'S FROGS



£2 PER ADULT  
KIDS GO FREE

# SUMMER FAIR

12-3pm

Saturday 30th June

BBQ • FACE PAINTING • RAFFLE  
BOUNCY CASTLES  
BEAT THE GOALIE • BAR • YUCKY DIP • GAMES

Grovelands  
Primary School

Sponsored by:





**At St John's Church**

**1 The Furrows, Walton-on-Thames**

**13th—17th August 2018**

**10.00am-12.30pm Mon-Thurs**

**10.00am-1.30pm Friday**

**School Age only: Reception to Year 6**

*(Children starting Reception in September 2018 are not eligible to attend.)*

**For further information and general enquiries please contact  
Mandy at [mandy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:mandy@waltonparish.org.uk)**

**Closing date for bookings:- July 13th.**

Each day, the Guardians recover a lost story-treasure, representing a Bible story, in order to bring the light back to the city! The days will be filled with games, crafts and drama sketches. There will be singing and dancing and a mid morning snack time and on one of the days we will even have an ice-cream van .

The week is free of charge and all costs are met by the Church.



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

You can book at <http://waltonparish.org.uk/holiday-club-2018/>

On line booking will require a signature from a parent/carer on the first day.

Or you can request a printable booking form by emailing [mandy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:mandy@waltonparish.org.uk) .

**Places are limited and will be confirmed by telephone.**