



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Easter holidays have arrived! There have been lots of excited children at Grovelands today as some wonderful Easter eggs appeared in the classrooms. Huge thanks to our very own Easter bunnies - the amazing FROGS - for these donations. It meant so much to the children.

Our week began with a bang for Year 4, who had a fantastic Roman workshop. The costumes that you provided were incredible and the children learnt a huge amount about life in Roman times which will really enhance their topic work. Excitement is building in Year 4 about their residential trip as well, thank you to all the Year Four parents who attended our information workshop.

We have an update for you on our parent forum topics, these are things we are looking to implement in the future:

- Homework examples on the takeaway sheet
- Clarifying the DBS process on our website
- A September meeting for all parents who would like to volunteer as parent helpers
- Using parent helpers across the school rather than just in their own child's class
- Having a bank of parent helpers who are happy to help on any school trips if we are short of helpers
- Using parent helpers for a variety of tasks such as:
 - 1-1 reading
 - Sticking work in books
 - Small group work
 - Class admin e.g. photocopying
 - Displays

All that remains for us to say is that we hope that you all have a wonderful Easter and that all our children come back to school happy, rested and ready to start the final term of this academic year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman

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

29 Mar	BREAK UP FOR EASTER—2.00pm
16 Apr	INSET DAY
17 Apr	YR6 Residential Parent Meetings—3.00pm & 6.00pm
24 Apr	YR1 London's Burning Workshop
25 Apr	Class Photos
26 Apr	YR6 SATS Parent Meeting—3.00pm & 6.00pm
3 May	POLLING DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
4 May	Reception Bocketts Farm
7 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Reception Height and Weight Checks
10 May	YR2 Windsor Castle Trip
14 May	YR6 SATS week
	YR3 Natural History Museum
16 May	YR4 Residential (return 18 May)
25 May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM—3.00pm
6 Jun	YR3 First Falconry Visit
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 and Meet next year's Teacher
19 Jul	YR6 Leavers' Assembly—9.00am
20 Jul	END OF TERM—2.00pm

NB. 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

In Bears Class this week our learning has been based on Easter. We have talked about how Easter is celebrated around the world and the children have been sharing their own experiences of Easter. In Maths we have been doing lots of counting with eggs and chicks. Today we have made yummy Easter nests.

RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have had an eggs-tra fun week learning all about the Easter story and different Easter traditions. The children had a great go at creating symmetrical Easter pictures, while using mirrors to check how they had matched each side. We hope you like your Easter cards and have a wonderful break!

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been writing about our favourite memory in school. In Maths, we have been learning how to solve addition and subtraction word problems. In PSHE, we have learnt how important it is to be safe when crossing the road. The Year 1 team would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter.

YEAR 2

This week Year Two have been designing their own plant and creating an information poster about it using adventurous vocabulary. We have applied some of our learning on plants in Science and have had some great ideas such as: 'Venus Venom' known for shooting poison out of its flower at the victim, 'The Mount Flower' which can be found growing on the mountainside or 'Heart Flower' so called because it is heart-shaped. We have also been practising our calculating skills in Maths, choosing the best methods to use and explaining how we did it.

YEAR 3

This week in year 3 we have finished reading the Iron Man! We practised and performed some drama, acting out the events of the book. We have also learnt about the present perfect tense! In maths, we have been learning about units of measure. We have practised measuring using cm and mm and now know how to convert them! In French, we have learnt the words for different family members. We are looking forward to Easter!

YEAR 4

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic Roman workshop on Monday. Our leader for the day, Aquilonius, took us through some tough Roman army training - we learnt all about the different attack formations and what soldiers wore. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes as well! We have been continuing to calculate money and decimals and edited our wonderful newspaper articles. The children also created some fantastic clay mountains this week, which we painted. Have a well deserved rest over Easter, Year 4!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have imagined they are children living during the period of the Black Death in 1347. They have written an informal letter to a friend explaining about their experiences. In Maths the children have learnt about how to read and interpret data in line graphs and tables and how to solve problems.

YEAR 6

This week in year 6, we have been focusing on revision. We have revised all of our SPAG terms and started to revise Maths - fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, we have written a non-chronological report about the circulatory system. We have also completed our inter-house competition in bench-ball - we had lots of fun!



Thank you to all the children who took on the Ready Steady Read Challenge for being such awesome readers and to the parents/carers, families and friends for sponsoring these awesome readers. We raised a fantastic amount of £605.65. With Usborne's contribution of an additional 60% on top of this, we now have £960 available to spend on Usborne books for the school! **BRILLIANT!**

YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS



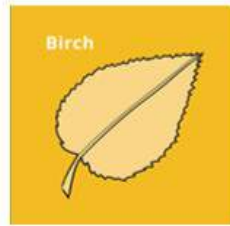

YR6 will be making gods eyes when they return after Easter. Please could your child bring in some colourful (not chunky!) wool during their first week back.



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Thank you.

Grovelands Primary School – Values Tokens

	 Yew	 Sycamore	 Birch	 Chestnut
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Autumn 2017	259	316	425	240
Spring 2017	537	559	592	505
Summer 2017				
Totals:	796	875	1017	745

A Message from FROGS

With all the fantastic fundraising that's taken place over the last 2 terms, FROGS have been able to help the Easter Bunny to give each child a very special treat to finish the term. We think they deserve it!

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work in supporting the

fundraising events for our children & school community.

We hope they all enjoy their eggs and a very happy Easter to all!

Imran, Tracey M, Mel, Tracey B,

Anita x



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.1%	98.5%	94.9%	94.4%	97.7%	94.2%	96.9%

Well done to **Year 1** for the best year group attendance
Well done to **Flamingos** for the best class attendance **99.3%**

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%	96.4%	96.7%	94.9%	96.1%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES

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Class

Behaviour

Otters	Tilly
Squirrels	Elyse
Badgers	Sophie
Flamingos	Brynley
Swans	Ollie B
Dolphins	Simona
Seals	Ranell
Antelopes	Kia
Giraffes	Finn
Zebras	Cryony
Leopards	Taheiya
Panthers	Maria
Eagles	Harvey
Kestrels	Ashton
Cobras	Kyra
Pythons	Natalja



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Toby—Kestrels

WELL DONE EVERYONE