

Dear parents and carers,

We have been busy this week practising for our little Christmas surprise for children and families, which we will be putting together over the next few weeks. The end result will be a video that will be published through an 'unlisted' link on our YouTube channel which only parents with the link will be able to view. As part of this, we will need you to provide social media consent if you have not already done so. I will be sharing the survey that I shared earlier this year and if you have not already completed this, I would ask you to do so. Thank you in advance for this.

There is a really festive feel to the school this week. This has really been helped by the wonderful Christmas tree that Frogs have sourced for the school and decorated beautifully. The 'Christmas in a bubble' sacks are all ready for use and I know the children are going to have a fantastic time when they take part in this with their class. Thank you so much for your kind donations towards this - it really is going to be a special occasion for all of our pupils.

I had the pleasure of seeing the learning that was taking place throughout the school this week and I am delighted to report that the behaviour and attitude to learning was excellent all the way from nursery through to year 6. It was lovely to see the work that the children were doing and how proud they were of their achievements this term. Thank you also to everyone who attended my webinar on Behaviour and Values at Grovelands. I will share the link to this video in a separate email shortly. For anyone interested in finding out more about our values and how these link to our behaviour policy, it would be a really useful watch.

It has been fantastic to see how much the children have been enjoying both Breakfast and After School Club this term. The feedback from children has been that they have really enjoyed using the full site, as well as the increased range of activities. There is currently no waiting list for either Breakfast or After School Club and we'd welcome any new (or returning) applicants.

Finally, in the last week of term, we will be completing a stock check on our Chromebooks so that we can ensure that we have a full set ready for the new term. If you have borrowed a school Chromebook at any point, including during the earlier school closures of the Summer term, please could I ask you to return these by Monday December 14th. If you are still currently using a borrowed Chromebook (e.g. in order to access home learning), then please just let us know at this point when you will be returning it.

Have a great weekend.

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

## Diary Dates

11 Dec	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
18 Dec	Break up for Christmas
4 Jan	Inset Day
5 Jan	Children return to school
15 Jan	Primary school applications close
12 Feb	Break up for Half Term
22 Feb	Children return to school
10-12 Mar	YR5 Marchants Hill Residential
17-19 Mar	YR4 Marchants Hill Residential
31 Mar	Break up for Easter
1 Apr	Inset Day
19 Apr	Children return to school
3 May	Bank holiday
6 May	Inset Day
24-28 May	YR6 Land and Wave Residential
28 May	Break up for half term
21 July	Break up for Summer

## Safeguarding

**If you have any concerns about a child who attends the school, it is important you inform a DSL staff member immediately. Please contact us at: [dsl@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk).**

**Alternatively, you can pass any concerns to Children's Services directly on: 0300 470 9100.**

## 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.

Parents/Carers are reminded that if you take their children out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

# In class this week...

## NURSERY

This week we have been learning about nocturnal animals. We have learnt that some animals sleep during the day and stay awake in the night! We have made hedgehogs, owls and bats using media. We have also been singing lots of winter songs.

## RECEPTION

This week we have been very excited in Reception! We have started opening the advent calendars and have written our lists to send off to Father Christmas. We have been using our sounds brilliantly in phonics and have been writing CVC words using the different sounds we have learnt so far. In maths we have been estimating how many objects are in a group and counting to check. We have also been making repeating pattern paper chains to decorate the classrooms with.

## YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have been writing instructions for rather revolting potions using bossy (imperative) verbs. We organised them using time words like first, next and then, and we used adjectives to make them even more disgusting! In maths we have been learning to represent numbers using tens and ones, as well as finding one more and one less. We sent home some poems for the children to learn for homework, so thank you to everyone who has already started practising.

## YEAR 2

This week in Year 2 we have been thinking lots about our senses to help us write poems. We thought about Grace Darling's brave rescue and described the stormy weather using some excellent vocabulary! It is our last week working on money this week and we've been working hard on finding change and even solving 2-step money problems. In music, we've continued to learn our signed Christmas song- it's quite long so we're really proud of ourselves!

## YEAR 3

Year 3 has had a fun week. In English we imagined our classroom was a deep dark labyrinth and had to use our senses to describe what it would be like to go inside. We wrote some amazing descriptions and also drew our own beast that lives in the middle of the labyrinth. In maths we were working on our 3x tables and we have been learning a funny poem about turkeys in our whole class guided reading which you will hear more about! Don't forget your egg boxes for next week's DT project!

## YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have been writing their own diary entries in character as a Roman slave focusing on including emotions and feelings. In maths they have been working on multiplying and dividing. In geography lessons they have been working as travel agents, creating their own brochures for London or Rome as a holiday destination. After completing their Roman necklaces last week, they are now working hard to try and sell them - busily designing their own advert in art!

## YEAR 5

This week in Year 5 we have been very busy writing our diaries as if we were the astronaut Tim Peake. In maths we are expanding our knowledge about the area of shapes. We are continuing to make our moon buggies which are beginning to look really fantastic now they have seats on them. In French we are learning all about giving instructions to make sandwiches. We have also put up our new Christmas trees and decorated them which makes the holiday season seem very close now...Only 2 weeks today!

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have absolutely smashed their mock exams this week and we are so impressed with how much progress you have all made! Well done to all of you.

# CERTIFICATES



<b>Class</b>	<b>Behaviour</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Writer</b>
Otters	Jack	Greta	Arlo
Squirrels	Lily-Mae	Tommy Ho	Blake
Flamingos	Alfie	Olivia	Imogen J
Penguins	Sonny	Sonny	George
Dolphins	Everly	Zakary	Ellie
Seals	Jasmine	Leo	Wilf
Antelopes	Victoria	Elyse	Archie
Giraffes	Harry	Belle	Kara
Zebras	Rayen	Poppy P	Olivia
Leopards	Lily	George	Caitlin
Panthers	Tyler	Ellen	Lara
Falcons	Jacob R	Oliver	Jacob S
Kestrels	Harley	Sammy	Lily
Cobras	Millie	Charlie	Thomas
Pythons	Fred	Whole Class	Koby
Vipers	Christopher	Jake	Elijah

## WELL DONE EVERYONE



# Online Safety

It is important that we understand enough about the Internet to keep our children safe from harm, but it is equally important that we equip our children with the skills they need to keep themselves safe so they can experience the Internet positively and responsibly. Each week we will share a different online safety guide.

For most children and young people, gaming is a fun way to spend time with friends and create opportunities to develop teamwork, concentration skills and problem-solving. In this article we look at the risks and how to help your child stay safe.

## Gaming: What parents and carers need to know

For further information regarding internet safety, please see our website which provides a host of useful links.

**Leopard's** wanted to show off some of their best modelling pouts and poses! They have been working on their Roman necklaces this week and creating their own adverts to try and persuade any jewellery seeking Romans out there that theirs are the best necklaces on the market!

Check out Olivia, Ben, Evie and Aiden's awesome necklaces - complete with Roman coins and medallions - the perfect gift this Christmas!



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day takes place on **Friday 11th December** where all children can come

to school wearing a Christmas Jumper (no one needs to buy one – just decorate an old one!) instead of their school jumper/cardigan. In exchange, we are asking for a £1 donation towards this great charity. Thank you.

### End of Term Pick-up Timings Friday 18th December

Bears	1.55pm
Reception	1.30pm
Year 1	1.50pm
Year 2	2.00pm
Year 3	1.40pm
Year 4	1.50pm
Year 5	1.30pm
Year 6	2.00pm
After School Club	5.00pm



**Giraffes** wrote some amazing descriptions of their journey. They wrote about entering the deep, dark labyrinth until they were just about to meet their horrific mythical beast. It helped that they wore their writing hats which assisted them to become proficient writers. They remembered to use exciting descriptive language, as demonstrated below by Leighton.

