

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a productive and busy week at Grovelands again, despite losing a day to polling day. Children have been enjoying plenty of physical activity, with Bikeability, Year 3 Golf, a Year 5 Netball tournament and continuing our weekly trampolining sessions. Year 5 capitalised on the sunshine today with a visit to the allotments.

Our Reception children all went off with smiling faces this morning to visit Bocketts Farm as part of their learning about our wonderful world. We are so lucky that they have such a sunny day for this visit and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

Congratulations to our School Business Manager, Mr Woods, on becoming a first time dad. We all look forward to our first visit with the new baby!

We hope that you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend, and enjoy the sunshine. See you all next week.

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

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
15 Jun	YR5 Chessington 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 Nursery we have been learning about ladybirds. We have been busy counting spots and hunting for ladybirds in the Nursery garden. We are very excited by how much our beans have grown already !!

RECEPTION

This week we have been drawing and writing the life cycle of a butterfly. Our caterpillars have begun making their cocoons. How exciting! We are ending the week with a trip to Bocketts Farm.

YEAR 1

In maths this week we have been learning to recognise coins and make different amounts. In English we have been using our senses to write about The Great Fire of London and a diary entry. In R.E we have been learning about Jesus and his disciples.

YEAR 2

This week year two have been working hard on their reading comprehension, making sure that we use the text to answer the questions. In maths we have been explaining how to solve some empty box problems, and talking about how we know if an answer is wrong. In art we have looked at Paul Klee's picture called "Castle and Sun" and started to turn our own castle sketches into this style of artwork.

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 we have been learning all about volcanoes and how they were formed. We have also learnt about time and have begun to look at analogue and digital clocks. We have read the book 'Escape to Pompeii' and have planned our setting and are looking forward to writing our setting descriptions next week and learning more about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius!

YEAR 4

Year 4 ended the week with a wonderful art workshop run by River House Barn. The children produced some fantastic nature-themed art using umbrellas - thank you for all your donations! The children have been working together to write excellent myths about 'Why the Fawn Got its Spots' and in maths have been looking at the features of triangles and quadrilaterals. In History, we have been learning about the Native American Iroquois tribes.

YEAR 5

We have been learning the story about 'The Secret Garden' this week and are planning a narrative story of our own which we are going to write next week. In maths, we have been converting fractions to decimals and vice versa involving tenths, hundredths and thousandths. The children made another visit to the local allotment and were able to learn about composting.

YEAR 6

We are beginning our new topic, Hola Mexico, by learning about how chocolate is made and the child labour involved. It is very harrowing and we are determined to make a difference.



CROSS COUNTRY RUN



Last Saturday year 4-6 children took part in a very exciting (excruciatingly painful) cross country run. Well done to all the runners who took part. You were brilliant. We'd also like to say a huge thank you to FROGS for sponsoring the marvellous running vests that the children wore with pride. And finally, the year 4 girls finished, as a team, in 7th place, just behind three private schools and beating 9 other schools- amazing! Sam, in year 5, has set the benchmark for next year! He finished in a whopping 16th place- a phenomenal finish! Keep on running Grovelands.



TRAMPOLINING SESSIONS

Most of the year 3 and 4 children have travelled over to Cleves in the new minibus to enjoy a taster session of trampolining. They have loved visiting a different school and experiencing new heights they didn't think were possible to reach. If your child found a new love for the sport, Xcel run a trampolining club <https://www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/elmbridge-xcel-leisure-complex/centre-activities/sports/trampolining/> and we have an Olympic club just down the road in Kingston for the serious ones!



Well done to the Year 3 children who participated in the Tri Golf event against 19 other schools in the local area. We placed 13th! The children played fantastically and worked well as a team, supporting each other throughout the event. Excellent effort!

SCHOOL CLUBS

If your child attends a school club that they no longer wish to go to, please ensure you inform the Club Leader so that their name is removed from the register and that space can be offered to another child.

Thank you.

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Number Day 2018

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PUPILS AND STAFF AT
GROVELANDS SCHOOL
FOR RAISING £320.03

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY. THE MONEY RAISED WILL HELP TO CHANGE CHILDHOODS ACROSS THE UK.

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Service Head, NSPCC Schools Service

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Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.9%	98.5%	96.1%	98%	95.7%	97.9%	96.1%

Well done to **Year 3** for the best year group attendance
Well done to **Otters** 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
94.7%	96.2%	95.7%	96.4%	96.7%	95%	96%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Sam		
Squirrels	Archie		
Badgers	Dominic		
Flamingos	Oliver	Amelie	Isaac
Swans	Lowri	Jessica	Josh
Dolphins	Jacob S	Scarlett-Rose	Ruby
Seals	Toby	Rosemary	Ramsay
Antelopes	Danielle	Milana	Lola
Giraffes	Grace	Lily	Dorka
Zebras	Cody	Meirah	Dylan
Leopards	Elisse	Nathan	Kitty
Panthers	Oliver	Jessica	Harry
Eagles	Riley	Zainah	Aiden C
Kestrels	Hannah	Amber	Ashton
Cobras	Ashton	Michael	Harry
Pythons	Bradley	Luke	Holly

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Herbie—Leopards
Joshua—Zebras
Paulo—Pythons
Jake—Panthers

Grammar Wizard



Elisse—Leopards

WELL DONE EVERYONE