

Dear Parents and Carers

The sun is still shining, England are still in the World Cup, and all of the pupils at Grovelands are still thoroughly enjoying a very busy but incredibly exciting Summer term.

We have enjoyed another very successful week. Many of our Year 6 pupils had their transition days at their secondary schools and we have had fantastic feedback about their behaviour and attitude. This absolutely shows why we will miss them so much but we are very proud and we know that they will be successful as they move on. They're not gone yet though and we look forward to the leavers' performance as well as everything else the last few weeks will bring.

Some of our year 5 pupils have been busy visiting Walton Firs and enjoying a range of activities such as archery, potholing and caving, amongst other exciting opportunities. Our district sports team have had their final practise opportunity at the track ahead of next week's competition (good luck!) and many other children have been involved in excellence groups.

I continue to give out many Head Teacher awards to pupils for their excellent work in lots of different subjects. It is wonderful to see that our children are so proud of their learning. I would like to say a special well done to Alexi in Swans (YR1) on becoming our youngest ever Grammar Wizard—what an achievement. I have also been really impressed by the fantastic knitting that was completed at our knitting club.

I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone at Frogs for organising an incredibly successful summer fair. Thank you also to everyone that helped in any way, whether that was by doing a shift at the bar or running a stall, as well as to everyone that came along and enjoyed the fun. It was absolutely fantastic and has really helped to raise money for the school. I should also congratulate the children on their aim, as everyone that threw a sponge at me seemed to hit the mark.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Tuck  
Head of School

### 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>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 KS2 YR6 Leavers' Performance—7.00pm
<b>13 Jul</b>	KS1 Sports Day
<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>

<b>Inset Days</b>	4 September 2018
	19 October 2018
	15 February 2019
	23 April 2019
	3 June 2019

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 based our learning on the book *The Fish That Could Wish*. We have talked about what a wish is and have drawn pictures of wishes that we would like. We have also started practising for sports day which is next Tuesday.

## RECEPTION

This week we have enjoyed learning alongside our 8 chicks! The chicks have been growing each day. They have learned to flap their wings and jump up out of their cage. In *Otters*, there was even a chick race! The children have been writing the life cycle of a chicken and observing how the chicks have changed. Sadly, the chicks have to leave Grovelands today to go back to Farmer Tom at Mill Cottage Farm.

## YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been writing instructions on how to make carrot cake. In maths we have been consolidating missing number calculations. In art we have been use different designs to complete our tie dying with t shirts— we are very excited to see how they turn out!

## YEAR 2

In English this week we have been learning about the features of persuasive writing and how to get our own view across. Powerful verbs, strong adjectives and feelings are very important. In maths we have been consolidating our understanding of the different operations. We have also been identifying how Walton has changed and continuing our work on life-cycles.

## YEAR 3

In English this week we have been creating poems using adverbs. We wrote *AMAZING Slowly Slowly* poems where we used alliteration, similes, onomatopoeia and personification. Check us out!  
In maths this week we have been investigating. We have looked at ice cream!!! We created combinations and worked out prices and change.  
We have been practising lots of sporting skills in PE ready for sports day but have made sure we have kept hydrated!

## YEAR 4

Year 4 have shown all their knowledge on digestion this week, writing about the functions of each part of the system in very detailed explanation texts. In maths, we have been looking at doubling and halving 2 and 3 digit numbers and continuing to practise those all important times-tables. The children put on a fantastic trumpet concert showing the superb skills they have learnt this year. We also want to give a huge thank to *FROGS* for the air conditioners they provided us with - they've been invaluable this week!!

## YEAR 5

The children have developed their understanding of angles this week through solving problems involving angles at 90, 180 and 360 degrees. In English they have drafted, improved and then written a diary entry about the day trip to Chessington World of Adventures.

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been busy: rehearsal for our production, district sports, and excellence workshops--and that's just the 3 days that we were at Grovelands! We have all enjoyed our days at our new secondary schools--Year 7, look out!

# Keep on running...

Well, they certainly did that. Yesterday, over seventy children at our school received running medals for completing their half or full marathon. This great accomplishment was achieved by attending running club every week, showing commitment, responsibility and an aspiration to achieve. We are so proud of them all.

**Well done runners! Make sure you keep it up!**



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## 🎺 YEAR 4 TRUMPET CONCERT 🎺

In a hall packed with parents and pupils, Year 4 put on a fantastic trumpet concert on Thursday afternoon. They showed how hard they have been practising since September and demonstrated not only how well they could play the instruments, but also their music reading skills. The audience enjoyed 'Old Macdonald Had a Farm' and 'When The Saints Go Marching In' amongst others. Many thanks to their trumpet teachers Mr Morgan and Mr Beagle who have taught them this year and to all those who came to watch them perform. The children should be really proud of themselves!







# Ella plays for Swans

In Year 1, Swans were very lucky to have Ella play the cello for her friends. She played beautifully and has inspired many of the children to start playing a musical instrument. Wonderful music played by a very talented young girl!

Well done Ella—you were amazing.

## Constable Malik visits Reception..

Constable Malik (Sami's Dad) has been in Squirrels, Badgers and Otters this morning talking about his role as a policeman. The children were able to try on his uniform and hold some police equipment.

Constable Malik arrested the teachers (just for fun)! The children thoroughly enjoyed his visit and they asked really thoughtful and sensible questions.

We would like to thank Constable Malik for his time and help running all three sessions.



## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.9%	90.8%	98.5%	94.9%	97.3%	94%	95.2%

Well done to **Year 2** for the best year group attendance  
Well done to **Dolphins** for the best class attendance **99%**

## Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.9%	95.8%	95.9%	96.2%	96.6%	95.2%	96.1%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

# CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Kaysan	Kara	Sebastian
Squirrels	James Br	Amel	Erin
Badgers	Link	Nina	Violet
Flamingos	Amelia	Hugo	Amelie
Swans	Jacob	Alexi	Ollie
Dolphins	Charlie	Harvey	Flynn
Seals	Oscar	Eli	Oliver P
Antelopes	Daisy	Miles	Leo
Giraffes	Grace & James	Teddy	Finn
Zebras	Matas	Jensen	Molly
Leopards	Megan	Herbie	Lee
Panthers	Laszlo	Halima	Jessica
Eagles	Yosef	Shanaiya & Tiana	Joanne
Kestrels	Keely	Molly	Madi
Cobras		Katie	Lily
Pythons		Daniel	Holly

### Pen Licences



Cameron — Panthers  
Sammy — Dolphins  
Lily — Dolphins

### Grammar Wizard



**Alexi—Swans**  
WOW—Well done Alexi,  
our youngest Wizard to date!

# WELL DONE EVERYONE

**CREATIVE ARTS  
SUMMER CAMP**  
for  
**INSPIRED KIDS**

9 - 12 years old



And so much more.....

July 23rd - 27th July  
July 30th - 3rd August  
August 6th - 10th August  
August 13th - 17th August

Where: Oatlands Village, Weybridge, KT13

For more info: call Laura 07785106403

or email: [info@notjustart.net](mailto:info@notjustart.net)

This is a unique bespoke summer camp based on the arts but also the wellbeing of a child. We are taking 25 children per week for an experience through art related subjects. The different areas covered will build on a child's skills, confidence and enhance their focus and give them different aspects to enjoy with in the arts. The subjects covered are **Art** in all its forms, **Textile** techniques, **3D Design**, **Food** learning to cook savoury and sweet things, **Wellbeing** based on visualisation and meditating, **Business Studies** the money system, **Trip's** out to various attractions, **Games** and **Competitions** to compliment the weeks. A child will go home with an array of exciting gifts to show off their talents.





**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.**