

Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and welcome back!

I hope that you have had a fantastic Summer holiday with much excitement and adventure. The children have been very enthusiastic in telling me about what they did in their time off and they certainly seem well-rested and ready for the new term. They have settled superbly into their new classes and are off to a great start.

I would like to start with a big thank you to all of the parents that helped with painting in the school over the Summer. Both the main corridor and the hall have been completely revitalised by this and look stunning. We really appreciate your time and effort and it's certainly had a real impact. You may have also noticed our fantastic new nursery equipment, which will be great fun for our very youngest children, as well as being an opportunity for developing gross motor skills. With the new middle garden that was installed at the end of the last term, this is really having a transformative effect on the school, and we certainly aim for this to continue in the coming years.

You may also have noticed that some small tree-like plants have sprouted on the field. These are the roots from previously removed trees spreading and reappearing. Rest assured that these are being safely removed today and treated so that they should not return.

There is a great deal to look forward to this year. We have been delighted to welcome a range of new staff and they have all had a fantastic first week and are incredibly complementary about the school and pupils. We have also taken on board your feedback from last year and a whole range of new initiatives are planned in every area, from using a range of new technology to enhance learning, including iPads and Chromebooks, to ensuring that our whole curriculum is the best it can be for all of our pupils. For our SEND pupils, we are excited to be introducing a range of new proven interventions that will be tailored to meet their additional needs in literacy and maths. Our Inclusion Leader, Jo Coleman, is currently preparing these and we are confident that they will have a huge impact. We also know how important it is that all of our pupils are challenged in their learning, and will be looking to set up further opportunities for excellence groups, as well as making sure that work is effectively differentiated in the classroom.

Our new Sports Specialist, Anna Tambling, is already taking steps to continue the excellent work of Sophie Matthews, and she is certainly planning to continue the new clubs that were so popular last year, including running club, which was definitely a highlight. Details on the club offering for this year will be released shortly. We want to widen our extended provision so that every child has the opportunity to take part in a range of activities during our outside of the school day.

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Kind regards

Mr Daniel Tuck

Dates for your Diary

6 Sept	YR3 Sainsburys Visit
11 Sept	Reception - 1st intake (9.00 - 12.00)
13 Sept	Reception - 2nd intake (9.00 - 12.00)
14 Sept	Nursery part time - first intake (9.00 - 12.00)
14 Sept	Nursery 30 hours - 1st intake (9.00 - 12.30)
14 Sept	Existing Nursery in all day
17 Sept	Reception 3rd intake (9.00 - 11.45) (no 1st intake)
17 Sept	Nursery 30 hours 2nd intake (9.00 - 12.30)
18 Sept	YR6 Homefront Bus
18 Sept	All part time Nursery in (9.00 - 12.00)
18 Sept	Nursery 30 hours - 3rd intake (9.00 - 12.30)
18 Sept	Marchants Hill Parent Information Meeting (3.00 and 6.00)
20 Sept	Reception stay for lunch (pick up at 1.15)
20 Sept	Dolphins weekly swimming lessons start
21 Sept	Reception stay for lunch (pick up at 1.15)
24 Sept	Reception stay all day
24 Sept	Nursery 30 hours—3rd intake full time (9.00 - 3.00)
24 Sept	YR1 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
25 Sept	YR2 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
26 Sept	YR4 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
27 Sept	YR5 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
28 Sept	YR6 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
1 Oct	YR3 Meet the Teacher (2.30)
2 Oct	Reception Meet the Teacher (9.00am)
3 Oct	SEND Parent Drop-in Session (3.15-4.45)
10 Oct	Sibling Photos
11 Oct	Individual Photos
16 Oct	Parents Evening (3.30-5.30)
18 Oct	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
18 Oct	Parents Evening (4.00-7.00)
19 Oct	Inset Day
22 Oct	Half Term Week

Inset Days	19 October 2018
	15 February 2019
	23 April 2019
	3 June 2019

N.B. Please note dates are subject to change.

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 £2.30 per day.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have settled in well. In English we have been talking and writing about our summer holidays and asking our teachers lots of questions. In maths we have been counting and writing our numbers. In PSHE we have been getting to know one another and embracing this month's value of 'Happiness and Enjoyment.' We would just like to remind parents to ensure their children have their PE kits in school next week. :)

YEAR 2

We have had a lovely start to year two this week. The children have all come back with a really positive attitude and have been getting used to the new routines. We have learnt a lot about our class animal, produced some art work, and they have showed us what they can do in reading, writing and maths. We have written postcards and had a go at a recount of our first week. We have also talked about our aspirations and agreed rules for the classroom. We are looking forward to our river walk on Tuesday to start off our first topic.

YEAR 3

Year three have launched their Scrumdiddliumptious topic with a fantastic trip to Sainsbury's where we made cupcakes, toured the shops and warehouse and even worked on the tills.

YEAR 4

We've had a great start to Year 4, with lots of hard working pupils. We wrote recounts about our summer holidays, which were very interesting. In maths we have been investigating place value and partitioning 4 digit numbers. In history and geography, we've been investigating the intriguing events of 1066 and the Battle of Hastings. Children also enjoyed exploring different sounds we could hear around our school.

YEAR 5

This week in Year 5 we have been thinking about our new topic, The Tudors, practising our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. We have been looking at the different sentence structures in English and in PE we have been working on team building activities. All Year 5 have settled in well.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have started off with a BANG—or a train whistle. The children were evacuated to the countryside on Wednesday to kick start our topic, A Child's War. This term, we will be studying WW2 and reading *Goodnight Mr Tom*.

THANK YOU to our parent helpers who came in over the holiday to paint key areas of the school—the results are amazing!



Our new, exciting area for the Nursery children looks fantastic—we can't wait to see them making the most of this learning environment.

The Middle Garden has been transformed. Thank you again to FROGS for making this all possible—a beautiful area that the children can enjoy all year round.



Parent Tours for 2019 Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 they will be due to start in Reception in September 2019. You can apply for their school place now online via Surrey County Council School Admissions. The closing date for applications for Primary, Infant and Junior Schools is **15 January 2019**.

We are holding school tours for prospective Reception parents on the following dates:

- Thursday 18 October 2018
- Tuesday 6 November 2018
- Wednesday 21 November 2018
- Wednesday 5 December 2018

Please telephone the school office to book your place — 01932 227816



DO ANY OF OUR WONDERFUL PARENTS/CARERS HAVE A FEW HOURS A WEEK SPARE TO VOLUNTEER IN OUR LIBRARY?

We are looking for anyone who is DBS checked and could come in and help out during a morning breaktime (10.30 to 10.50) and/or lunchtime (12.00 to 1.15pm).

If you are free and could commit to a slot each week that would be fantastic. This will enable us to draw up a weekly timetable and hopefully ensure that most days are covered, making the most of this wonderful resource — you will also have assistance from our YR6 children!

If you can help out but are unable to commit a specific day or you are not yet DBS checked, we would still love to hear from you. Please speak to Mrs Hall or email: info@grovelands.surrey.sch.uk with details of your availability. Thank you.

Scrumddiddliumptious! YR3 Visit Sainsbury's!

As part of our new YR3 topic, the children are learning all about food so we took them to Sainsbury's to see exactly where our supermarket food comes from and how it gets there. The children undertook a range of activities and learnt a great deal whilst they were there — a hugely enjoyable trip and we are all feeling really excited about the rest of the topic.



PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be aware that we have a number of children attending Grovelands with severe nut allergies. Please do not send nuts of any type into school or any products which may contain nuts.

Thank you

CERTIFICATES



Class *Achievement*

Flamingos	Isla
Penguins	Frankie-Jay
Swans	Charlie
Dolphins	Jacob
Seals	Charlie
Giraffes	Lucy
Zebras	Lily
Jaguars	Cryony
Leopards	Whole Class
Panthers	Phoebe
Eagles	Rosie
Kestrels	Taylor
Cobras	Olli
Pythons	Riley

WELL DONE EVERYONE

SURREY TERM DATES 2018/2019

	SEPTEMBER Autumn Term 2018	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30

	JANUARY Spring Term 2019	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL Summer Term 2019
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
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INSET DAYS



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term	Start	End	Days
AUTUMN 2018	Tues 4 Sept 2018	Fri 19 Oct 2018	34
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 22 Oct 2018</i>	<i>Fri 26 Oct 2018</i>	
	Mon 29 Oct 2018	Wed 19 Dec 2018	38
SPRING 2019	Thurs 03 Jan 2019	Fri 15 Feb 2019	32
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 18 Feb 2019</i>	<i>Fri 22 Feb 2019</i>	
	Mon 25 Feb 2019	Fri 05 Apr 2019	30
SUMMER 2019	Tues 23 Apr 2019	Fri 24 May 2019 (plus Bank Holiday on 6 May)	23
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Mon 27 May 2019</i>	<i>Fri 31 May 2019 (incl Bank Holiday on 27 May)</i>	
	Mon 3 June 2019	Wed 24 July 2019	38
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