

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed another busy and festive week at Grovelands. We have been on our advent walks to St Mary's church, where children learnt more about the meaning of Christmas and all classes have been working very hard practising for their school plays and concerts. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will shortly be receiving a programme which is also your ticket for the performance. Please remember that only 2 adults per family can attend the performances due to health and safety restrictions in the hall, and you need to bring your programme with you to the performance. Younger siblings are welcome to attend the morning performances, but the afternoon performances are for adults only. As the Key Stage 2 performances are held at the church, they are open to all and no tickets are needed to attend.

The children have all enjoyed a mufti day today in exchange for some very generous donations to our Christmas Fair. They were very excited to see Fidget the Frog collecting these donations and we look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair on 16th December, which we are sure will spread a lot of festive cheer around Walton.

In the midst of all these festivities, we are continuing to do fantastic learning in all classes. Several children have recently come to our office to show us their amazing independent writing, and looking through their books, it has been fantastic to see the progress that they have made since the start of term. We so appreciate the support that you give all your children at home. Please continue to make time to read with them during December and the Christmas holidays, as your support at home makes a huge difference.

Best wishes

Mrs Coleman and Mrs Chadda

Dates for your Diary

2017 Autumn Term

12 Dec	YR 3 & 4 Carol Concert—10.30am (St Mary's) YR 3 & 4 Carol Concert— 6.30pm (St Mary's)
13 Dec	YR 5 & 6 Carol Concert—10.30am (St Mary's) YR 5 & 6 Carol Concert— 6.30pm (St Mary's)
14 Dec	Reception Christmas Play—9.30am (parents/siblings) Reception Christmas Play—2.00pm (adults only)
15 Dec	YR 1 & 2 Christmas Play—9.30am (parents/siblings) YR 1 & 2 Christmas Play—2.00pm (adults only) Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
16 Dec	FROGS Christmas Fair— 12.00pm
20 Dec	Nursery Christmas Concert—11.00am Christmas Lunch
21 Dec	END OF TERM—2.00pm
4 Jan	Back to school
11 Jan	School Tour—9.15am (2018 intake)

Insets	9th February 2018 16th April 2018 23rd July 2018
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NB. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception /
KS1 = Years 1 & 2 / KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS MONDAY—FRIDAY 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

If you wish to report an absence please call 01932 227816 (selecting option 1) and leave a message. Calls must be made by 09:30 at the latest to safeguard our children.

Thank you

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.

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 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. 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.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been learning about hibernation. We have talked about why animals hibernate and which animals do. We have also learnt a new story about The Hare And The Tortoise, we were all surprised that the tortoise won the race !!

RECEPTION

The children in Badgers, Otters and Squirrels have been very busy this week practising for our Christmas production, 'Ralph the Reindeer.' We are so excited to show you next week. In class, we have been ordering objects by size and writing Christmas lists to Santa. There was also a very special surprise on Friday afternoon...Ho Ho Ho!

YEAR 1

This week Year 1 were really excited to meet Fidget the Frog in assembly and we can't wait for the Christmas Fair. We have been consolidating our learning of money and recognising coins and amounts. In English we have been writing a letter to Father Christmas - we are looking forward to reading his response!

YEAR 2

What an exciting week it has been! As well as Christmas rehearsals, year two took part in a treasure hunt to find a chest full of Pirate Longbeard's treasure, only to discover that it had been stolen by Buccaneer Blue! We then wrote a letter to Longbeard (on authentic paper which we had tea stained) to tell him what had happened. We also designed our own treasure maps and wrote directions to get to the 'X marks the spot'.

YEAR 3

This week in maths we have been exploring multiples of eight using patterns, multiplication and division trios and word problems. In English we have begun writing our story of the ancient Greek myth about the Minator in the labyrinth using subordinate clauses and detailed descriptions which will be finished next week. For our French lessons we have been learning parts of the body, colours and clothing.

YEAR 4

Y4 have spent our week learning about the Roman numeral and Hindu-Arabic systems and how to write Roman numerals up to 100. In English, we have started to look at Romeo and Juliet and play scripts, and are building up to writing our own. We really enjoyed our Virtual Reality session and have been doing an amazing job at practising for our carol concerts next week. We look forward to seeing you all there!

YEAR 5

We have been working with decimals this week in Maths. We have learnt how to sequence and order different decimals and then calculate addition and subtraction problems involving more complex numbers. We have been writing creative stories about an alien from a make believe planet, making sure we used the verb strings we learnt about last week. We have also had a special Science day in which we learnt about the effects of gravity on objects.

YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have been sitting a set of mock SATs exams. Everyone has made excellent progress and we are all feeling very confident for May. We have also been continuing to practise for our Christmas Carol Concert and are looking forward to WOWING you!



*Our value for
December is*

PEACE

Peacemaker Promise

I will be a Peacemaker
today and every day.
with all my actions,
in all my thoughts,
And in everything I say!

GO BLUE FOR DENZEL



A huge thank you for turning our school blue last Friday. Every single child and staff member came to school kitted out from head to toe in various shades of Denzel's favourite colour. We are so pleased to announce that the amount raised was a fantastic **£1,376.04** which will go towards Denzel's dream visit to Disneyland Paris.

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Virtual Reality!



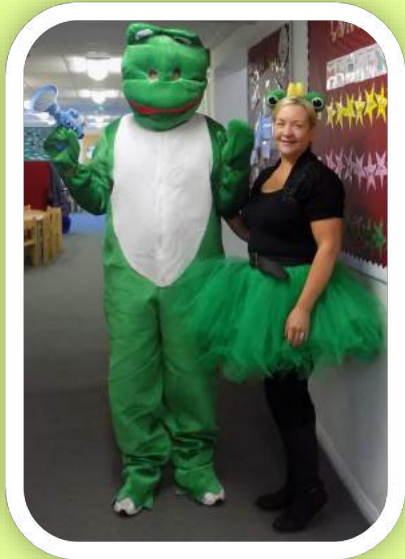
On Wednesday, Year 4 got to use the Virtual Reality headsets from Cleves School. We saw loads of places from around the world and even from space! When we put on the headsets, we could see an amazing picture and wherever we looked we could see a different part of it! We went on a journey to the moon, then we came back to earthy and went to a very cold place – the South Pole. We zoomed across to Rio and an African savannah and even went underwater. All the city lights and animal looked to real. We had howling fun and learnt lots. We would love to use the headsets to learn more about the world, see things in science and to help us with ideas for our writing. Thank you to Cleves, Mrs Gibbons and Mr Smith for letting us have a play!

By Jake and Oskar, Panthers



LOOK WHO HOPPED IN.....

Today we had a very special visit from a big green frog! Fidget the Frog and Mrs Frog came into assembly to talk to the children about the work that FROGS do for our school and how important the fundraising is. They also visited every classroom to talk to all the classes. This visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children!



Alde writes day at cardinal newman

On Tuesday 2nd of November, Lottie, Luke, Ella, che, Rhianon, Nell Angus, and the year 5's: Hannah, Cairan, Seanne and Meryn went to Cardinal Newman school for a writing workshop with the well-known author Nick Cook. He told us all about his books and showed us a trailer of one of his books: Cloud Riders. We did some descriptive writing about Tornadoes and some fun wordsearches. The most exciting thing was when he showed us how to make a small tornadoe with a special machine. The main activitie was when we were put in groups with other schools and together we wrote ~~newspaper~~ a news report about a tornadoe coming. There were News reporters, storm chasers and Weather reporters who each wrote scripts then we were filmed in front of a green screen. We had lots of fun and enjoyed making new friends and writing lots.

By Lottie, Nell and Luke.

Maths challenge day at Cleves School

Some children from year 5 and 6 were able to visit Cleves School for a special maths challenge extravaganza!

We were able to learn some clever maths strategies, and share some of our ideas.

We started with a game of squares and then we moved on to a difficult problem that we had to solve.

We had to work out how many cocktail sticks we would need to build a 5×5 , 4×4 , 3×3 and a 2×2 2D square.

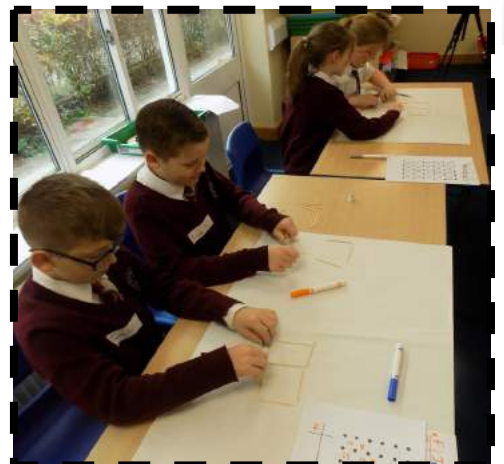
Once we did this, we used an equation to work out how many cocktail sticks we would need to make a 13×13 2D square.

We double checked we were right by building it using marshmallows and cocktail sticks.

We had a great time, learnt a lot and we are hoping to welcome some of the children from Cleves to our school later in the year.

Thank you for reading,

Franks Eagles Year 5.



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
87.8%	93.5%	95.9%	96%	95.3%	92.8%	99.6%

Well done to **Year 6** for the best year group attendance
Well done to **Pythons** for the best class attendance **100%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.7%	96.6%	96.4%	96.9%	96.8%	95.6%	96.5%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 96.2%
Target: 96%

CERTIFICATES

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Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Flamingos	Isaac	Rylee	Brynley
Swans	Caitlin	Poppy	Aiden
Dolphins	Mohamed	Liam	Harvey
Seals	Shannon	Harley	Mabelle
Antelopes	Danielle	Lola	Leo
Giraffes	Amelia	Arabella	Teegan
Zebras	Emily	Callum	Nicola
Leopards	Jessica	Alfie	Taliya
Panthers	Taylor	Nichole	Kuba
Eagles	Ikram	Riley	Meryn
Kestrels	Alfie	Paris	Max
Cobras	Angus	Shelbie	Harry
Pythons	Leo	Rafal	Nell

WELL DONE EVERYONE

Grovelands
Primary School



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Every little helps
Kitchen Revamp
The Kitchen Refurbishment Specialist

Grovelands School's **FROGS**

Entrance
£1 PER ADULT
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FREE

FUN GAMES,
FOOD &
DRINK, AND
MUCH MORE...

Christmas
Fair

SATURDAY
16TH DECEMBER
12-2.30PM



STAY LATE
AND ENJOY
MULLED WINE
AND MINCE
PIES TIL 4PM

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£100 CASH FROM HTB,
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