

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, welcome back to school after the half term break. The children have certainly returned feeling refreshed and ready to learn. Across the school, we have enjoyed a fun-filled and exciting first week back.

Throughout the week, there have been a variety of fantastic opportunities for our children. Year 3 enjoyed their falconry visit on Tuesday and learned a great deal about these majestic birds of prey. It was lovely to see their excitement over the birds and they all talked enthusiastically about this experience. Another highlight from this week has been the Year 6 Junior Citizen event, in which the children were able to visit Walton Fire Station in order to learn valuable real-life skills. They considered what to do in the event of a fire, but also thought about stranger danger, as well as finding out all about the latest methods for recycling different materials.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the sponsored walk on Friday. This was a hugely successful event that the children really enjoyed. Many thanks to everyone that was able to sponsor their children, as I am sure that this will have raised significant funds for FROGS.

On a personal note, I would also like to say that it has been a hugely enjoyable first week at Grovelands School. I have been really delighted to meet many parents and pupils over this week and have really been made to feel very welcome by all staff, parents and children. I hope to meet many more of you at the coffee sessions next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes
Mr Tuck

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

11 Jun	YR4 Science Museum Trip YR6 Bikeability week starts
12 Jun	Head of School Introduction—9.00am
13 Jun	Head of School Introduction—2.30pm
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.

Message from our new Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Carers

As most of you will be aware, there have been several recent changes to the Grovelands Governing Board. Susan Foster, our outgoing Chair, has handed over the reins to myself and I've just started my tenure, chairing my first meeting last Tuesday. I'll be supported in this by two new Vice-Chairs, Nicola Armao and Kathryn Exell, who have both served as governors at Grovelands for some time.

On behalf of all of the Grovelands governors, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and utmost appreciation to Susan, Doris Neville-Davies and Elaine Jones. They stepped in to support the Grovelands governing board at a very difficult time and have been integral to the recent fantastic progression at Grovelands. Elaine has now stepped back from the board but we will continue to draw on Doris and Susan's knowledge and experience until we're fully up to speed.

As a Governing Board, we are looking forward to a new chapter at Grovelands. We've just welcomed our new Head of School, Mr Tuck, who you may have already met at the school gates. Over the next few years I'll be working closely with Mr Tuck as well as Mr Hodges who will continue to give interim executive headteacher support. I hope to arrange some dates in the near future when I can meet parents and introduce myself personally.

My initial term on the Board is 4 years and in that time I'll see around 250 children leave Grovelands and move on to secondary education, and welcome in a further 250. I'm looking forward to these years as a Governor, and as Chair, and playing my small part in helping achieve the very best for everyone at Grovelands Primary.

Kind regards

Dean Furber
Chair of Governors



Year 3 Falconry Visit

On Tuesday 5th June, Year 3 had a visit from Alan who brought with him lots of wonderful birds of prey and a Kookaburra. We had lots of fun learning about them. We saw five different types of owls, a kestrel, a harris hawk, a gyrfalcon and a kookaburra. It was great to watch them fly over our heads. The Great Grey owl had a colossal wing span. It flew silently so when we closed our eyes we didn't know it had flown. At the end of the session we were



so lucky we get to stroke George the cute Tawny owl.

By Beau
(Zebras class)



YEAR 6 ELMBRIDGE JUNIOR CITIZEN EVENT

This week Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Walton Fire Station to take part in the Elmbidge Junior Citizen child safety event. Junior Citizen provides children with the skills and knowledge they may need to stay safe and prepare them for secondary school. It was an informative workshop and all of our children were engaged and enlightened by what they learnt.



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in nursery we have been learning about frogs. We have learnt about the life cycle of frogs and discussed the changes that happen. We were lucky enough to borrow some tadpoles and frogs from Year 2. Outside we have been enjoying lots of water play and frog games.

RECEPTION

This week we have been learning about money, coins and making amounts up to 10p. We have also been learning about people who help us in school and writing about them in our busy bee books. We thoroughly enjoyed the sponsored walk!

YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have been recapping and revising all the sounds we have previously learnt in Phonics ready for the Phonics Screening test next week. In maths we have been recapping length and learning the unit of measurement 'cm'. In science we are learning about the different seasons.

YEAR 2

This week we have started our new topic 'Street Detectives' and have enjoyed looking at past and present photographs of shops and homes in Walton. We have also been writing and ordering days of the week and months of the year and rewriting well known poems.

YEAR 3

In maths this week Year 3 have been rounding numbers to 10 and 100, partitioning numbers and estimating answers to addition sums. We are still having a weekly x tables test so please keep practising.

In English we have been researching using chrome books, which we love, and are currently creating our own amazing, informative predator booklets. Also can we remind year 3 to read for 5 minutes every night because it helps our amazing writing.

In Science we have begun to look at food chains and we already know what producers and consumers are!

YEAR 4

Year 4 have come back really refreshed this week and we begun our new topic by chewing a disclosing tablet to see the plaque on our teeth! We're sure there was lots of excellent teeth brushing of purple mouths that night! We learned about the different types of teeth that we have and have created a fact file about them. In maths, we have been looking at our new statistics topic and have created line and bar graphs.

YEAR 5

We have been learning about Imperial and Metric measurements in maths this week; learning to how to convert to different units involving length and mass. In English we have written poems about Roller coasters as part of our new 'Scream Machine' topic and we have learnt to use alliteration and onomatopoeia.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been very busy this week, writing reports, solving mathematical quandaries and beginning work on our end of year production. The highlight of the week was our visit to Walton Fire Station on Thursday for Junior Citizens!

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Stagecoach Walton

Summer Holiday Workshop

For 4 to 11 year olds

Matilda week



An amazing week of fun and creativity!

Monday 23 July - Friday 27 July • 9am-1pm

A performance will be held on Friday 27 July at 12.30pm

Stagecoach Theatre Arts Walton is holding its renowned Summer Holiday Workshop at Grovelands School in July and this year's fabulous theme is **Matilda** week!

For further information or to reserve your place,
please call Julianne on **01932 506 806**
or you can enrol at www.stagecoach.co.uk/walton

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OVERSUBSCRIBED
PLACES ARE
LIMITED

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.4%	95.8%	96.4%	95.1%	92%	92.5%	93.2%

Well done to **Reception** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Badgers** 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
95%	96%	96%	96.3%	96.5%	95%	96%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Evie	Holly	Evie
Squirrels	Victoria	Sommer	Iden
Badgers	James	Olivia	Nina
Flamingos	Arlo	Sienna	Rylee
Swans	Oliver	Sean	Jacob
Dolphins	Lucy	Mohamed	Hanaan
Seals	Noor	Tyler	Jackson
Antelopes	Emily	Kia	Elijah
Giraffes	Finn	Teegan	Ronnie
Zebras	James	James	Aston
Leopards	Lilly	Lilia	Srileka
Panthers	Charlie	Leoni	Emilia
Eagles	Jayden	Joshua	Grace
Kestrels	Madi	Alfie	Ashton
Cobras	Charlotte C	Holly	Owen
Pythons	Siddanth	Natalja	Lottie

PEN LICENCES

Grace - Eagles
 Oliver - Panthers
 Zainah - Eagles
 Jack - Giraffes



WELL DONE EVERYONE