

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems like a long time since the last newsletter. Having ended last week early due to the snowy weather, we have managed to pick up where we left off with book week and have had so much fun celebrating our love of reading. From the excitement of guessing the mystery readers to the wonderfully creative costumes that you provided for World Book Day, it has been a wonderful week. We have also been adding the finishing touches to our amazing new library, which we look forward to sharing with you soon.

Continuing our theme of celebrations, yesterday we enjoyed our new kitchen launch event. The kitchen staff worked extremely hard, not only did they cook a delicious roast dinner with all the trimmings for the children, they also baked some lovely cakes which we enjoyed sharing with you all in the afternoon. I am sure you will agree that the new cooking facilities are very impressive.

Our week has finished with a great deal of excitement for our youngest children. Our early years garden has been transformed into a farm today, and the children from both our school and our children's centre have had a wonderful time visiting the animals. With a wide range of experiences from grooming to feeding, it really has been a fantastic opportunity for the children to have a hands on learning experience.

Finally, we had the great news that a new Head of School has been appointed following a rigorous recruitment process. We look forward to welcoming Mr Tuck to Grovelands soon and I am sure he is very keen to meet all of our amazing children and parents.

Have a great weekend!

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

16 Mar	YR1 Assembly—9.00am
19 Mar	Scholastics Book Fair all week—3.00pm
20 Mar	Nursery Tour—11.00am
21 Mar	Parent Safer Internet Workshop—6.00pm at Cleves
22 Mar	Parent Forum—2.00pm
26 Mar	YR4 Roman Workshop
27 Mar	YR4 Residential Parent Meetings—3.00pm & 6.00pm
29 Mar	BREAK UP FOR EASTER—2.00pm
16 Apr	INSET DAY
17 Apr	YR6 Residential Parent Meetings—3.00pm & 6.00pm
24 Apr	YR1 London's Burning Workshop
25 Apr	Class Photos
26 Apr	YR6 SATS Parent Meeting—3.00pm & 6.00pm
3 May	POLLING DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
4 May	Reception Bocketts Farm trip
7 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Reception Height and Weight Checks
14 May	YR6 SATS week
16 May	YR4 Residential—Mill Rythe (return 18 May)
25 May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM—3.00pm
18 Jun	YR6 Residential—Land and Wave (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 and Meet next year's Teacher
19 Jul	YR6 Leavers' Assembly—9.00am
20 Jul	END OF TERM—2.00pm

NB. 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 our learning has been based on pirates. We have read lots of pirate stories and found out what pirates look like, where they live and what they like to do. We found a map and bravely followed it to find some exciting treasure!!

RECEPTION

Reception have been learning about shapes this week. We revisited 2D shapes and introduced 3D shapes. With Mother's Day this Sunday, we have been talking and writing about the people who are special to us in our lives. World Book Day was lots of fun and we loved seeing the children in their costumes. Friday was particularly exciting as Mill Cottage Farm visited.

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been writing information about our own toys in English. In Maths, we have been learning about time. We know how to find o'clock, half past and have even begun to learn quarter past and quarter to times. We have been practising our assembly throughout the week and we can't wait to perform this next Friday.

YEAR 2

Lots of wonderful outfits on Thursday and we enjoyed many activities associated with the love of books. We have also been using different coins to make the same amount and have been writing our own fairy tales.

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 we have been learning about Martin Luther King's life and why he is an important person in history. In English we have started reading the Iron Man by Ted Hughes and have been using similes to describe him. In Maths we have learnt how to find fractions of amounts as well as equivalent fractions.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have had great fun on World Book Day (Take 2!) We looked fantastic in our outfits, found out more about the author Caroline Lawrence and created a Tom Gates inspired piece of art. We have written our own information texts about Roman life using all our expert knowledge of the text type, and moved onto using and applying 12 and 24 hour time in Maths.

YEAR 5

In Maths this week, the children solved a Harry Potter problem as part of our 'Book Day' events. The children also used doubling and halving strategies to solve more complex multiplication problems. In English we have been planning and writing an explanation text as to how the plague spread during the period of the Black Death. We have learnt to use causal conjunctions as part of this.

YEAR 6

Year 6 enjoyed World Book Day, beginning to write 'missing chapters' from Pig Heart Boy and meeting professional authors. Our maths focus has been data handling (now known as statistics) and in science we are learning about healthy living. We also taught the school about March's value, care and compassion!



Please can we remind all parents/ carers to drive and park responsibly during drop off and pick times - particularly those using Sandy Lane. There have been numerous complaints from local residents recently regarding parents/ carers driving and parking inconsiderately for other road users. Grovelands school is proud to be part of a wider local community and as such all those associated with it have a responsibility to be considerate to our neighbours. Many thanks in advance for helping us maintain good relationships with our local community!



BOOK WEEK

The children looked amazing dressed up as their favourite book characters and there was a real buzz in the school. Prizes were given to the best dressed in each class as follows:

Nursery AM	Mia	Flamingos	Oliver	Leopards	Megan
Nursery PM	Violet	Seals	Oliver	Panthers	Alfie
Squirrels	Harry	Dolphins	Jacob	Eagles	Archie
Otters	Orson	Zebras	Megan	Kestrels	Tai
Badgers	Evie	Antelopes	Lola	Pythons	Lilli
Swans	Jessica	Giraffes	Vera	Cobras	Harry





Our School Council Bookmark Competition winners were:

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| Reception | Mysha | Year 3 | Emily / Leo / Maram |
| Year 1 | Oscar | Year 4 | Alexandra / James |
| Year 2 | Grace | Year 5 | Melad |
| | | Year 6 | Rhiannon / Lottie |

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!



YEAR 1 REMINDER

Parents/Carers please can you provide your child with a pair of clear tights for Science on Monday where we will be making grass heads. Thank you.

Netball Match Report

Date	Thursday 8 th March 2018
Opponents	St Anne's Heath
Venue	St Anne's Heath school
Final Score	6:1

Team News

Sam was the team captain and scored Brouvelands goal. Unfortunately the year six's lost their match. Our next match we be against Cleves.

Report

During the first quarter, there wasn't much action as both teams were playing very hard. Then in the second quarter, St Anne's Heath scored one point. However we tried very hard. On the third quarter, St Anne's Heath scored four goals. Lastly, in the final quarter, we scored one point! St Anne's also scored a point. We tried extremely hard however we were not able to win.



Player of the Match:

Isis because she was a brilliant defender.

Report by: Hannah

Sam +

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.7%	95.3%	95.3%	95.7%	96.2%	94%	97.6%

Well done to **Year 6** for the best year group attendance
Well done to **Zebras** for the best class attendance **98.1%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.5%	96.3%	96.2%	96.4%	96.6%	94.9%	96%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

CERTIFICATES

Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Amelia	Sebastian	Zach
Squirrels	Agata	Riley	James
Badgers	Archie	Darragh	Thomas
Flamingos	Rylee	Louis	Piriyanka
Swans	Sean	Jason	Melody
Dolphins	Anusha	Flynn	Samuel
Seals	Jayden	Paige	Eli
Antelopes	Skye	Max	Koby
Giraffes	Daisy	Amelia	Grace
Zebras	Molly	Joshua	Molly
Leopards	Phoebe	Nancy	Joshua
Panthers	Maria	Kai	Maria
Eagles	Victoria	Grace	Faye
Kestrels	Panna	Albie	Toby
Cobras	Angus	Hannah	Holly
Pythons	Whole class	Alfie	Natalja

PEN LICENCES GO TO:

Fred and Ethan	Antelopes
Yosef	Eagles
Elisa	Panthers
Ashton	Cobras

WELL DONE EVERYONE