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20th September 2019 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the third week back and there is lots to look forward to as well.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend.

Bernadette

Nursery places

We still have a number of Nursery places available and would love to have more families come to join us. Please contact us if you would like to consider your child joining our Nursery.

Admissions

Please remember to apply for your child's Secondary or Reception place by the 31st October.

After School Clubs

We have a variety of clubs that are run by our very talented members of staff. Staff give up their time to ensure that these clubs run and I would ask that parents support is in ensuring that once a child makes the commitment to join a club that they continue to attend a club.

There are a number of places available for clubs. If your child hasn't signed up to a club, please contact the school office so that we can add their name to the register. Children can be collected from the school playground at 4pm.

If there is not a club suitable for your child, then you might want to access our After School Care between the hours of 3-5pm. This provision is run by Jan and Tina. If children are staying beyond 4pm they will be entitled to a snack. Children staying until 4pm can be collected from the school yard and those collecting at 5pm can collect their children via the main entrance. The cost of the care is £3 per hour. This is a fantastic service that has been fully used and utilized in the last academic year. However, there has been fewer parents using the service. I hope that parents would carefully consider using this as this is service as it is something that we would not want to lose. Please book your child's place through Parentpay.

Punctuality

There have been a few children who are arriving after the register closes at 8.50am this week. If your child is over 20 minutes late they are given a U code which means that they were late after the register closed. Please be aware that if your child is late a total of 14 times in a total of 12 weeks then this is automatically referred to the Local Authority and you could be at risk of receiving a fine.

Please remember we have a Bounce Breakfast that starts at 8am to encourage children to arrive at school on time. It costs £1 and is free for children entitled to Free School Meals.

Uniform (including P.E. uniform)

I would just like to take the opportunity to remind parents and children of the importance and the pride that they should take when wearing their school uniform.

This information is taken from our prospectus and it has not changed:

Here at The Grove Primary, we are extremely proud of our school identity and all children wear the school uniform with pride. Our school uniform consists of a white polo or collared shirt, red jumper with school badge, black or grey trousers (not jogging trousers) or skirts and black shoes. Children need to wear sensible flat shoes for school (no branded trainers). We promote independence throughout school for all our children and children need to be able to take off and put on their own shoes without adult support, therefore Velcro fastening shoes can be worn by children who are unable to tie shoe laces.

Our school PE kit consists of: team coloured t shirt with embroidered school logo and shorts. School uniform and PE kits can be purchased from the school office. Some classes will be having outdoor P.E. and must have appropriate clothing to go outside (long trousers and a long sleeved top/jumper). This information can be found on your child's newsletter whether they will be indoors or outdoors. Children must have a P.E. kit in school at all times.

We will **not permit** children to wear any jewellery apart from a watch for health and safety purposes. If children wear jewellery, they will be asked to remove it and place it into their bags.

We also ask that children with longer hair (including Nursery children) have their hair tied back so that hair does not get caught on/in equipment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

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| 1 st Place | Year 3 | 98.2% |
| 2 nd Place | Year 5 | 96.3% |
| 3 rd Place | Year 6 | 95.2% |
| 4 th place | Year 2 | 95.0% |
| 5 th place | Year 4 | 93.8% |
| 6 th place | Year 1 | 92.9% |
| 7 th place | Reception | 90.4% |

Well done to Year 3!

Our attendance target for each class is 96%

Well done to Year 5 too who were above our 96% target!

Teampoints

This week's teampoints:

| Team | Points |
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| Blue | 77 |
| Green | 77 |
| Red | 99 |
| Yellow | 150 |

Well done to the Yellow team this week. Come on everyone make sure you are adding your teampoints in to the pots so that your team wins next week!

Vandalism

Believe it or not, I have had reports from neighbours to say that we have had visitors over the weekend. I would ask everyone to be vigilant and to report any incidents where people are in our school grounds after school has closed during the week or during the weekend. We are proud of our school grounds and work hard to ensure that there are lovely things for our children to play on/with.



Dates for Diaries



September

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| 16th September | After school clubs restart until Thursday 24 th October |
| 20th September | Jeans for Genes Day (children wear jeans plus school tshirt and jumper) |
| 23 rd September | This week free at Bounce Breakfast for Year 4 children |
| 24 th September | Y2 visit to Kirkley Hall Zoological Garden (all day) |
| 24 th September | Y6 visit to Consett Academy |
| 26 th September | Individual photos (afternoon Nursery can have their photo taken at 9am) |
| 26 th September | NSPCC Workshops for Y5/6 children |
| 27 th September | Non-uniform day £1 paid on Parentpay |
| 27 th September | Y1 visiting The Grove Methodist Church |
| 30 th September | Den Building Week (More information from individual classes) |
| 30 th September | This week free at Bounce Breakfast for Year 3 children |

October

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| 4 th October | Ways to support your child in Reception at 2.15pm (Nursery parents at 2.40pm) |
| 7 th October | This week free at Bounce Breakfast for Year 2 children |
| 9 th October | Reception Stay and Play Louise's Key Worker Children 8.45am and Karen's Key Worker Children 1.30pm |
| 12 th October | Mum2Mum Sale in School Hall 11am-1pm |
| 14 th October | This week free at Bounce Breakfast for Year 1 children |
| 16 th October | Harvest Assembly 9am (All welcome) |
| 16 th October | School Council Fun Run (More information to follow) |
| 16 th October | Early Years Autumn Walk 9am (Families welcome) School Council Sponsored Fun Run (more information to follow) |
| 21 st October | This week free at Bounce Breakfast for EYFS children |
| 21 st October | Y3 visiting Lanchester Gareden Centre |
| 24 th October | Early Years Spooky Day £1 paid on Parentpay |
| 24 th October | Non Uniform Day £1 paid on Parentpay |
| 24 th October | Y4 Roman Presentations (All welcome) |
| 24 th October | Whole School Art Gallery (More information to follow) |
| 24 th October | School closes for half term reopens 4 th November 2019 |

November

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| 4 th November | Children Return To school |
| 5 th November | Hallowe'en Disco £1 to take part paid on Parentpay |
| 8 th November | Remembrance Assembly 2pm (All welcome) |
| 16 th November | Mum2Mum Sale in School Hall 11am-1pm |
| 18 th November | Book Bus visiting school all day |
| 18 th /19 th November | Parents' Evening 3-5pm |
| 25 th November | Choir singing at Salvation Army Luncheon Club 12.30pm |
| 28 th November | Non Uniform Day £1 paid on Parentpay |
| 29 th November | Inset Day (Children not in school this day) |



December



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| 2nd December | Early Years Christmas Tree trip (all afternoon children to attend morning session) |
| 3rd December | Early Years Stay and Play Karen's Key worker group 8.45a/Louise's 1.20pm |
| 4th December | Early Years Stay and Play Nicola's Key worker group 8.45am and 1.20pm |
| 5th December | Early Years Stay and Play Giovanna's Key worker group 8.45am and 1.20pm |
| 6th December | Christingle 2pm (all welcome) |
| 9th December | Early Years Dress Rehearsal (all afternoon children to attend morning session) |
| 9th December | Last day to donate to The Shoebox Appeal |
| 10th December | Early Years Nativity 9.30am (all afternoon children to attend morning session) |
| 11th December | Whole School visit to the Pantomime (30 hours + Reception to Year 6) |
| 13th December | All After School Clubs finish today. Afterschool Care will run 3-5pm until Thursday 19 th December 2019. |
| 13th December | Choir singing at St Patrick's Church Consett 7pm |
| 16th December | KS1 Nativity 9.30am |
| 16th December | Y1/2 and 3 Christmas Party (afternoon) |
| 17th December | Early Years Christmas Party 1pm (all Nursery children to attend at 1pm/30 hours children will remain the same) |
| 17th December | Y4/5 and 6 Christmas Party (afternoon) |
| 19th December | Last day for Afterschool Care (3-5pm). There will be no Movie Club 20/12/19 |
| 20th December | Non Uniform Day (Christmas jumper day) |
| 20th December | School closes for Christmas Holiday at 3pm. School will reopen 6th January 2020 |

Term dates for next academic year 2019/2020

| Term | Start | End |
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| <u>Autumn 1st half</u> | Tuesday 3 rd September 2019 | Thursday 24 th October 2019 (school closed from Friday 25 th October 2019 until Monday 3 rd November 2019) |
| <u>Autumn 2nd half</u> | Monday 3 rd November 2019 | Friday 20 th December 2019 (school closed Friday 29 th November 2019) |
| Spring 1 st half | Monday 6 th January 2020 | Thursday 13 th February 2020 (school closed on Friday 14 th February 2020 until Monday 24 th February 2020) |
| Spring 2 nd half | Monday 24 th February 2020 | Friday 3 rd April 2020 |
| Summer 1 st half | Monday 20 th April 2020 | Friday 22 nd May 2020 (school reopens Tuesday 2 nd June 2020) |
| Summer 2 nd half | Tuesday 2 nd June 2020 | Friday 17 th July 2020 |

Other important dates for this academic year:

Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th February- Paris trip for Y5/6 children

Monday 11th May KS1 (Year 2) and KS2 (Year 6) SATs week

Monday 22nd June Lakes Week for Year 5/6 children (provisionally booked for this week)

Monday 8th June Year 1 Phonics test week

During the month of June- Multiplication Check for Year 4 (date to be confirmed)