



September 2019 Early Years Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday! It is lovely to see all of the children and their families after the summer break!

The Reception children look so smart in their new uniforms!

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to put your child's name in their uniform. **If any of you haven't done this yet, please do it ASAP as it really helps to prevent items of clothing from going missing.** As a reminder, children in Reception need to wear black shoes for school. Nursery children can wear any coloured shoes, but please do not send your children in lace up shoes unless they can fasten them by themselves.

Wellington Boots

A **HUGE** thank you to all of you who have sent your child's wellies in for the year. Every child must have their own pair of wellies in school. The wellies will stay in school and we will let you know when your child has grown out of them. If you have not already sent in a pair of wellies for your child, please do so ASAP. Remember to clearly label each welly with your child's name. Thank you.

P.E.in EYFS

One of the main elements in P.E. for early years children is to be independent when it comes to dressing and undressing.

Nursery have P.E. on Tuesday mornings. Please avoid putting Nursery children in tights on a Tuesday as they can be very tricky for the children to manage.

Reception have PE on Monday afternoons. Please ensure that Reception children have their PE kits in school with some PE shoes included in this. If your child struggles to get changed, please support them at home by practising changing their own clothes.

As always, please ensure your child's name is written in every piece of their P.E. kit and check it regularly to ensure that it is still visible as names can often fade in the wash.



This year, we are moving to electronic journals. We are currently trialling 'Tapestry'. A benefit of this is that you will receive notifications of what your child has been up to in Early Years and you can view their profile anytime using your unique log in. It also means that you can send us pictures and messages about what they have been up to outside of school. We are really excited about it! Please ensure that you have signed the consent form and returned it to school ASAP.

Ways to Support your child in Reception Meeting for Parents and Carers

We will be holding a parents meeting on Friday 4th October at 2:15pm in the school hall. In this meeting we will discuss what the children will be doing in school and how you can support their development at home. We will also be demonstrating how to add observations from home using Tapestry.

We hope that you can make it!

Welcome to all of the new starters in Nursery and Reception

We are delighted to have some new friends in Nursery and Reception. Thank you for choosing The Grove Primary School for your little ones. We are delighted with how they are settling in and look forward to learning more about them and helping them to grow and develop.

Baseline Assessments and Stay and Play Sessions

In Reception, the first 4 weeks are spent assessing the children in order to make accurate assessments of them. During this time, the children are also learning the rules and routines of the unit. Once we have finished these assessments we would love to share them with you. We highly value your contributions towards them. Please continue to send us information about your child using the 'A note from home' slips (which are always available in the main entrance to Early Years).

We would like to welcome parents along to a stay and play session, where you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's key worker about their baseline assessments as well as play with your child in our unit. If you are unable to attend the session, but would like to discuss your child's assessments, then please speak to a member of the Early Years Team.

The sessions will be on the following dates:

Louise's Key Worker Group: Wednesday 9th October from 8.45am

Karen's Key Worker Group: Wednesday 9th October from 1:30pm

Our Nativity!

In order to give you as much notice as possible, for those of you who need to book time off work etc... Our Nativity performance will be on

Tuesday 10th December at 9:30am

The dress rehearsal will be on the morning of Thursday 6th December. All Nursery children need to attend the morning session this day as we record the performance to put onto DVD.

Water Bottles

Thank you to those of you who have been bringing your child's water bottle in, filled with fresh **water** everyday. No juice or flavoured water is allowed and will be replaced with water. Unfortunately we do not sell water bottles in school anymore.

Non-Uniform Days

There is a non-uniform day for the children in Reception up to Year 6 on the last Friday in every month. We ask for a £1 donation towards this. The next non uniform day will be **Friday 27th September**.

Jewellery, including earrings, is not allowed in school.

For health and safety reasons, children in school are not allowed to wear any jewellery. If your child has pierced ears, please remove earrings before they come in and they can be put back in as soon as they leave school. If your child arrives in school wearing earrings they will be asked to remove them and if they can't do so themselves, a parent/carer will be contacted and asked to come into school to remove them.

Tissues

Any donations of boxes of tissues would be very gratefully received as we go through huge amounts of tissues in Early Years.

Thank you.

Important dates for your diary...

Ways to support your child in Reception meeting **2.15pm Friday 4th October**.

Reception Stay and Play Sessions and parent meetings: **9th October 8:45am and 1:30pm**

Early Years Spooky fun Day **Thursday 24th October**

Early Years Autumn Walk (families welcome to come along) **Wednesday 18th October 9.00am**

Children break up for half term holiday Thursday **24th October** and return **Monday 4th November**.

Teacher training day—School closed to children **Friday 25th October**.

Teacher training day—School closed to children **Friday 29th November**.

Early Years Christmas tree trip—**Monday 2nd December** (all afternoon Nursery children to attend morning session).

Christmas Stay and Play sessions (Each session is on for 1 hour): **Tuesday 3rd December 8:45am - Karen's Key worker group and 1:20pm Louise's Key worker group.**

Wednesday 4th December 8:45am & 1:20pm for Nicola's Key worker groups

Thursday 5th December 8:45am & 1:20pm for Giovanna's Key worker groups.

Early Years Nativity Dress Rehearsal **Monday 9th December** (all afternoon Nursery children to attend morning session).

Early Years Nativity **Tuesday 10th December 9.30am** (all afternoon Nursery children to attend morning session).

30 hours children, Reception to Year 6 Pantomime trip **Wednesday 11th December**. All Nursery sessions will be cancelled for this day as all of the staff will be needed at the pantomime. 30 hours children will attend the pantomime so will be in school for normal hours.

Early Years Christmas Party Tuesday 17th December at 1:00pm (No morning nursery session as all children will attend 1.00pm. 30 hours children will be as normal.)

Break up for Christmas holidays **Friday 20th December** and return on **Monday 6th January 2020!** There will be more info to follow about many of these, we just wanted to give you as much notice as possible for those who like to book time off .

Head lice

Please check your child's hair on a daily basis & if head lice are found inform school immediately so a general text can be sent out. We would ask all children to have their hair tied back at all times in order to avoid head lice.

Thank you for your continued support and for sending your wonderful children to our school!

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please ask a member of the team—we will be more than happy to help you!