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## 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Newsletter



### Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Happy New Year to you all!

It has been lovely to see all of the children back and dressed super smart in their school uniforms and school shoes this week. Thank you to you, as parents, in ensuring that children are smartly dressed and ready for school.

You may have noticed that we have had spot visits from our Community Police Officers this week. Concerns have been raised about parking around the school at peak times. Examples of poor parking have included blocked pavements, obstructed driveways, parking over dropped kerbs, on zig-zag road markings and other access points. This seriously increases the risk of harm to children trying to safely cross the road, as well as causing access problems for local residents.

Drivers, who have not done so to date, are asked to park legally and considerately, away from the school entrances, residents' driveways/gardens and only park against full kerbs.

Please do not park or pull over to drop children off in front school entrances, driveways, zig-zag road markings and dropped kerbs. Please also avoid parking in front of the pedestrian entrance to the school site. Failure to do so could result in a prosecution leading to a FINE or even PENALTY POINTS being issued for certain offences.

What can you do to help?

**There are a number of ways you can help resolve this community matter:**

**-Those living nearby can avoid the cost and inconvenience to themselves and others by walking children to and from school.**

**-Parents can consider lift sharing with friends and/or neighbours**

**-Using the parking spaces on nearby roads which are often unused, would relieve pressure on areas closer to school entrance points.**

**-Allow yourself more time to find safe considerate parking.**

**Remember that we operate a one-way system when dropping off and picking up from school by driving along Priestman Avenue and onto Oakfield Lane dropping off at the school and then back onto the main road.**

**This is something that our PCSO and our Year 5 Mini Police will continue to monitor.**

**Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.**

### Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Those families entitled to Free School Meals are also eligible for free daily sessions at Bounce Breakfast from 8am.

### Tax-Free Childcare

You may be eligible to pay for your before and after school provision through Childcare Choices and you can check if you are eligible by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Any parent who is eligible, can contact the school office so that we can provide you with our account details so that your vouchers can be paid directly.

### Nursery Children

Please remember that we can accommodate Nursery children at Bounce Breakfast, After School Club run by Jan and Tina 3-5pm and a cost of £2 per hour. Those children who stay after 4pm are entitled to a teatime snack.

Nursery children are also welcome to attend Movie and Refreshment Club from 3-4.30pm on Friday afternoon. The session costs £2 and children receive movie treats and refreshments which are included in the £2 charge.

### Uniform Swap Shop

Our Swap Shop has been used and utilised by a number of families but we are keen that more parents use it. We have a range of nearly new items including P.E. uniform. Why not pop in and have a browse?

### Community Police Officer Drop In Session

We welcome our new Community Police Officer, Jacki, to The Grove Primary School. Jacki would like to take the opportunity to meet with parents and discuss community related issues. This drop in session will be between 2.30 and 3.15pm, next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020. It would be great for parents to come along and meet Jacki; tea and coffee will be on offer too.

### Clubs

Please remember that all clubs will begin next week. French club and Sewing Club will not begin, next week, due to staff training so will begin Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. You will receive a text confirming your child's club places today.

### Upcoming Dates

Please make a note of these upcoming events

Date	Event
17/01/20	Final France payment due
29/01/20	Year 3 Stone Age Day
30/01/20	Year 3/4 children (selection) at Dodgeball tournament
31/01/20	Tuck Shop Play time (treats on sale)
31/01/20	Non uniform £1 on ParentPay
04/02/20	Year 5/6 France Trip
11/02/20	Dogs Trust Visit to KS2
13/02/20	Last Day in school for children
14/02/20	Inset Day (children not in school this day)
24/02/20	Children return to school

### Taxis

A number of our families sometimes travel by taxi. **We have been advised that if any child(ren) travels by taxi to or from school that they must be accompanied by an adult.**