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20th November 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are only 3 weeks into this half term after what seems a very distant half term. Staff continue to work extremely hard in what has been a very different term and I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of them for their dedication in such different and difficult times.

Staff would usually be looking forward to meet with parents which is not possible this term. Instead you will receive a settling in report as well as your child's attendance record for this term so far. You will receive this report, next Friday, 27th November 2020. If you have more than one child, reports will be contained in one envelope and brought home by the eldest child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bernadette

Flu Programme 2020

Children who have returned information- to school- will receive their flu vaccination (nasal spray) on Thursday 26th November.

School Dinners

If you make the decision to change your child's choice of meals from a school meal to a packed lunch, you must inform the school office. Otherwise you could be charged for school meals that your child has not taken. We would also ask that you give a week's notice. Thank you.

School Closed

Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 30th November 2020 for staff training. To see all holidays and staff training days go to <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/school-holidays/>

Lockdown Measures

Remember that we only permit one adult to drop off and pick up from school. This should be a family member and not another parent.

Parents are also asked not to congregate at the gates and to be mindful of social distancing recommendations. This is at the gate and on the playground when children are dismissed.

Children are reminded to go straight home from school at the end of the school day too.

ParentPay

A number of parents have outstanding payments that still have to be paid for school dinners, Breakfast or After School Club. Please ensure that these are paid on a weekly basis. Please contact us if you are having difficulty accessing your account. Thank you.

Contacting School

Any general enquiries, complaints and concerns should be directed to the school office. If you are sharing these by email, they must be sent to enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Some parents are still using send@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk which is for SEND enquiries only. All general queries sent here will be forwarded to the school office for their attention.

Tapestry is used to communicate and comment about school work. Please see below for more information.

Tapestry

You or your child can also message your teachers. With regards to messaging, we would like to clarify how this can be used:

DO

- Do message if you want to share something positive from home
- Do message if you have a small query or would like to find out something simple
- Do message if your child has any minor worries, for example: *'Jack didn't quite understand fractions today, could you please point me in the direction of where I can get some further practise work for him'*

DON'T

- Please do not use Tapestry app to raise an issue, please contact the school office in the usual way: enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk
- Please do not message via Tapestry to notify school of absences or illnesses - this should be done via the school office as no
- Please do not use Tapestry to message about any urgent or serious issues; please use the school office and normal school procedures for this. Remember in most cases your child's class teacher will have responsibility for the whole class while your child is isolating so will only be able to access the app before or after the school teaching day.

REMEMBER

Teachers will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible. However, please bear in mind that school life can be incredibly busy and whilst every effort will be made to reply or acknowledge messages, there may be a slight delay on occasion. Additionally, please do not expect a reply to any messages sent after 4pm or on a weekend as teachers will not be able to reply.

It is extremely important that ALL parents/carers sign up to this platform and download the app as soon as possible. That way, should the unfortunate happen and a bubble or whole school needed to close, we would be able to turn on the messaging and portfolio areas straight away to ensure children can continue to work from home, without any gaps in their education. Visit <https://tapestryjournal.com/> or download the app from the app store.

If you are having any trouble accessing Tapestry, please let us know as soon as possible.