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## 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It is the last week of school before half term. Please note that school will be closed Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May and will reopen on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is a teacher training day so school will remain closed to pupils on this day.

### Greggs Funding

Greggs have not only supported us with Breakfast Club items but have helped us to secure additional too to support our families.

We are sharing the following information on their behalf and hope that some of our families can help to support them too.

Today marks the beginning of @greggsoffical [tweak handle per platform] Breakfast Club Appeal, two weeks dedicated to driving donations for Greggs Breakfast Club Programme, which has been running since 1999. We know the positive impact the Breakfast Club programme has had on school communities around the UK, and we are thrilled to have contributed to serving wholesome, free breakfasts to 40,000 children every school day. Today there are more than 600 Breakfast Clubs across the UK, but we need to do more. By 2025, Greggs intend to double its impact and provide 70,000 meals every school day. To find out more about how you can support this special cause, please contact [breakfastclubs@greggsfoundation.org.uk](mailto:breakfastclubs@greggsfoundation.org.uk) to sign up [#breakfastclubappeal](#) [#Greggs4Good](#)

### After School Club

We are pleased to say that after May half term that our After School Club will run until 4.30pm. This is in line with current risk assessments and cleaning procedures so could be subject to change. We would ask that this service is used to support working families as we are running at full capacity. Thank you.

### Uniform

The children all looked super smart in their uniforms on Friday for their class photos. We would ask that parents continue to ensure that all children are in full school uniform (including black shoes). We would ask that all children have a full P.E. kit in school including P.E. shoes. Please remember that we ask children not to wear jewellery to school apart from a watch. We would also ask that children do not have acrylic nails for school.

### Nursery Admissions

Our Nursery is becoming increasingly popular and parents can request a place for their child after their child turns two. This application form can be accessed via the Nursery page. These applications can now be sent to [nurseryadmissions@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:nurseryadmissions@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk)

You will receive an acknowledgement that your child's form has been received and if a space has been allocated for them. We hope that this system helps and supports parents with transition into our Nursery.

### Leave of Absence-During Term Time

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

We expect all of our children to attend school unless they are ill and in that instance you must contact the school office to report a pupil absent.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

We would ask all parents to complete a Leave of Absence form for any absence that is not illness related and where a parent knows their child will not be attending school. You can find this form here

<https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/69/2015/04/Leave-of-Absence-Form.pdf>

### Timestable Rockstars

| Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week |           |            |                 |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| Rank  | Name      | Year Group | Score this week |
| ☆ 1 🏆                                       | Jordyn R  | Year 5     | 72,721          |
| 2   | Freddy R  | Year 3     | 26,085          |
| 3   | Jordan H  | Year 5     | 22,191          |
| 4   | Valerie S | Year 5     | 20,499          |
| 5   | Alfie B   | Year 3     | 16,213          |

### Attendance for last week

|                       | <u>Class</u>           |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Reception- <b>100%</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Year 4- <b>97.6%</b>   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Year 2- <b>96.2%</b>   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Year 1- <b>95.3%</b>   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place | Nursery- <b>93.7%</b>  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Place | Year 3- <b>92.5%</b>   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Place | Year 5- <b>92.0%</b>   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Place | Year 6- <b>89.1%</b>   |

### Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been informed that we will receive vouchers from the Local Authority. This is The COVID Local Support Grant payment and it will be £20 per eligible child.

We will issue these vouchers in the week leading up to half term for those families eligible for Free School Meals. We will do this via email.

Please contact the school office if your circumstances have changed.