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



Dear Parents/Carers

### Book Bags

Please remember that if your child is in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 they will need to bring their book bag to school every Friday. This will return home every Monday. We are currently looking at introducing school book bags for all children from September. We will share more information later in the term.

### Dinner Menus

We would ask that any outstanding dinner menus be handed in today please so that all food orders can be made to Taylor Shaw in advance of June.

### Conduct on school premises

It saddens me to say, we are aware that some adults who have been dropping off and collecting, from school, have behaved inappropriately. I would just like to generally remind everyone that any aggression displayed verbally or physically on school premises will be dealt with accordingly.

We would also ask parents if they have a query, concern or a complaint that needs to be discussed that they should arrange a telephone appointment to speak to the class teacher.

### Support for Families

Hi everyone, just a reminder that we have strong links with the Foodbank in Consett and can refer families in need. We are in tough times where we all need a little extra help and support. The Foodbank have lots of stock in at the moment and I can issue vouchers in a confidential manner.

Please contact me via the school mobile or ring the main school number and ask to speak to me. The voucher can be filled in straight away and sent home with your child in an envelope. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks Rachel C

### Birthday Cakes

Currently, we are unable to allow parents to send birthday cakes into school. Thank you

### Testing reminder for parents and carers

**Have coronavirus symptoms and need a test?**

If anyone in your household has symptoms you need to book a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as soon as possible. For more information and to book a PCR test visit [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call NHS test and trace free on 119

As coronavirus symptoms in children can vary it is advised that children who are unwell should not attend school until they are well again.

If you have difficulty accessing a PCR test your school may be able to help, as most schools retain a small stock of these tests.

### Attendance for the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>	<b>Our target for all classes is 96%</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Y1 Y5	97.1%	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Reception	96.9%	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Year 4	95.8%	
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Year 2	94.9%	
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Year 6	94.8%	
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Nursery	91%	

### Leave of Absence

Absence during term time should be avoided because children can fall behind with their work and may find it difficult to integrate. An application, using the leave of absence form (available on the website/from the school office), for leave must be made in writing to the Headteacher, detailing the exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher must be satisfied the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. Leave of absence may not be granted during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If you do not apply for leave of absence in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If the Headteacher granted an absence in exceptional circumstances and your child is away for longer than was agreed, any extra time is recorded as unauthorised.

### Timestable Rockstars

<b>Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week</b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Score this week</b>
☆ 1 🏆	Belle W	Year 3	33,956
2	Freddy R	Year 3	17,606
3	Jordyn R	Year 5	17,361
4	Ted I	Year 3	12,075
5	Charlie D	Year 3	11,016

### School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

- Red jumper/cardigan with school badge
- Red and white checked summer dresses for girls
- White polo/collared shirt
- Black or grey trousers for boys (optional for girls)
- Black or grey skirt/pinafore dress for girls
- Black flat shoes (Trainers are not permitted)

Our Swap Shop is very well stocked at the minute. Please contact Rachel C via 01207 502938, the school mobile or [pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk) if you would like to receive nearly new items of uniform.