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19th July 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that it is the penultimate day before the summer holidays. It's been another strange year to say the least but one that we have managed to get through together for which I am truly grateful and thankful for.

I think that we are all hoping that September 2021 will be a bit more normal for us all and we have been looking carefully at what this might look like and timings for the school day.

Beginning of the school day

From September, we are going to continue with the same entry points and timings of the school day too. Nursery children and their families can arrive at 8.30am. We would ask that families with surnames A-M arrive between 8.35-8.45am and families with surnames N-Z between 8.40 and 8.50am.

Morning Nursery sessions will run from 8.30am until 11.30am and the afternoon session will run from 12.00-3.00pm.

End of the school day

All children will be dismissed at 3pm and we would ask parents to consider arrangements for collecting children. We will be sending out a Microsoft Form that will give consent for those children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) to walk home in September.

The 3pm finish for all is something that we are going to trial and hopefully with the different dismissal points should be achievable.

General information

We would continue to ask that children bring a water bottle each day. We would also ask that book bags are brought to school each Friday for those children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and 3. For those children in Year 4, 5 and 6, book bags need to be brought in each Monday. We would ask that all other belongings remain at home please until we received further guidance.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

In line with current restrictions, we are only taking those families who had a place for Breakfast and After School Club, in the summer term, on the 1st September. We are anticipating that Breakfast Club will run from 8am to 8.30am and After School Club will run from 3.00 until 4.30pm certainly in the first week (**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER DUE TO STAFF TRAINING**).

If you no longer require your place, please let us know as soon as possible. Please note we will be unable to take any families where balances have not been paid fully on ParentPay.

Uniform

Our school uniform consists of white polo or collared shirt, red jumper with school badge, black or grey trousers or skirts and black shoes. Children need to wear sensible, flat shoes for school. We promote independence throughout school, for all of our children. Children need to be able to take off and put on their own shoes without adult support, therefore Velcro fastening shoes can be worn by children who are unable to tie shoe laces. We do not permit children to wear any jewellery apart from a watch for health and safety purposes. Smart watches are not permitted for school as we believe these do not provide any enrichment to children's education. 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.

Unclaimed belongings

We still have a number of bags and uniform that are unclaimed and I would appreciate if parents could collect these either today or tomorrow 8.30-9.00am or alternatively between 3.00 and 3.10pm.

Book Bags

All children from Reception to Year 6 will be expected to have a school book bag from September. These can be ordered through <https://totstoteams.com/> If any of our Year 6 pupils have a book bag or any uniform, they would like to donate to the Swap Shop, we would be extremely grateful!

Rotary Award

Well done to Millie Robson for winning The Rotary Award for this academic year. Staff voted for Millie as she showed resilience during both lockdowns and attended school as one of our keyworker children. We are extremely grateful to The Rotary Club for providing the award and hope that we can welcome them back to school next academic year.

Timetable Rockstars

Biggest Rocker of The Year			
Rank	Name	Year Group	Total Score
★ 1 🏆	Freddy R	Year 3	965,870

Well done to Freddy and what a score too!

Swimming 2021

Year 6 children will go swimming after the holidays. These sessions will begin on Wednesday 8th September.

Goodbye and Thank you

Goodbye and good luck to all those who will be leaving, The Grove Primary School, this year.

Firstly, we say goodbye to Helen Holmes as one of our lunchtime supervisors. Helen we know you will be missed greatly by all of us at lunch time but know that you will be happy in your new role working for the Speech and Language Service.

We also say goodbye to our very talented Year 6 children who have been a joy to have with us. You are a credit to your parents and The Grove Primary School. Your last year has been a very different one to say the least and we wish you every success at your new secondary schools.

Goodbye and good luck to some of our Nursery children who have been with us and move to Reception classes in neighbouring schools. We will miss you and wish you every success in your new schools too.