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1st October 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that September has passed and we are into the month of October already. The weather is changing and we would remind parents that children are ready to play outdoors by ensuring that children have a coat and outdoor shoes too. We have a huge stock of coats in our Swap Shop and would hope that parents would request some of these nearly new items. You can make a request by speaking to Rachel C.

Good luck Carly!

Last Friday was Carly's last day in school and not that she wanted a fuss but the staff and children made a great fuss before she left for maternity leave! We are looking forward to meeting Baby Grundy and wish Carly and Stephen lots of luck as they wait for the new arrival. While Carly is on maternity leave, Fiona will be Acting Deputy Headteacher and Sally will be SENCo.

Behaviour outside of the school day

We have been working closely with our PCSO and it seems that some children have been making the wrong choices outside of the school day in the local community. We would ask parents to ensure that children are supervised when out and about in the local community. Thank you

Contacting Staff

We appreciate that we do not always get things right so if you as parents/carers have an issue, query or complaint please make an appointment (via the school office) to speak to a member of staff (due to current restrictions this will be a telephone appointment). We would also remind parents that it is not appropriate as part of our Acceptable Use Policy to contact members of staff personally about school matters eg via Facebook Messenger.

As I am sure that you can appreciate staff work extremely hard to ensure that all things are in place, for children, during the school day so we would ask you to make an appointment to discuss a query or complaint outside of the school day.

We do see the importance of home and school working together to ensure that each and every child is happy, safe and well cared for. Thank you

Photographer

The School Photographer will visit school to take individual photos on **Monday 4th October 2021**. This year, we are unable to accept any brothers/sisters who do not attend school due to restrictions in place due to COVID-19. Afternoon Nursery children can have their picture taken between 9.15 and 9.30am. Parents can bring their child to the hall doors and the child will be greeted by a member of staff.

Nursery Places

Did you know that you can apply for a Nursery place when your child turns two? They will then start on the term after their third birthday. Please see <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/our-classes/nursery/> for admission forms and any additional information.

We would like to remind parents that when they choose our Nursery we would hope that they would apply for a Reception place too. This supports transitions as children use similar routines in Nursery and Reception and will have made relationships and friendships with staff and children too.

Please note that although Nursery education is not statutory we would ask that parents do not request a leave of absence during term time in line with the rest of the school. Staff work hard to prepare resources and interventions so we would ask that Nursery children attend as often as possible.

Policies

There are a number of policies that have been updated and can be seen on our website <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/about-us/school-policies/> Updated policies include: Feedback & Marking, Keeping Children Safe in School, Low Level Concerns, Play and SEND Policy.

Advice to all parents-Advise and Inform

This is current guidance from Public Health.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated - everyone aged 16 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) now
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering when it's hard to stay away from other people - particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

Further information

Further information is available at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

If your child has any symptoms, we would advise that you book a PCR test for them and not administer a lateral flow test.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2021 FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAYS. SCHOOL WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2021.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER FOR STAFF TRAINING.