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## 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that children have been back for their first half term in what has been another very different start to the school year. Once again, children have come back and have enjoyed learning opportunities with their teachers. Some classes have even managed to go off site for visits and we are hoping that this is set to continue as we move towards Christmas with risk assessments still in place.

We hope that all of our families enjoy a restful half term (please remember school will close, today, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October and reopen Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021)

Please remember to take care and stay safe.

Bernadette

### **Congratulations!**

During half term, Hayley will be getting married to her fiancé Daniel. We hope they enjoy their very special day and wish them well for their future together.

### **Holiday Picnic Competition**

You may remember that we sent a survey to parents asking you if you wanted to be involved our latest half term project which is a 'Holiday Picnic Competition.'

We will be distributing food items today. If you requested picnic items, please send 1 strong bag into school, named, with your child.

If you requested additional items, please send in 2 large shopping bags also named. These will then be ready for collection at home time Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> from the main hall doors.

We would ask that if you are waiting for your bags that we safely dismiss our Year 3 and Year 4 children first before you come forward.

We can't wait to see your photos! Any problems or queries, please contact Rachel C in school either via the telephone or on [pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk) Thanks!

### **After School Clubs**

This half term, we have successfully returned to running some after school sports clubs for children. Thank you to all staff involved who have given up their time to make these successful.

Taking into consideration the dark nights, use of available space for After School Clubs in line with current risk assessments and staff commitments we have decided to postpone clubs moving forward during Autumn 2.

Our After School Club will continue to run between 3.00pm and 4.30pm and this will take place in the school hall. We will continue to review timings for our After School Club in line with current risk assessments. From after half term, we are asking all parents to collect from the Main Entrance as there is very little lighting in and around the playground.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Non-Uniform Day**

This Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be having a non-uniform day for children. We would ask that a donation of £1 is paid via ParentPay and we will be donating the total to Teenage Cancer Trust. We thank you in advance for any donations made.

We ask that parents support us in ensuring that children are in full school uniform at all times (we would remind parents that leggings, jogging bottoms or trainers are not in line with our uniform policy).

### **Jewellery**

We do not permit any kind of jewellery worn to school (watches are permitted). Please see the link for further details <http://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

### **P.E. Kits/Outdoor Shoes**

As the weather turns more Autumnal, classes may request that children come to school dressed in a warmer P.E. kit. You will receive a text on the occasion where your child is permitted to do this. All children must have P.E. shoes in school too with their P.E. kit.

All children must have either: wellies or a pair of old trainers that they can change on wet days or to access the school field.

### **Children/Families in Isolation**

#### **When should I get my child a COVID-19 test?**

A child who has the following symptoms should get a test:

- A new continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste
- A temperature of 38° or more

If a child needs to take a test we must have a copy of the test results sent to [enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk) or the school mobile for our records.

#### **When should I keep my child off school?**

You only need to keep them off school if they have:

- A temperature of 38° or more
- A new continuous cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Change or loss of taste or smell

Those children who are unable to attend school, as they have tested positive for covid, will be able to access activities set on Tapestry by staff. If a child is unwell and unable to do so, please inform us via Tapestry. This is in line with our Remote Learning Guidelines (please see [here](#)).

If children are generally unwell or children have a Leave of Absence, this falls outside of our Remote Learning Guidelines and staff will not set additional activities/work for children via Tapestry.

If children do have a Leave of Absence and you would like them to practise basic skills then children can practise reading, times tables and previous spellings until they return to school.

Please remember that Tapestry is the best way of communicating with your child's teacher and seeing work that has been completed during the school day.