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8th October 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Just a few things to share with you this week.

Firstly, to share some lovely news that we received on Tuesday 5th October. Carly and Stephen welcomed their new baby daughter Isla Grundy. We are delighted to hear the happy news and everyone at The Grove Primary School cannot wait to meet baby Isla.

Congratulations Carly and Stephen!

Flu Programme 2021

We have been informed that children's vaccinations will take place on Friday 26th November and we are just waiting on the consent forms coming into school. We will share these with parents as soon as we receive them. Thank you

Punctuality and Attendance

We would like to remind families that registers close promptly at 8.50am and after this your child is marked as late.

Children may also miss valuable Wake UP Shake Up activities that help them get ready for the school day.

We have also noticed an increase of children having 'odd' days off over a period of a few weeks and would ask parents to ensure that their child/ren attend as often as they can if they are well enough to do so.

Jewellery

Please remember that jewellery is not permitted in school but children are able to wear a watch. We have seen a number of children wearing earrings but would remind parents these are not permitted. Children have been back to school for 6 weeks so any child who got their ears pierced in the summer holidays will be able to remove them.

Water bottles

Water is only permitted in water bottles and packed lunches (not flavoured water) as this is better for children's health and teeth.

Reading and Phonics

Fiona has added additional information to the website to support parents with Phonics and Reading which can be found <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/our-curriculum/reading-and-phonics/>

As well as this there are some resources, such as questions, which can be used to support parents when reading with your child/ren at home.

ParentPay

A number of parents have outstanding payments that still have to be paid for school dinners, Breakfast or After School Club. Please ensure that these are paid on a weekly basis. Please contact us if you are having difficulty accessing your account. Thank you.

Contacting School

Any general enquiries, complaints and concerns should be directed to the school office. If you are sharing these by email, they must be sent to enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Some parents are still using send@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk which is for SEND enquiries only. All general queries sent here will be forwarded to the school office for their attention.

Tapestry is used to communicate and comment about school work. Please see below for more information.

Tapestry

You or your child can also message your teachers. With regards to messaging, we would like to clarify how this can be used:

DO

- Do message if you want to share something positive from home
- Do message if you have a small query or would like to find out something simple
- Do message if your child has any minor worries, for example: *'Jack didn't quite understand fractions today, could you please point me in the direction of where I can get some further practise work for him'*

DON'T

- Please do not use Tapestry app to raise an issue, please contact the school office in the usual way: enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk
- Please do not message via Tapestry to notify school of absences or illnesses - this should be done via the school office as no
- Please do not use Tapestry to message about any urgent or serious issues; please use the school office and normal school procedures for this. Remember in most cases your child's class teacher will have responsibility for the whole class while your child is isolating so will only be able to access the app before or after the school teaching day.

REMEMBER

Teachers will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible. However, please bear in mind that school life can be incredibly busy and whilst every effort will be made to reply or acknowledge messages, there may be a slight delay on occasion. Additionally, please do not expect a reply to any messages sent after 4pm or on a weekend as teachers will not be able to reply.

We would ask that all parents access Tapestry regularly as this might be the way that we continue to communicate with parents as we review the cost of our text messaging system through Teachers2Parents.

If you are having any trouble accessing Tapestry, please let us know as soon as possible.

Please remember that school will be closed on Friday 22nd October and Monday 6th December for teacher training days.