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29th November 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware that guidance is being updated in light of the new Omicron variant with the news that emerged over the weekend. This may mean that we will have to update current risk assessments in line with guidance from the Local Authority. Any updated guidance and advice will be shared with parents as soon as we receive it.

We will continue to ask parents and visitors to wear a face covering if they are entering school buildings.

Bernadette

Autumn reports 2021

You will have received your child's report and attendance report via Tapestry. If any parents would like to request an appointment to discuss, please contact the school office. This will be a ten- minute telephone appointment.

Children in Need

Thank you to all that donated. We raised a fantastic £127 for Children in Need.

Christmas Events

We are not asking parents to make any contribution to Christmas events this year. These events will be covered by School Fund.

Christmas cards and presents

We are asking that families don't send Christmas cards and presents into school as we know how difficult a year it has been for everyone. If families would like to help and support, a donation of a box of tissues would be gratefully received instead.

School Closed

Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 6th December 2021 for staff training.

To see all school holidays and staff training dates go to

<https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/school-holidays/>

School will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 17th December at 3pm (there will be no After School Club) and will reopen Tuesday 4th January 2022.

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 or with settling 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.

We would ask that parents with a query or complaint follow through the correct procedures and contact the school office in the first instance. We would remind parents that it is not appropriate to share information through social media platforms in line with our Online and Acceptable Use Policies which can be found <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/about-us/school-policies/>

Extra layers

As with last academic year, we are asking that children bring an extra jumper/fleece during the winter months. This is not in place of a school jumper or a coat. This is to keep on the back of their chair in the event that classrooms need additional ventilation.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

HSC Public Health Agency

Attendance

You will have received your child's attendance certificate with their report last week. We expect children to attend as much as they can and when they are well enough to do so. However, there are some families who have had a weekly or fortnightly absence. We would not expect children to be absent as often as this. We would ask parents to contact the school office to explain any absences.