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## 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It looks like lots of our families really enjoyed half term. It was lovely to see all of the photos on Tapestry. It has been great to see many more children in full school uniform too after our reminder in the previous newsletter. Our expectations are high for our children and I thank you, as parents and carers, for ensuring that children arrive at school dressed in full school uniform. Please remember that we have a Swap Shop and that it is well stocked with uniform and winter coats. Please contact Rachel C if you would like to order any items.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bernadette

### Reporting to Parents

Staff would usually be looking forward to meet with parents which is not possible this term (please see the letter shared earlier via Tapestry and on the website). Instead you will receive a settling in report as well as your child's attendance record for this term so far. You will receive this report, on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021. These reports will be shared with parents via Tapestry.

### Remembrance Display-Morrison's

Some of our classes have participated in the beautiful display of poppies in Morrison's. We have Remembrance items such as: poppies, wristbands, snap bands etc available to buy from the school office. These items cost between 50p and £1.50.

### Rehome your old toys!

For our After School Club, we are looking to set up different stations for the children to play at. We would be grateful for any dolls, dinosaurs, cars/trucks you may no longer use or need.

Please send these in with your child to pass to Rachel C or Jan. We promise to give them a lovely new home and care for them as much as your children have.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Flu Programme 2021

Please see the link to the information for your child's flu vaccination and to give consent

<https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/69/2021/11/The-Grove-Primary-School-Flu-Parent-Letter-2021-.pdf>

The immunisation team will visit school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

### 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.

## Plant a Tree Project

In response to the climate crisis, Durham County Council are hoping to plant a tree for every school age child in County Durham and we have arranged for someone from Oases (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists) to come into school to work with the children on this. On the 18th November, the children will take part in an assembly in their classes with Alice from Oases. After that, she will work with the two KS1 classes to collect seeds from trees in the school ground. The children will then plant their seeds to start growing their own trees.

If you have any spare small plant pots at home could you please send them in with your child to help with this.

If you have any questions, please let Jillian know.

## P.E. Kits

All children should have a full P.E. kit in school for indoor P.E. lessons. As we go into the winter months, we still intend to use our outdoor spaces for some PE activities. Please can you include a pair of jogging bottoms and a hoody in your child's PE kit. Thank you!

Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
★ 1 🏆	Freddy F	Year 4
2	Ted I	Year 4
3	Jayden W	Year 6
4	Steven T	Year 6
5	Katie S	Year 6

Well done to all of this week's winners!

## Attendance/Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents, there is no entitlement for you to take your child on holiday during term time. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

If you do not apply for leave of absence in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If the Headteacher granted an absence in exceptional circumstances and your child is away for longer than was agreed, any extra time is recorded as unauthorised.

For the past couple of years, we have tried to add our Professional Development Days onto the beginning or end of half term holidays so that parents can book a holiday a day earlier than other schools which could make a difference to holiday costs if travelling abroad. Please see the list of holidays/PD days for 2021/22 [here](#)