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21st January 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Apologies that we did not share a newsletter last week. We did share updates for testing and sharing results instead earlier this week. Please continue to check Tapestry and our website for any further updates.

Just to say, once again, thank you for your patience and continued support as we continue to work through challenging and unprecedented times.

Tapestry

Please continue to use Tapestry to share activities, children's work and experiences. It is lovely to share these with the children's friends in school on the big screens in classrooms. Staff will continue to share experiences and activities from school too.

We would ask that any absences, positive LFD and PCR tests be shared with enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk (this includes weekends too) and not uploaded to Tapestry.

We would also ask that any SEND queries be directed to the SEND@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

If a child has received a positive LFD or PCR test work/activities will be set by the class teacher via Tapestry in line with our Remote Guidelines.

We will endeavour to continue to keep classrooms open but there could be times where we do not have staff well enough to continue with face to face teaching or isolating as a result of a positive test.

Support from School

Please remember if anyone in your household has tested positive and you need additional support.

We can support all of our families with:

- Additional food items
- Toiletries, personal hygiene and sanitary products
- Additional devices to support families with remote education
- Resources to support your child at home (paper, pens and other stationery items)
- Support to buy winter coats and shoes
- Accessing our Swap Shop

If you require any support, please contact enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk or speak to Rachel C via the school mobile.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, please check the information to see if you are entitled to Free School Meals <https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> Please contact the school office and we will be able to complete a check for you.

Traffic along Oakfield Lane

We are continuing to work with our PCSO and would like to remind parents/carers and anyone else dropping children off at our school.

- We kindly ask that parents and carers dropping off and collecting follow the one-way system to alleviate congestion.
- We also ask that cars do not park opposite the school gates so children and families can cross safely.
- We would also ask that you park safely and allow children to get out onto the pavement rather than dropping them off in the middle of the road.
- Parents/carers should adhere to the staggered timings when dropping off (only 8.30am for Nursery and their siblings) and 8.35-8.50am for all other children.
- Please also consider your speed as you drive along Oakfield Lane.
- Lastly, we would ask that parents do not sit for long periods of time, along Oakfield Lane, with their engines running waiting to collect children.

Thank you for your continued support and making drop off and collection times safer!

Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week

Rank	Name	Year Group
☆ 1 🏆	Freddy R	Year 4
2	Tyler B	Year 3
3	Leo R	Year 3
4	Abel W	Year 3
5	Millie R	Year 5

Numbots Leaderboard This Week

☆ 1 🏆	Freddy R	Year 4
2	Leo R	Year 3
3	Taylor C	Year 3
4	Roseanne C	Year 3
5	Courtney-Ann F	Year 3

Winners from last week

This table is our table of winners from last week.

They have all received money for their chart for getting onto the leaderboard.

All children from Year 3 to Year 6 have a login for TTRS. It is a great way to practice times tables every day!

Get Well Soon!

We send lots of love and best wishes to anyone in our community who are feeling unwell. We are also sending lots of love and well wishes to Lynne Elliot and Fiona (our Year 2 teacher) who we miss a lot and hope to see soon; get well soon ladies!

Website

Our class pages have been updated for the Spring term. You will be able to find all of the information for your child's class about what they are learning and when P.E. days are.

Please take a look <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/our-classes/>