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# 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a tough start to 2022 to say the least and a tiring half term for all. I just wanted to say a very huge and grateful thank you for your continued support and patience as we hopefully move to the end of the pandemic. Our school community has had a turbulent couple of years with many changes to how things have happened in school and staff and children have risen to each and every one of those challenges. This time, next week, will be half term and a well-deserved one for us all!

**School will close Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm (there will be no After School Club). School will reopen Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March as Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February is a training day for staff.**

## School Lunch Price Increase-April 2022

We have been informed that the price of a school meal will increase on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of a daily school meal will be £2.20.

There are few changes to the summer menu (which will begin on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April). We will be sharing the summer menus with parents and children after half term.

If your child changes from a school meal to a packed lunch or vice versa, we ask that you give us a week's notice by contacting the school office.

## Nursery Places

Did you know that you can apply for a Nursery place when your child turns two? They will then start on the term after their third birthday. Please see <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/our-classes/nursery/> for admission forms and any additional information.

We would like to remind parents that when they choose our Nursery we would hope that they would apply for a Reception place too. This supports transitions as children use similar routines in Nursery and Reception and will have made relationships and friendships with staff and children too.

Please note that although Nursery education is not statutory we would ask that parents do not request a leave of absence during term time in line with the rest of the school. Staff work hard to prepare resources and interventions so we would ask that Nursery children attend as often as possible.

Our Nursery is more popular than ever. We are starting to fill our places for next academic year. We currently have 2 afternoon places left for this academic year. You can contact the team on [nureseryadmissions@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:nureseryadmissions@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk)

### Support for Parents

Please remember that we can help and support parents in a number of ways.

We can help to provide:

- 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
- Find out whether your family is entitled to Free School Meals
- To speak to someone if you are running behind with payments for school dinners etc

### School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of:

- Red jumper/cardigan with school badge
- Red and white checked summer dresses for girls
- White polo/collared shirt
- Black or grey trousers for boys (optional for girls)
- Black or grey skirt/pinafore dress for girls
- Black flat shoes (Trainers are not permitted)

Our Swap Shop is very well stocked at the minute. Please contact Rachel C via 01207 502938, the school mobile or [pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk) if you would like to receive nearly new items of uniform or any additional support.

Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
☆ 1 🏆	Freddy R	Year 4
2	Alex F	Year 5
3	Jordyn R	Year 6
4	Lucas V	Year 6
5	Leo R	Year 3
Numbots Leaderboard This Week		
☆ 1 🏆	Annia T	Year 1
2	Evie H	Year 1
3	Faith C	Year 1
4	Ella D	Year 1
5	Willow C	Year 4

Last week's Leaderboards with lots of different year group winners! Who will be next week's winners?