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14th October 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and relations at our Harvest Assembly yesterday. We were very proud of all of the children and their fantastic singing! Thank you to all that were able to donate any food for our own food bank and any surplus to Consett Foodbank.

Support for families

We continue to try and support our families in any way we can during these difficult times by continuing to try and keep the cost of the school day down. We are trying different ways to ensure we reach all of our families that need a little extra help throughout the year. Previously, we gave families bags of shopping to cover the school holidays, but sometimes these weren't collected or didn't suit the needs of the families. We are trying to move into having a rolling foodbank type of supply of staple items in school to help everyone 'as and when'. We have devised a form that will be continuously available for families to access food items quickly and easily https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uv_frWSDc02_Oo-YvfENh3ZQyJwiXkNEgQaJ-izrUnVUNVI4QzA3WEFITVRSEFMODFCRDhaRFdBQy4u

Please complete it if you could do with a little extra help - there is no shame in this! Food can be passed over at a convenient time that means the support given remains confidential. If you would prefer to discuss this directly, please speak to Rachel C in school, via the mobile or via email at pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk Thank you!

Open Evening- Monday 17th October 3-5pm

We are looking forward to inviting all of you to our Open Evening on Monday 17th October between 3-5pm. Hopefully, this will allow you to see what your child(ren) have been learning and hear how they have settled in. We ask that all children are dismissed, as usual, at 3pm then parents will be invited to come in via their child's entry point and leave via the pupil entrance.

Nicola and Jillian are involved in staff training from 4pm but other members of staff will be on hand.

If parents are unable to attend and would like to make alternative arrangements, they can let us know via: Tapestry, contacting the school office via phone or email.

Our Hallowe'en Swap Shop will be based in the hall between 3-5pm too.

School Photos- Thursday 20th October 2022

The photographer will visit school next Thursday to take individual photos. They will begin to take photos from 8.45am. Any families with younger siblings can arrive at the school hall doors at 8.45am to have their photos taken. Any afternoon Nursery children can come to the school hall at 8.45am too. Any siblings in school will have their photos taken during the school day.

All children (including Reception) will need to be in full school uniform. Thank you!

Policies

We have updated some of the policies on our website. You can find the new policies

<https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/about-us/school-policies/>

Attendance Certificates

Half termly attendance certificates will be shared via Tapestry, with parents, next week. Our attendance target is 96% for each child. We have updated our Attendance Policy and are keen to identify families who need any support with attending as often as possible.

Attendance Week Beginning 10th October 2022

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1 st Place	Year 3	97.1%
2 nd Place	Year 5	96.3%
3 rd Place	Year 4	95.6%
4 th Place	Year 2 and Year 6	95.5%
6 th Place	Year 1	94.2%
7 th Place	Reception	92.4%
8 th Place	Nursery	89%

Well done Year 3!

TTRS Winners

Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
☆ 1 st 🏆	Amelia O	Year 4
2	Freddy R	Year 5
3	Tyler B	Year 3
4	Leo R	Year 4
5	Ben I	Year 3
Numbots Leaderboard This Week		
☆ 1 st 🏆	Alfie M	Year 5
2	Ben I	Year 3
3	Julia S	Year 2
4	Lincoln C	Year 3
5	Kaden C	Year 5

Well done to all of our winners!

Reception Autumn Walk

Due to some changes, our Autumn walk will be on **Monday 17th October**. Children should wear uniform as usual and have wellies and waterproofs already at school. If your child does not have wellies in school, please send them in on Monday.

The walk will take place during the school day so there is no change to the timings of the day. Children will be accompanied by school staff.

Half-term

School will close on Thursday 20th October at 3pm. There will be no clubs on this day. School will re-open on Monday 31st of October 2022. Please see <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/school-holidays/> for additional holiday dates for this academic year.

Illness

The weather is getting colder and we know that many children have had coughs and colds. We are asked to encourage good hand hygiene to prevent the spread of germs.

The NHS website has guidance of when not to send your child to school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> and we would recommend that parents use this link to support them.

Reception Places- Nursery Parents

Our Reception class has 25 spaces for next academic year. You can apply for your child's Reception place until 15th January 2023 by visiting <https://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces>

We would hope that many of our Nursery parents would choose to apply as children are familiar with routines, staff and friends too!

Secondary Places- Year 6 Parents

Please remember that the deadline to apply for school places is Monday 31st October 2022. If you still need to apply, please do so at <https://www.durham.gov.uk/secondaryschoolplaces>