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## 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Just a few pieces of information to share this week with you all. We would ask you to encourage other parents to read the newsletter that is usually sent on a weekly basis as there is lots of useful information included!

### Headteacher Awards

We have updated our Headteacher certificates to reflect the values that we have in school. Awards will be given for children who are: ambitious, independent, resilient, respectful, inquisitive and persevere in line with our Teaching and Learning Policy too. These will be given out in our Celebration Assembly each Friday.

### Swap Shop

Our Swap Shop has many nearly new items and we would hope as the year progresses that families would request nearly new items of uniform. If you would like to make a request, please contact Rachel C or use this link [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uv\\_fRWSDc02\\_Oo-YvfENh3ZQyJwiXkNEgQaJ-izrUnVUNENPTFJMRkJRMIEzRVZOOEpDN1ZNRIZCRC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uv_fRWSDc02_Oo-YvfENh3ZQyJwiXkNEgQaJ-izrUnVUNENPTFJMRkJRMIEzRVZOOEpDN1ZNRIZCRC4u)

### Non-school Uniform Day

We will continue to hold our non- uniform days on the last Friday of the month (we will have our first one on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September). We would ask that parents pay £1 as we are hoping to raise funds for some new OPAL equipment.

### Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed? Do you think that your child/ren qualify for Free School Meals after checking <https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> Please contact the school office and we can check for you.

### 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.

### Phone Contacts

If parents/carers change their phone number or address, you must inform the school office as soon as possible. We must have contact details in the event of an accident or illness.

### Photographer

The School Photographer will visit school to take individual photos on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. We will provide additional information nearer the time.

### Conduct on school premises

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that some parents have not conducted themselves in the best manner when dropping off/collecting their children. May I remind parents that there are always children around, in the playground, therefore consider what is said between adults as we are all role models for the children of The Grove Primary School.

### Attendance for w/b 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

	Class	%
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 4	99.6%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 5	99.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 3	98.8%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Year 6	96%
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Nursery	95.6%
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Year 2 and Reception	93.8%
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Year 1	93.3%

**Well done Year 4! Our target is 96%**

### Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week

Rank	Name	Year Group
☆ 1 🏆	Freddy R	Year 5
2	Lucy S	Year 3
3	Ben I	Year 3
4	Leo R	Year 4
5	Ted I	Year 5

  

Numbots Leaderboard This Week		
☆ 1 🏆	Alfie M	Year 5
2	Ben I	Year 3
3	Tommy M	Year 5
4	Tommy W	Year 3
5	Sophie R	Year 3

**Well done to all of our winners this week!**

### School Holidays 2022/23- A slight change

In a Tapestry memo, we included this academic year's holidays for 2022/23. I understand that some of the dates were wrong. The mistake has been rectified and you can see the new dates for holidays this year below.

Term	Start	End
Autumn 1 <sup>st</sup> half	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 <b>(school closed from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022)</b>
Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 <b>(school closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022)</b>
Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> half	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 <b>(school closed Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023)</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
Summer 1 <sup>st</sup> half	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 <b>(school closed Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023)</b>
Summer 2 <sup>nd</sup> half	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 <b>(school closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023)</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

The same guidelines apply for parents requesting a holiday during term time and a Leave of Absence form would need to be completed and returned to the school office. We have families request a holiday due to covid but we would like to remind parents that a family holiday is not exceptional circumstances for a leave of absence to be granted.

**Are you looking for a part time job now that your children are back at school?**

**A job that is within school hours and term time only.**

Chartwells are now recruiting for Cooks and Catering Assistants to work in schools across County Durham.

Previous experience is not required, and all training will be given.

We pay the Real Living Wage and offer a wide range of benefits.

If you are interested in joining our team and want to support the health and wellbeing of children and young people during their school day please contact us on 07721503636 or email your CV to [jessica.willis@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:jessica.willis@compass-group.co.uk)

**NORTH EATS**  
So much more than school food.

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Schools

We have been asked to share this advert from Chartwell with our parents.

Our new menus are proving to be very popular with the children and staff too.

It is early days so if you do find that you need to change your child's menu to a different choice, please contact the office as soon as possible.