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30th September 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful way to end a very busy September with our Coffee Afternoon! Thank you to all who were able to come and those who were able to donate cakes and money. We raised a total of £250.94 thanks to the quick counting from Michelle-our Chair of Governors who also helped with our cake stall too.

Reading Get Together

I was absolutely blown away by the turn out at this week's reading get together. It was so lovely to see old and new faces. Like I said we're always here to help with any reading question or problems. I also took on board some of your suggestions and I have attached some things that you requested (please see Tapestry for these resources).

*The sound and the rhyme we use to help children remember the sound.

*Set 1 pictures

*Set 2 and Set 3 pictures

I have started to make the sound cards that some parents/carers have requested and when they are ready you will get them in your child's book bag. I am also compiling a list of games to play on phones and tablets so I have more to follow for you all.

Sorry to anyone who could not make it, but as always if you would like to talk about your child's reading I am happy to help.
Kind regards

Fiona

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor.

School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time.

We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises.

If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return an application form.

A discussion with the Head teacher and/or Chair of Governors would be offered to any interested parent. **Closing date for nominations is 3pm on Friday 14th October 2022.**

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.

Attendance for w/b 26th September 2022

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1 st Place	Year 3	95.5%
2 nd Place	Year 2	94.5%
3 rd Place	Year 5	93.3%
4 th Place	Year 1	93.2%
5 th Place	Year 4	92.8%
	Reception	
7 th Place	Nursery	88%

Well done Year 3! Our target is 96%

Uniform

It is wonderful to see many of our children dressed in full school uniform. We would ask that children wear black school shoes rather than trainers to school in line with our uniform policy

<https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

You can access nearly new uniform items via our Swap Shop by contacting Rachel C or the school office.

Dates so far...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 30 th September	Non uniform day £1 to take part Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.00-2.50pm	Monday 31 st October	School re opens after half term Hallowe'en event organised by School Council (more information to follow)
Monday 3 rd October	Year 2 visit to Kirkley Hall	Thursday 3 rd November	Immunisation Team visiting school
Wednesday 5 th October	Key Stage 1 Road Safety Roadshow	Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly (all welcome) 2.30pm
Monday 10 th October	Mental Health Day (theme is kindness)	W/b 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 13 th October	Harvest Singing Assembly (all welcome) 8.50am	Monday 5 th December	School closed for Professional Development Day
Thursday 13 th October	Nursery Autumn Walk	Monday 12 th December	Year 2 Christingle (all welcome) 2.30pm
Monday 17 th October	Open Evening for all parents 3.00-5.00pm	Tuesday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.00pm
Thursday 20 th October	Individual School Photos School closes for half term at 3.00pm	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	School re opens for Spring term

There are a few additional dates from last week and we will continue to add to these as the term continues. Staff are busy planning Christmas events so we hope to share these next week.

Hallowe'en Swap Shop

Soon our new school council will be sorting out the plans for Hallowe'en 2022. This is the day we return after the October half term (Monday 31st October.)

We have a very well used swap shop and we wondered if this year if anyone had any Hallowe'en costumes that perhaps no longer fit you might like to donate and we can help support some families who might be struggling to get a costume this year?

If you do have anything that you think would be suitable, you can send it in with your child or give to any member of staff.

School Council will be announcing all the plans soon explaining what spooky events we will be taking part in so watch this space!

Open Evening

On Monday 17th October, we would like to give parents the opportunity to visit school and see how the children have settled in (have a look at books) and their classrooms too. This event will take place between 3.00-5.00pm and parents can enter and leave school via their child's entry point. We hope that lots of our parents will be able to come and the event will be well attended. Staff will be on hand to show parents around and have a quick chat; we would ask that any parent who might have questions or concerns to make an appointment for a different day.