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4th November 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic first week back it has been. It was unusual to be in school for Hallowe'en but how fantastic did all of the children look and the teachers too! We also had a fun but informative assembly led by Red Watch from Consett Fire Station. We would like to thank them for taking the time out, of their busy shift, to help us all stay safe.

It has been wonderful to welcome more visitors back to school and we are looking forward to welcoming more. If you have ideas of anyone who would like to visit us, please send us an email/Tapestry memo.

Cost of Living

Have a look at <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/> to see if your family could be entitled to save some money over the next coming months. We are hoping to continue to support families via:

- Our School Swap Shop
- Food Bank within school
- Free breakfast for those families entitled to FSM and £1 for working families
- Sanitary products

Please see <https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/community/supporting-families-information/> for how to request. Alternatively, please contact Rachel Crowe via pastoral@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Your circumstances may have changed and you may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please contact the school office if you think that you could be entitled and we can complete a check for you.

Volunteers

Could you give an afternoon to support in school perhaps listening to children read? If you would be interested, please contact the school office on 01207 502938.

Clubs

Apologies, Basketball will run every Wednesday and not Thursday as stated in a previous newsletter. We still have spaces in OPAL for any Year 3-6 children. Please contact the school office if your child would like to take part.

Parking outside on Oakfield Lane

You will have seen that we have new double yellow lines on Oakfield Lane to show where parking is not permitted. Please remember to park before allowing you child(ren) to leave the vehicle.

Attendance for w/b 31st October 2022

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1 st Place	Year 5	98.9%
2 nd Place	Year 4	96.5%
3 rd Place	Year 1	96.3%
4 th Place	Year 2	95.4%
5 th Place	Reception	95.2%
6 th Place	Year 3	94.4%
7 th Place	Year 6 Nursery	90.5%

Well done Year 5! Our target is 96%

Recruitment Day

Please see the attached flyer from Vision Education that we have been asked to share with our families.

Remembrance Assembly

A Remembrance Assembly will be held on Friday 11th November at 2.30pm (after EYFS Parents' Phonics Session).

Poppies will still be on sale next week.

Children in Need- November 18th 2022

Friday 18th November is Children in Need and this year they are launching:

'The Great SPOTACULAR event.'

School council have decided that they would like us to take part.

As Children in Need is a charity, we would like to try and raise a little bit of money, however we are very aware of the rising cost of living and know that this is also an expensive time of year.

We would therefore like you to only donate

SMALL AMOUNTS OF LOOSE CHANGE. Each class will have a large Pudsey Bear face and the hope is that we can fill his spotty bandana with small coins. These small amounts will then add up to a larger donation.

This will also be a non-uniform day and children can wear bright colours or something spotty (to go with the theme if they would like to, such as spotty socks, a spotty bobble, a spotty T-Shirt etc.) **PLEASE DO NOT BUY ANYTHING FOR THIS DAY**, but if you already have some Pudsey themed/children in need clothing these can be worn on the day.

During the day children in each class will take part in activities to raise awareness of the charity and the work it does to support children and their families.

If you would like more information on Children in Need visit www.bbc.co.uk/cin

Communication with school

You can always check events and pass messages to staff via members of staff on each one of our entrance points or with staff at the end of the day. We would ask that you let staff safely dismiss children first and then approach them to find information out.

There, however, might be occasions where you may need to speak to the class teacher confidentially about a concern or query that might take additional time. We would ask that you contact the school office and make an appointment in the first instance. Thank you.

Sickness

As we move into the darker colder months, we are starting to see more children absent due to illness. Please see the information about when your child can return to school after illness by clicking the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We hope that the information is useful.