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10th March 2023 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!

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

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.

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.

Co-Opted Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Co-Opted Governor. Do you know someone with the following skills? 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 (please see the attached advert for additional information).

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.

Mobile Phones

We would ask that children do not bring mobile phones even if they are walking to school or going to a relative's house after school. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Strike Action

You will have received a letter regarding Strike Action earlier this week. School will be partially closed and only open to **Reception and Year 2** on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.

Attendance for w/b 6th March 2023

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1st Place	Year 2	97.7%
2 nd Place	Year 5	95.2%
3 rd Place	Year 6	93.3%
4 th Place	Year 1	91.2%
5 th Place	Year 3	89.6%
6 th Place	Reception	89.2%
7 th Place	Year 4	85.8%
8 th Place	Nursery	83.3%

Well done Year 2! Our target is 96%

Leaderboards

Times Tables Rockstars Leaderboard This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Freddy R	Year 5
2	Tyler B	Year 4
3	Ewan A	Year 5
4	Willow C	Year 5
5	Courtney-Ann F	Year 4

Numbots Leaderboard This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
1	Ruby-Lynn R	Year 4
2	Alfie M	Year 5
3	Corben M	Year 5
4	Lillie V	Year 1
5	Oliver Jackson	Year 4

Well done to all of our winners this week!

School Holidays 2023/24

In a previous newsletter, we included PD days for 2023/24. We have included all of the holidays for next academic year below.

Term	Start	End
Autumn 1 st half	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Thursday 26 th October 2023 (school closed from Friday 27 th October until Monday 6 th November 2023)
Autumn 2 nd half	Monday 6 th November 2023	Wednesday 20 th December 2023 (school closed Friday 1 st December 2023)
Spring 1 st half	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Thursday 15 th February 2024 (school closed from Friday 16 th February until Monday 26 th February 2023)
Spring 2 nd half	Monday 26 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024 (school closed Friday 29 th March until Monday 15 th April 2024)
Summer 1 st half	Monday 24 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024 (school closed Monday 6 th May 2024)
Summer 2 nd half	Tuesday 4 th June 2024 (school closed Monday 3 rd June 2024)	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

Break the Rules Day- Friday 17th March 2023

As part of Comic relief on FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, School Council have decided that they would like the children to pay £1 (on Parent Pay as school fund) to break one school uniform rule. But shhh, it's a secret!!

Children aren't going to tell the adults what uniform rule they are breaking. School council came up with some suggestions of what you could do. You can choose ONE of the following (or think of your own rule to break!)

You might:

- wear your trainers,
- come with a crazy hair style
- change your hair colour (temporary hair dye,)
- wear crazy socks or leggings or tracksuit bottoms,
- wear face paint,
- wear your jumper inside out or back to front,
- wear hair accessories (cap, hat, a BIG bow)
- wear a non-uniform top

Adults in each class will try to guess the rule your child has broken.

During the day, children will also learn about Comic Relief and find out how the money we raise will help others.

Money raised will go towards the Comic Relief.

We look forward to guessing the rules that have been broken.

Nicola