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19th May 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy but productive week at The Grove Primary School. Next week sees the start of our Summer term visits with Year 4 going to Whitley Bay. We hope that the weather is kind to the classes venturing out and hope that the sun continues to shine for the rest of the term!

Well done to our Reception children who made it all the way to Blackhill Park as part of their sponsored walk. Thank you to all of the generous sponsorship donations too. These will go towards subsidising the visit to Blue Reef Aquarium and improving their outdoor area.

The Great Get Together- Friday 23rd June 2023

Every year we take part in The Great Get Together inspired by Jo Cox. This year we will celebrate on Friday 23rd June from 1:00pm. This is an event where we bring the whole The Grove Primary School community together.

We always hope for lovely weather and will be having an outdoor picnic. You are welcome to bring along chairs, blankets and a picnic to join in. We will have lots of activities for the children to take part in. In the event of poor weather, we will have a plan B!

We are hoping to give lots of notice for those who would like to come along. Don't worry if you are unable to make it children will still celebrate with their classes. We will share more information in the next few weeks of how the event will run.

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.

School will issue an annual report on July 14th and you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in the final week.

In the meantime, there could be an occasion 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

Can you help?-OPAL

Currently, our OPAL loose parts/ den building area is popular. We are always on the search for things to further enhance this! If you have any of the following that you could donate the children would be so excited:

Pallets, tyres, wooden boards, drainpipes, ropes, plastic sheeting and tree branches

Thanks for the support!

This week's Leader boards can be found on Tapestry- Well done to all our winners!

Attendance for w/b 15th May 2023

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1st Place	Reception Year 2	98%
2 nd Place	Year 5	96%
3 rd Place	Year 4 Year 6	93.3%
4 th Place	Year 3	93%
5 th Place	Nursery	90.4%
6 th Place	Year 1	88.5%

Well done Reception and Year 2! Our target is 96%

Punctuality

Nursery children (morning + 30 hours) and siblings should arrive promptly at 8.30am before the register closes at 8.35am. The gate will then be open to all other children from 8.35am. All other children must arrive in time for the register closing at 8.50am.

If your child is late, they will receive a L code. If a child arrives after 9.05am, this will be recorded as a U and will affect the percentage recorded on your child's report. We know that there are unexpected events that may cause families to be late but we would ask all of our families to arrive on time as far as possible.

Next week events...

Year 2 SATs

Year 2 will have their SATs next week. Children will take these as part of the school day so will not need to attend school any earlier than usual but all children will be entitled to a free breakfast this week! Pupils can arrive between 8-8.10am via the pupil entrance.

School Photographer

The school photographer will visit school on Wednesday 24th May. The photographer will take class photos in the school. If your child attends Afternoon Nursery, they can arrive at the hall doors- at 9am- to have their photograph taken. For all other classes photographs will be taken during the school day.

Year 4 Visit to Whitley Bay

On Monday 22nd May 2023, Year 4 will be having a trip to our local coast at Whitley Bay, looking for signs of erosion, different ways the coastline is made up and how humans have shaped the landscape. They will need the following things for school that day:

comfortable shoes, a coat, a backpack to store all their things in, packed lunch (unless being provided for by school), water bottle, non-uniform suitable for a trip to the coast, a FULL change of clothes and shoes, a towel (hopefully we get on to the beach) and Sun lotion.

We will be going whatever the weather, so children need to be prepared for every eventuality. Hopefully, the weather will be kind and the children can have some time playing and exploring the beach. They can also bring some pocket money (no more than £5) that they can spend. As part of our class treat- this term- that the children save their pennies for, they can earn the chance to have free time on the beach.

We are asking for a contribution of £5 for the trip. If this could please be paid via Parent Pay by Friday 19th May, or if you have difficulty meeting the cost of this visit then please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch by phone 01207 502938 or email enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Year 1 Greek Party

Year 1 parents are invited to take part in a Greek Party on Thursday 25th May from 2pm. Parents who are available to attend can enter through the pupil gates at 1.55pm.

Non- uniform day- Friday 26th May

Our next non-uniform day is Friday 6th May. Instead of children paying £1 to take part, we are asking for bars of chocolate. This is to create a Chocolate Tombola as part of The Great Get Together on Friday 23rd June.

Half-term Holidays

School will close for the half-term holidays on Friday 26th May. School will reopen on Tuesday 6th June (school will be closed on Monday 5th June for a Professional Development Day).