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13th July 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have decided to share our weekly newsletter a day earlier than usual just so that parents had plenty of notice for the last few events of the school year.

Non uniform day- Friday 14th July 2023

Our last non-uniform day is tomorrow. We ask for a small donation of £1 which helps to keep the cost of school visits and experiences down for children. Thank you!

Reports- Friday 14th July 2023

Reports will be shared via Tapestry- tomorrow- by your child's class teacher. Your child's report will contain a percentage for attendance but if you would like a copy of your child's attendance certificate, please contact the school office. There is a link attached if you would like to make an appointment, next week, to speak to your child's class teacher. The appointments will be between 3.00-5.00pm Monday 17th July to Thursday 20th July.

Street Games- Monday 17th July 2023

As part of our 'Movement Mondays' during July your child will be taking part in Street games with an AE sports coach on MONDAY 17TH JULY.

Your child can come dressed in their PE kit or sports clothing that day.

Year 6 Assembly- Wednesday 19th July at 1.30pm

We would ask that parents arrive from 1.15pm (via pupil entrance) on Wednesday 19th July if they are coming to the Year 6 Assembly. There is limited space in the hall and Year 6 children and any siblings can leave after the assembly. Parents will be asked to wait outside while children are being dismissed.

After School Club/Breakfast Club

The last day for our After School Club will be Thursday 20th July until 4.30pm. There will be no After School Club on Friday 21st July.

Breakfast and After School Club will return on Tuesday 5th September 2022 when the school opens after the summer holidays. The form for After School Club will be sent out on Friday 1st September 2023.

Please remember that there will be an increase, in cost, for After School Club sessions from September. It will be £5.00 from 3.15-4.15pm and £7.50 from 3.15pm-4.30pm.

Playgroup

Tomorrow will be our last playgroup session for this academic year. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers and staff who continue to make our Community Playgroup a success. We hope that you all have a well-deserved rest over the summer holidays!

Book bags

Our red book bags are compulsory for all children (including Nursery). We ask for book bags because these can be easily stored and is the best way to transport reading books and any work completed by your child/ren. These can be ordered <https://totstoteams.com/schools/the-grove-primary-school>

School dinners

From September, a daily school dinner will cost £2.50 (weekly £12.50 paid via ParentPay). Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are all entitled to a Free School Meal through the Universal Free School Entitlement.

Some families, throughout school, could be entitled to Free School meals if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Universal Credit with an annual earnings threshold that does not exceed £7,400.
- Income Support.
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (provided a parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

For more information please see <https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

If your circumstances have changed, we can check if you are entitled to Free School Meals.

PD Days next academic year- 2023/24

Children will return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023. The following days are Professional Development days for staff and school will be closed on the following dates: **Monday 4th September 2023, Friday 27th October 2023, Monday 1st December 2023, Friday 16th February 2024 and Monday 3rd June 2024.**

Some of these dates have been added to half term holidays so that families can take advantage of hopefully having a cheaper holiday which will mean fewer families requesting a Leave of Absence.

SATs results

SATS results were sent to Year 6 parents and will be shared with Year 2 parents along with reports tomorrow. We are very proud of all the children, staff and their results- it just shows that all of the hard work pays off!

Cancer Run

Well done to all of the children and staff who took part in Monday's Cancer Run. We are still counting and can still take donations of loose change. The initial total is £169 raised- thank you everyone!

Tapestry

Please continue to add any adventures and experiences over the summer holidays as it would be great to see what all of our families get up to!

Our email will continue to be monitored on a weekly basis (each Friday) so you can still contact us via enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Rachel C will still have access to our school mobile too.