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20th October 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and relations at our Harvest Assembly earlier this week. We were very proud of all of the children and their fantastic singing! Thank you for the very generous donations for our own food bank and any surplus to Consett Foodbank.

We would hope that families who need any support with food, uniform and sanitary products let us know as soon as possible as we know how difficult this time of year can be.

Well done to all of the year groups who have been out and about this half-term. We have had some lovely feedback about how well-behaved and how well-mannered children were on their visits- it is fantastic news to hear!

Open Evening- Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October 3.15-5pm

We are looking forward to inviting all of you to our Open Evening on Monday and Tuesday 23rd and 24th October between 3.15-5pm. Hopefully, this will allow you to see what your child(ren) have been learning and hear how they have settled in. We ask that all children are dismissed, as usual, at 3.15pm. Any parents with an appointment between 3.15 and 3.30pm can enter via the hall. We would ask that all other parents with later appointments arrive and leave through the Main Office door. If parents are unable to attend and would like to make alternative arrangements, they can let us know via: Tapestry, contacting the school office via phone or email.

Rockstars and Robots Day- Thursday 26th October 2023

Next week, before half-term we will be promoting TTRS and Numbots in school and would like to end the week with having a Rockstars and Robots Day (non-uniform). Children can dress as a robot or rockstar for the day as part of TTRS/Numbots week.

Half-term holidays-Thursday 26th October 2023

School will close on Thursday 26th October at 3.15pm. There will be no clubs on this day. School will re-open on Monday 6th November 2023. Please see

<https://www.thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/schoolholidays/> for additional holiday dates for this academic year.

Remembrance Assembly- November 10th at 2.30pm

Our Remembrance Assembly will be led by our Year 6 children on Friday 10th November at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly and can enter via the pupil entrance from 2.30pm.

Autumn Disco-Monday 13th November 3.25-4.30pm

Our Autumn Disco in November does not finish until 4:30pm. As it will be dark at this time, ALL children will need to be collected at 4:30pm. They should be collected at their usual dismissal point. Children will not be allowed to walk home themselves even if they normally do so.

Tickets will go on sale- via ParentPay- on Monday 23rd (12pm) and will be £3 per child or £6 for a family.

School Council focus on Rewards

Our School Council have been working hard, behind the scenes, with the task of improving our rewards in school. They have had many good ideas and would like to introduce all of the following rewards after half-term. They are going to trial the ideas working closely with staff and classes to ensure that they get feedback about what is working well and anything that needs rethinking.

Attendance

- Top table every Friday- in the hall- for the class with the best attendance.
- Certificates at the end of every half term for those who have 96+% attendance and a treat for those with 100%.

Birthday

- If it is your birthday have an extra non-uniform day (if they wish) and get a sticker on their birthday. Your birthday might fall on a weekend so choose to wear non-uniform the Friday before or the Monday after.

Positive choices

- We want to reward those children who make positive choices more- being well behaved, good manners, helping out, being kind, holding a door open, trying hard, persevering etc. Children would receive a raffle ticket and could win a prize from the raffle box (there will be a box for EYFS/ KS1 and KS2).

Facebook Consent

We have had 88 responses to our form for Facebook consent which is fantastic! If you have missed the link, you can click the link to complete <https://forms.office.com/e/BXpLQp4W7L>

Hallowe'en Colouring Competition

We have extended the deadline for our Hallowe'en competition until Monday 23rd October for any last minute entries! You can find the pictures by searching colouring competition on Tapestry.

Cold/Wet weather

The weather is feeling certainly Autumnal and getting colder and wetter. Children are asked to have a pair of wellies- in school- for outdoor learning and play. These are kept on their year group's welly store. Thank you!

Cypad- new lunch ordering system

We have introduced a new system for children choosing their school lunch via Cypad. Children choose their lunch during registration which will help us to cut down on food waste and allow children the freedom to choose on the day. New menus will be shared, with parents, via Tapestry for after half term.

Attendance

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1st Place	Year 2	96.9%
2 nd Place	Year 1	95.4%
3 rd Place	Year 4	93.2%
4 th Place	Year 3	92.3%
5 th Place	Year 5	90.4%
6 th Place	Year 6	89.1%
7 th Place	Reception	88%
8 th Place	Nursery	80.6%

Well done Year 2!

It is important that your child attends school as often as they can and when they are well enough to do so.

We remind parents that Leave of Absences cannot be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances and this will have an affect on your child's attendance record.

If a child's attendance, falls below 90% they are considered persistent absentees.

Any appointment during the school day will need to be emailed to school or seen by a member of staff so they can be coded correctly on registers. Thank you