



8th December 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It's starting to feel a lot like Christmas at school. Our Early Years Children were the first to perform and didn't they do a marvellous job; they were all super stars! We look forward to our Year 1 and Year 2 children taking to the stage on Tuesday and I am sure they will rise to the challenge too.

Our Choir were out and about entertaining those at Tesco and were a credit to their teachers (Giovanna, Jo and Lindsay) braving the rain and raised a fantastic £159.36.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful weekend and cannot believe that there is 7 school days until the Christmas holidays!

Get Well Soon Rachel C

We are sending lots of well wishes and a speedy recovery to Rachel C. Yesterday, Rachel had an operation on her ankle which was not just broken but dislocated too. Take care and rest Rachel and we will see you when you are much better.

Swimming Sessions- Spring term 2024

Children- in Year 6- will have their final swimming session on Wednesday 13th December 2023. We will be offering additional swimming sessions for those, in Year 6, to help them reach end of Key stage 2 expectations with the Year 5 children after the holidays. We will send a letter to parents if we feel your child would benefit from the additional sessions.

Year 5 children will begin their swimming sessions on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 (the first day back after the Christmas holidays).

Appointments

We would ask parents-where possible- to arrange appointments outside of the school day. We understand that this isn't always possible so if a child's appointment is during the school day a member of staff needs to see the appointment card so appointments can be recorded correctly on registers.

Alternatively, appointment cards/proof of appointments can be emailed to enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

All children can wear their Christmas Jumpers to school on Wednesday 13th December. This is in place of their normal school jumper.

We look forward to lunch and seeing everyone's festive jumpers!

PLEASE REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT 3.15PM ON TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Winter Vouchers

Families entitled to Free School Meals should have received their winter voucher. Any family where circumstances have changed and you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, we can do a check for you. The easiest way to do this is by contacting the school office.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
W/b Monday 11 th December	last week for Autumn Enrichment Clubs
Tuesday 12 th December	Y1/2 Nativity in the hall @9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December	Reception Stay and Play @2pm
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day for all
Tuesday 19 th December	Whole School Carol Concert 2.15pm (all welcome)
Tuesday 19 th December (No After School Club)	School closes for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	School re-opens for Spring term

Attendance w/b 4th December 2023

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
First Place	Year 2	98.1%
Second Place	Year 1	96.2%
Third Place	Year 3	95.6%
Fourth Place	Reception	93.4%
Fifth Place	Nursery	92.0%
Sixth Place	Year 6	90.9%
Seventh Place	Year 5	90.8%
Eighth Place	Year 4	89.2%

This week Year 6 were the worthy top table winners! Well done to Year 6.

Next week it will be Year 2's turn.

Our target- for each child, is 96%

Christmas Fayre- 14th December 2023

Our Christmas Fayre will take place next Thursday. School Council are going to host games, for children, in the hall after lunch. Parents are welcome to collect their child at 2.45pm, at their dismissal point, to browse the stalls. Any child not collected can be collected- as usual- at 3.15pm. Our Christmas Fayre will stay open until 4pm.

All money raised will go to School Fund and subsidise/pay for school visits and experiences. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Clubs for Spring term 2024

We are hoping to have a list of possible Spring Enrichment Clubs next week. We will share these with parents and they can request a place via Microsoft Forms.

ParentPay

Please ensure that all money owed is paid before the Christmas holidays. If you have any difficulty, please contact the school office and we will be able to support. This can be on 01207 502938 or via enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk

Swap Shop

Our Swap Shop is well stocked with a variety of nearly new uniform and we have a selection of winter coats too. Parents are not able to come and browse at the minute but if you can tell us sizes then we can let you know what we have available. Thanks to Rachel C and Tina stock is well organised and readily available too. Thank you, ladies, another fantastic service that our families can access!