



The Grove School Newsletter



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17th Christmas Lunch

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January

3rd & 4th Inset Day

7th – School opens for Spring Term

Dear Parents

Welcome back to this half term. I hope that you all managed to have a relaxing half term and catch up with friends and family.

I hope everyone managed to enjoy some fireworks over the weekend. For me Bonfire Night marks the start of winter. As the days are getting shorter and the nights longer please make sure that you and your children have lights on your bikes and are wearing something bright so that you can be seen. Keep safe.

This half term will be busy as we countdown to Christmas. Please do add the key dates to your calendar to ensure that you don't miss out on any of our events this term.

Kind regards
Karen Martin

Children in Need day is coming up and the school parliament have decided to organise an exciting event to raise money. Children in Need is a charity which supports and helps disadvantaged children and young people across the whole of the UK, your money will help children who are desperately in need. We, The Grove School Parliament, have discussed in class council and then voted to hold a **pyjama day** to raise funds. Everyone can join in! You can come to school in your pyjamas and bring your teddy or soft toy. Come to school in your normal shoes but if you wish you can also bring your slippers and dressing gowns to wear during lesson times. All types of pyjamas are welcome. If you don't want to wear pyjamas, just come to school in your normal uniform.

Pyjama Day Thursday 17th November 2018

Please visit the website for the school annual diary



On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the country joins together to observe a Two Minute silence. Armistice Day on 11th November marks the end of the First World War and is a day to remember and honour all people who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. As a school we will be participating in the Two Minute silence as part of a special Remembrance Assembly led by Year 5 pupils. Our school parliament will be selling poppies in the gazebo between 8.45am and 9.00am every morning this week. If you would like your child to purchase one please send them into school with a donation.

Attachments



Pyjamas 50p



Teddy 50p

Thank you for supporting this great cause!

The Grove Primary School
Parliament



Our Value for this half term

RESPECT

“Treat people the way you want to be treated.

Talk to people the way you want to be talked to.

Respect is earned, not given.”

Hussein Nishah

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Flu Vaccinations – 14th November 2018

The NHS are again providing free flu vaccinations for all pupils in Reception to Year 5.

The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free – a big advantage for children – the nasal spray is quick, painless, and works even better than the injected flu vaccine.

The vaccine is absorbed very quickly. It will still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose.

We recently emailed a link to enable you to give your consent for your child to have the vaccination. If you do not access the website to give your consent your child will not be given the vaccination. To give your consent please click on this link:

<https://immunisation.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Flu?id=2a19d761-24bf-4dec-9643-64d4a7f8c123>

Please note the portal closes on 7th November 2018

First Lego League

First Lego League is a global science and technology challenge, during which teams of students aged between nine and 16 build and programme an autonomous robot, using a Lego Mindstorm kit.

We are very lucky to be one of three of this year's sponsored teams: NCA and The Grove and Shirley primary schools met on Monday and the 30 students had a chance to start building their Lego kits and programming their Lego robots.

The Cambridge regional tournament will be held at the University of Cambridge's Department of Engineering on Tuesday, January 15.



EYFS OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2019?

We are holding open days for prospective parents of Reception children. If you have a child starting school next year or know of someone who does, please do let them know and come along to see what is happening at The Grove.

The sessions will be on

21st November 9.15am -10.30am

27th November 2.00pm—3.00pm

6th December 9.15am—10.30am

Attendance

We have some very exciting news! We will be starting a new attendance monitoring system this half term based on Mr Potato Head!

Each class will have their own head, which will be kept in the display cupboard outside the big hall. Classes will have the opportunity to add pieces to their head each week, depending on the level of their attendance- this will either be announced during celebration assemblies or by attendance monitors, who will take the class head to the classroom on a Friday afternoon to add a piece if earned.

We have had a launch assembly which included a visit from Mr Potato Head himself!

Mr Potato Head will also be making early morning visits to our playgrounds, later on in this term, to encourage punctual arrival at school- watch out for more information about this later!



CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!



30th November – Christmas Decoration Day
 11th December – Arbury Court Lights switch on
 12th December – KS1 Nativity

14th December – KS2 – Christmas Carol Service
 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day
 17th December – Christmas Lunch

19th December -2.15pm School closes for Christmas holidays

PITSTOP BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our before and after school club is becoming very popular, this unfortunately means that quite often there are no spaces if parents are booking at short notice. Please ensure that you contact school as soon as you know that you will be needing a place for your child, preferably by telephone so that we can confirm if a place is available. Please do not book places over the weekend as we cannot guarantee a place will be available on a Monday morning. We are looking at different on line booking systems which will help with these issues.

School Meals

Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal.

Year 3 – 6 meals cost £2.25 per day.

Children can have soup and then choose from two main courses, a jacket potato/pasta. A dessert, fruit, yoghurt and cheese and biscuits are available each day.

Please encourage your child to have one of our delicious lunches

SNAPSHOTS OF THE GROVE



Safeguarding

Ms Martin is the designated lead for child protection and safeguarding at The Grove.

There are 3 deputy leads for child protection – they are: Mrs Hardy, Miss Owen and Mrs Courtney.

Please speak to any of these people if you have any concerns.