



Miss Shaw's Newsletter

Dear children and families,

Another busy week flies by.

I cannot believe that we have just one more week until the ½ term break. Although there seems to be a lot of discussion around a two week closure for schools, encompassing the ½ term break, this has not been confirmed so, as things stand, our term dates are as we planned (as a reminder: half term is Monday 26th – Friday 30th October, and Monday 2nd November is an INSET Day).

By the end of October, parents of children in Year 6 must have applied for a Secondary School place. It is really important that you complete this form as, if you don't your child will not be allocated a school place for next September. If you need any advice, please contact Mrs Bramley through the school office.

I have had some further questions about Christmas. We will not be able to host a school Nativity performance this year so we are busy planning an alternative! Ideas are still in their early stages - so watch this space. We will be having our usual Christmas Decoration Day in school although sadly, again, we will not be able to open this up to parents/carers joining us and the children will have to remain in their bubbles.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

Miss Shaw

Red Hen and Chris O'Reilly.

Many of you will know Chris, who lives in our local area, and some of you will have had the privilege of working with her and Red Hen. Chris has had a difficult year and will be retiring from her role with Red Hen on the 24th October 2020. If you would like to send a message or a card, then the team at Red Hen would love to hear from you and their address is:

Red Hen
51, Cambridge Road
Milton
CB24 6AW

We were also thrilled to hear this week that Chris has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honour List. She has worked tirelessly within the community and I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations, thanks and best wishes for her retirement.





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Parent/carer meetings this term

Just another reminder! You should have received a letter about how to book a time to have a phone call with your child's class teacher. We are not yet able to offer you a virtual meeting but hope to be in this position for our next set of meetings.

Class	Date/times	
Kestrel	Monday 19 th October 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Tuesday 20 th October 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Eagle	Monday 19 th October 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Tuesday 20 th October 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Woodpecker	Monday 19 th October 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Tuesday 20 th October 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Kingfisher	Monday 19 th October 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Tuesday 20 th October 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Kiwi	Wednesday 21 st October 4.30pm – 7.00pm	Thursday 22 nd October 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Ostrich	Wednesday 21 st October 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Thursday 22 nd October 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Flamingo	Wednesday 21 st October 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Thursday 22 nd October 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Wren	Tuesday 3 rd November 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Wednesday 4 th November 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Duckling	Tuesday 3 rd November 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Wednesday 4 th November 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Gosling	Tuesday 3 rd November 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Wednesday 4 th November 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Aviary	Tuesday 3 rd November 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Wednesday 4 th November 4.30pm – 7.00pm

SECONDARY TRANSITIONS 2021 – DEADLINE APPROACHING

All year 6 parents can now start to apply for a Secondary School for next September. You need to have done this by **the 31st October 2020**. It is vitally important you complete this online form as without it your child will not be allocated a school place for Year 7. You will receive your offer on the 2nd March 2021. If you have any issues, please let the office know and we will do what we can to help you.

You will need to log into the Citizen Portal to make your application and the link to the website is:
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

If you do not wish to do the application online, paper application forms are available on request if you call 0345 045 1370. Any students that have deferred places must apply via a paper application as the portal will not accept their date of birth for this transfer group.

If you have any questions about the application or online processes please refer to the booklet on their website **"Next Steps - Starting Secondary School; a guide for parents 2021-22"**.

Please check the secondary school's websites for their virtual tours and more information.

Please remember that you need to apply for a place – your child in Year 6 will not automatically get a place at Secondary School. If you need any help, please contact the school office and Mrs Bramley, our Family Support Worker will get in touch with you. She will also be contacting families who have not made an application to offer help.



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Parent Governor Applications

We are still looking to fill this vacancy. If you are interested please contact the school office. The closing date for any applications is Monday 19th October at 3pm.

A message from our School Family Worker, Laura Bramley

This year has been exceptionally challenging for everyone. At the Grove we aim not only to support our students but their families and the wider community.

We are always aiming to improve the support service we can offer to families and as such I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you the details of what we can do to help.

We can assist you in self referring to the Cambridge food bank.

Our PTFA hold a store of good quality used school uniform. For a small donation, for any amount of your own choice, uniform can be provided - including some school shoes. Additionally we have a clothes bank in school that holds a stock of shoes and casual clothes (non-school uniform items) for children of all ages. We are also a collection and distribution point for 'Coats for kids'. We can provide clean, good quality, used coats to children who require a coat or may have outgrown their previous one.

We can assist families on low income by sourcing electronic devices to assist children with schoolwork.

We work closely with organisations such as the Red Hen Project, Young Carers, and The Beesom Project and can refer your family for additional support should we jointly agree this would benefit your family.

We have strong links with our local Neighbourhood Policing Team and can assist you in making contact with the Police and/or support agencies if you are experiencing Domestic Abuse.

We aim to ensure your children are able to thrive during their time with us at the Grove. If you feel you and your family would benefit from any of the support we can offer please make contact – you can send a message via the school office and I will get in touch.

Laura Bramley, Family Worker



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Achievement Assembly for this week will be held on Monday 19th October and the names of Rosette winners will be published in next Friday's newsletter.