



Grove Road Primary School

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Newsletter 10

June 2016

As we approach the end of another school year, we are writing to you with a series of updates and details including staffing for next year.

School Uniform

Parents have requested reminders and clarification regarding school uniform. A summary of expectations and guidance is available on the school website.

http://www.groveroad.herts.sch.uk/about_our_school/school_rules.html

If you have any questions the team in the school office will be happy to help. Uniform items can be ordered via the Mapac link on the school website. August is their busiest period and orders can take up to 6 weeks to arrive during peak season. To have guaranteed delivery by September, orders must be placed by the end of term

Dates for
the Diary:

- 30/6 Parent Questionnaire opens
- 30/6 Open Evening
- 5/7 1CL Assembly
- 5/7 Y5/6 Performance
- 6/7 Y5/6 Performance
- 7/7 Going Unplugged Day
- 11/7 Reports home
- 14/7 Early Years Sports (9:30-10:30am)
- 15/7 Y1-Y6 Sports Day 9:15-11:00am Round Robin 1:15pm KS2 Competitive
- Parent Questionnaire closes
- 18/7 Y6 to Tring Sch
- 19/7 Y6 to Tring Sch
- 19/7 Class swaps/Meet the Teacher
- 21/7 Reserve date for Sports Day
- 21/7 KS2 Pyjama party
- Y6 Leavers Disco
- 22/7 Term finishes at 1:30pm
- Term resumes 5th September

E-SAFETY



We just wanted to thank you for your participation in the E-Safety Curriculum workshops last term. The providers commented that we had the highest turn out they had ever had. A reflection of your engagement and support to keep the children safe on-line. Please don't forget that there are a range of useful resources on our school website to support you and the children.

http://www.groveroad.herts.sch.uk/e_safety.html

The articles are provided by Parent Info. Parent Info is a collaboration between The Parent Zone and CEOP.

Don't forget Open Evening on Thursday 30th June. School will be open between 4:30pm and 6:30pm for you to visit classes and teachers. Always a lovely opportunity to come along and celebrate the progress made by your children this year.

FOG will be hosting their annual book fair in the KS2 dining room for you to come and browse on Thursday evening and at drop off time on Friday.



Applying For Free School Meals For Year 3 Onwards

If you have a child moving from Year 2 to Year 3 and think you are entitled to free school meals, you will need to apply. Once an application has been made there will be no need to reapply as this will be done automatically each year as part of the renewals process (if they are still showing as eligible).

Please log on to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply. Sharon Wheeler in the school finance office will be happy to provide further guidance if you have any questions.

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Staff Changes for 2016/17

There are a number of changes to staffing for next year. We will be saying a fond farewell to several colleagues and we want to wish them all well and thank them for their wonderful contributions to Grove Road. We are fully staffed for September and will be welcoming some fabulous new staff.

Leadership Changes

Kate Kellner will be leaving Grove Road at the end of this term. Kate joined us as Deputy Head in January 2012 and has been a driving force in our school improvement journey. Kate is an immensely talented leader who I have had the privilege to work with in various guises since 2004. She did the most fabulous job of leading the school in my absence last term and we are really going to miss her. Kate has worked tirelessly for the school, but has now made the difficult decision to leave Grove Road so that she can spend more time with her family as well as undertaking some consultancy work for the Local Authority. I am enormously grateful to Kate for all she has done and the contributions she has made.

Farewell also to...

Caroline Oakley will be leaving at the end of this term. A much loved member of the Foundation Stage team, Caroline is taking time to be with her family and will hand the reins to Katie Collins who will be Phase Leader in Foundation Stage.

Lucy Bassil will be moving to a school in Great Missenden from September, while Kelly Butterfield, one of our KS1 support staff, is re-locating to start a new venture.

Jane Dawson, our school Bursar retires this summer having done the most marvellous job of managing the school finances since 1996. Working quietly behind the scenes, Jane has been the silent hero of the school finances. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all well with their new adventures.

New Roles for

Ria Garry will be the new school SENCo, responsible for coordinating provision and support for pupils with additional needs.

Nicky Gifford is going to reduce her hours, and will become part of our classroom cover team.

Karen Street starts her maternity leave shortly to focus on a very special role!

Katie Reeve and Mike Comer will extend their roles as Assistant Head Teachers to fill the leadership gap left by Kate Kellner. Katie and Mike will be classed based for part of the week, forming part of a Year 3 and Year 5 job share respectively.

Welcome to...

We are delighted to announce that Emma Chappell, Sophie O'Leary, Toby Morgan, Louise Bowen and Katie Collins will all be joining the teaching team full time in September. All of the new staff will be spending time with the children between now and the end of term. They will all be available to say hello at Open Evening and they will all be in school for the Class Swaps on Tuesday 19th July, so that the children feel fully prepared for next year.

Full details of class names, teachers and support staff for next year can be found on the next page.



Class Arrangements for 2016/17

Current Classes	Moving to...	New Class Teacher	Classroom Support
5VH	6EC	Mrs Emma Chappell	Rachael Harrison
5LF	6MT	Mr Michael Tomkinson	Claire Hatch
4CW	5CM	Mr Michael Comer & Miss Steph Meedin	Rebecca Spencer
4KC	5LF	Mr Lloyd Francis	Clare Power
3KC	4KC	Miss Kara Collins	Gemma Sainsbury
3KR	4VH	Miss Vicky Hillier	Jo Green & Emma Anderson
2FM	3CR	Mrs Charlotte Cooper & Miss Katie Reeve	Rowena Moar
2LB	3KC	Miss Katie Carter	Vanessa Grey
1CL	2SO	Miss Sophie O'Leary	Teresa Keen
1GM	2FM	Miss Freya McAteer	Max Haynes
RNG	1CL	Miss Chloe Lea	Sharon Salvage & Mary Stone
RCO	1TM	Mr Toby Morgan	Jill Eaglestone & Mary Stone
Nursery	RLB	Miss Louise Bowen	Sarah Whelan
Nursery	RKC	Mrs Katie Collins	Tammy Hill
New Entrants	Nursery	Miss Sophie Holland	Wendy Thomas Caroline Cox Ruth Dunham

Sporting Updates

As part of our regular updates on sporting achievements, we thought you would like to know about some of the many events that have taken place this term.

Our running club is going from strength to strength, with a core membership of about 40 children running at 8:00am every Wednesday. It's not too late to join and is open to all ages and abilities. It's no surprise then, that 115 children from Grove Road took part in the Tring Fun Run event. There were children from Grove Road in every year group achieving places in the fastest 10. Special congratulations go to Emilie Taplin (Y2) and Oliver Hemlin (Y6) who finished first in their races!

Children from across the school have been competing in all sorts of events this term, including Dodgeball at Tring, Inter-House Rounders events, Cricket tournaments and Netball. Grove has enjoyed lots of success but pupils have also been commended by other schools on their excellent sportsmanship, be they winners or losers. So it was wonderful to be selected as one of the schools to host the Paralympic torch before it

departs for Rio, this summer. Twelve torch bearers were nominated by their peers for demonstrating the Paralympian values of courage, equality, determination and inspiration. A full list of nominations can be seen in our Book of Celebration.

Finally, don't forget to look out for the two episodes of CBeebies Footy Pups that were filmed at Grove Road last November, which are being shown on 29th June and 4th July (and then on BBC i-Player) The episodes feature 12 children from Y1 demonstrating their football skills with Rachel Yankey OBE, of Arsenal Ladies. They certainly showed great determination and stamina!



Playing Their Part...

The children in Year 5 & Year 6 are currently working hard to learn their lines, cues and lyrics for their end of term performances. The staff are working hard to co-ordinate the multiple tasks that go into pulling the performance together for your enjoyment. Performances are one of the events in the year that the children talk most positively about. They always feel a huge sense of pride and exhilaration after working as part of such a large team to create something special.

We look forward to welcoming parents to watch the children play their part in this collaborative project, where they are learning more than just their lines and stage cues. They are learning to be part of a team and know that they are greater than the sum of their parts. Every role and every contribution counts. Tickets can be booked using the on-line booking service.



Attendance

We would like to thank you for your support in making good attendance a priority this year.

Please remember that any child with attendance below 90% will be logged as a "Persistent Absentee" for the purposes of attendance monitoring. Your child's attendance figure for this year will be listed on their annual report. If you have any concerns or queries please come and talk to us.



2016/17 Term Dates

Friday 22nd July - Term finishes @ 1:30pm
Thursday 1st September - School Closed INSET
Friday 2nd September - School Closed INSET
Monday 5th September - Term begins
24th October-28th October—Half term
Monday 31st October—School Closed INSET
Friday 25th November—School Closed Occasional Day
Wednesday 21st December— Term finishes @ 1:30pm
Thursday 5th January—Term begins
13th February—17th February—Half Term
Friday 31st March—Term finishes @ 1:30pm
Tuesday 18th April—Term begins
Friday 26th May—School Closed INSET
Monday 29th May— Friday 2nd June Half Term
Friday 21st July—Term finishes @ 1:30pm
Monday 24th July— School Closed INSET



Full term dates for 2016/17 have also been published.
They will be sent out soon and are available on our website.

The school year consists of 195 days, of which, 5 are training days (INSET) when the school is closed to the children. Term dates for future years are available on the Herts Grid at:

www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlife/termdates

Parent Survey

The annual Parent Survey opens on Thursday 30th June. An electronic link will be sent home on Thursday which will allow you to access and complete the survey. We hope that each family will participate as we use the feedback to inform our strategic priorities for the coming year. There will be space for comments so please let us know your thoughts and opinions. We read them all. The survey will close on Friday 15th July.

Don't forget that a full set of dates, policies and school information are available on our website.

www.groveroad.herts.sch.uk

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