

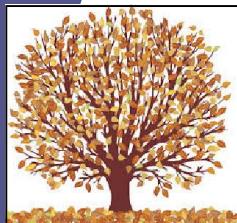


# Grove Road Primary School

Growing and Achieving Together  
*Community Respect Self-Belief Ambition*

## Newsletter 2

## September 2015



It's already the fourth week of term and time is flying. It will be Christmas before we know it! There is lots happening so we thought a second September letter was in order. There are some additional dates included in this letter for your diaries. Those with an \* are FOG events and full details will be sent out from FOG.

Dates for  
the Diary:

### KS1 & KS2 Harvest

Year 1 to Year 6 will be walking to church on Wednesday 30th September for the Harvest Festival. The service will begin at 10am and you are welcome to join us there if you wish. I know many of you have offered to walk with us as Parent Helpers on the day which is much appreciated. The church collection this year is for the "Building Hope" campaign which is raising money for children in Uganda. So the children can bring something for the "Building Hope" collection or a harvest gift to go to Dens the local charity providing food parcels for those in need. The choice is yours. In this age of 24 hour supermarkets and global food distribution, it can be difficult for the children to comprehend the notion of a harvest. We are really grateful to the Reverend Hugh Bellis for inviting us to the church for this community celebration.



### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be held on:

- Wednesday 14th October (4:00pm-6:30pm)
- Thursday 15th October (5:00pm-7:30pm) in the **KS2** hall.

You will be able to book your appointments using the on-line booking facility from 8pm on **Thursday 24th September**. The link to the online booking system is:



<https://groveroad.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

Please note that Nursery appointments should also be booked via this system.

The teachers will be talking to you about your child's transition into their new class and their next steps. Appointments are 10 minutes and the teachers try their very best to run to time. Please do not be offended if a teacher suggests a further conversation by telephone, if discussion goes on beyond the allocated appointment slot. A five minute overrun may not seem like a lot, but by the 15th appointment of the evening this can accumulate towards a considerable delay for those waiting.

- 29/9 Inter-school relay
- 30/9 Harvest Festival
- 1/10 EYs Harvest Festival
- 2/10 School Photographs
- 9/10 Bags for School collection\*
- 12/10 Book Fair
- 18/10 Christmas Cards order deadline\*
- 14/10 Parent Consultations
- 15/10 Parent Consultations
- 23/10 INSET Day
- 26/10 Half term
- 20/11 KS2 Disco\*
- 27/11 Occasional Day
- 3/12 Music Recital
- 5/12 Christmas Fair
- 8/12 Carol Service
- 9/12 Early Years' Nativity
- 10/12 Early Years' Nativity
- 18/12 Term finishes 1:30pm

### Early Years Harvest

Parents of pupils in Nursery & Reception are invited to attend the Early Years harvest celebration in the KS2 hall on Thursday 1st October at 9:15am. The children will be singing some songs and will be invited to bring in donations for food parcels for those in need. Seating will be limited so be prepared that some of you may need to stand.

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### Fundraising for the NSPCC

As part of our "Staying Healthy, Staying Safe" curriculum work, the NSPCC have been talking to the children in assemblies this week and will be running e-safety workshops for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 later this term. As a thank you to them we have agreed to take part in the "Big Workout" fundraiser on Friday 9th October. Children can come to school in sports wear for the day and we are planning a sponsored walk/jog/run for every year group from Nursery to Year 6.

The fundraising and sponsorship are optional, but all the children will be able to take part in the "Big Workout" activity.

You should already have received some NSPCC information via pupil post this week following the assemblies, explaining the fundraising to support the NSPCC and Childline.

The NSPCC will be giving every child that takes part in the fundraising event a badge to say thank you. Please ignore the different levels and badges shown on the back of the sponsorship form. The NSPCC send out a form so that they can ask you to register for Gift Aid for your contributions, but please don't feel pressured to seek multiple sponsors. Please return your sponsorship forms and donations by Friday 16th October.

If you have more than one child in school you can opt to submit a family form and put all their names on one form and they will each get a fundraiser badge.

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at [nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)

The work of the NSPCC would not be possible without the kindness and generosity of fundraisers. Every penny will make a difference for children around the country and help keep them safe.



### Music Recital

Does your child play a musical instrument? If so, please keep an eye out for a letter that will be coming home after half term inviting children to participate in a music recital after school on Thursday 3rd December. If you think your child might want to take part, get them to start thinking about the piece of music they might want to play.

We are also hoping that the choir will be able to perform.



### 2015/16 TERM DATES

Friday 23rd October-School closed INSET  
Monday 26th October-Half term  
Friday 18th December-Term finishes @ 1:30pm  
Friday 12th February-School Closed INSET  
Tuesday 2nd January-Term begins  
Monday 15th February-Half Term  
Friday 25th March-Bank Holiday  
Monday 28th March-Bank Holiday  
Friday 1st April-Term finishes@1:30pm  
Monday 18th April-Term begins  
Monday 2nd May-Bank Holiday  
Friday 27th May-School Closed INSET  
Monday 30th May-Half Term  
Friday 22nd July-Term finishes @1:30pm



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/schlfe/termdates](http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdates)

### World Relay Challenge

Grove Road will be hosting the third Tring Inter-School Relay event on Tuesday 29th September from 4pm until 6pm. On the school field.

Everyone is welcome to come and cheer on the contestants.

Huge thanks to Catherine Pyefinch and John Manning for organising this event. If you would like to be involved, do let us know as we are still looking for some helpers for the event.



### KS1 Assemblies to Parents

We are pleased to let you know that KS1 assemblies to parents will begin next week. Parents are invited to come and watch their children in assemblies in the KS2 hall. Class assemblies begin at 9:15am and parents are welcome to go to the KS2 hall and wait after drop off in the morning.

We just ask that if you are taking any photographs that you do not post images of other people's children on any social media websites.

- Tuesday 29th September—2FM
- Tuesday 6th October—2LB
- Tuesday 13th October—1CL
- Tuesday 20th October—1GM
- Tuesday 24th November—2LB
- Tuesday 1st December—2FM
- Tuesday 8th December—1CL
- Thursday 17th December—1GM

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

[www.groveroad.herts.sch.uk](http://www.groveroad.herts.sch.uk)

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