



# Grove Road Primary School

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*Community Respect Self-Belief Ambition*

## Newsletter 5

## January 2016

### Welcome Back

It has been a lovely start to the term, with many visitors commenting on the calm working environments around school. The children have settled back into school routines well and are working really hard. We are looking forward to a busy Spring term.



### E-SAFETY

#### On-line safety is the child protection challenge of the 21st century

We currently have concerns that pupils at Grove Road have access to Social Media sites like Instagram despite guidance that they are unsuitable for children under 13 years of age. Without regular and effective oversight from parents these sites can leave children vulnerable to difficult and sometimes dangerous situations, often without their parents knowing. We have updated our home school agreement to reflect our priority to keep children safe on-line both in school and out of school. By sending your child to Grove Road you are agreeing to:

- support the school approach to online safety and not upload or add any text, image, sound or videos that could upset or offend any member of the school community, or bring the school name into disrepute.
- support the school's policy and help prevent your child/children from signing up to services such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube whilst they are underage (13+ years in most cases).
- close and restrict access to online accounts and/or computer games that you, or school staff, feel are age inappropriate.

The revised home school agreements will be coming home later this term for you to sign. Parent oversight of a child's internet activity can make all the difference to their on-line safety. Please make yourselves familiar with the guidance available to parents on our website. We also urge you to attend the following events as an essential support in understanding the risks and pitfalls your children face on-line.

- **At 2pm on Wednesday 9th March** Richard Maskrey (Hertfordshire E-Safety Adviser) will be running a session for parents to provide information on the most current issues linked to keeping your children safe on-line whilst still enabling them to enjoy the benefits of the most amazing technology available to us in the 21st Century.
- **On Thursday 9th June 2016 at 6pm-7:45pm**, Julia Bateson from an organisation called "Excited" will be leading a session for parents and pupils together. Julia takes a parent centred approach to help you and your children bridge the digital generation gap.

**Both are "must attend" events — Put them in your diaries now!**

- 14/1 On-Line booking for Parent Consultations opens
- 15/1 Reception 2016 admissions close
- 21/1 EYs & KS1 Curriculum Evening (7:00-8:00pm)
- 22/1 KS2 Disco
- 10/2 Parent Consultations (early)
- 11/2 Parent Consultations (late)
- 12/2 School closed — INSET Day
- 15/2-19/2 Half Term
- 3/3 KS2 Curriculum Evening (7-8:00pm)
- 4/3 Rec & KS1 PJ Party
- 9/3 E-Safety session for parents (2:00pm)
- 18/3 KS2 Disco
- 21/3 & 23/3 Y3/4 Performance
- 25/3 Bank Holiday
- 28/3 Bank Holiday
- 1/4 Term finishes @ 1:30pm

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## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be held on:

- Wednesday 10th February (4:00pm-6:30pm)
- Thursday 11th February (5:00pm-7:30pm) in the **KS2** hall.

You will be able to book your appointments using the on-line booking facility from 7:30pm on **Thursday 14th January**. The link to the online booking system is:

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

Nursery appointments need to be booked via the sign up sheet on the Nursery door as consultations will also be available during the school day.

Appointments are 10 minutes long 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.



## Parent Forums

As you will know from letters that went out at the end of last term, Kate Kellner will be hosting Parent Forums on:

- Monday 25th January (8:45am & 5:30pm) School Policies & Behaviour
- Monday 14th March (8:45am & 6pm) School Sports and School Meals
- Thursday 26th May (8:45am & 5:30pm) School Curriculum, Trips and Visitors

We are also hosting two Curriculum Evenings this term to provide guidance and support with helping your child at home with reading and maths.

The session on Thursday 21st January (7-8pm) will focus on strategies to support pupil in Early Years and KS1. While the session on Thursday 3rd March (7-8pm) will have a KS2 focus.

If you would like to attend any of these you can book a place on-line using the same link above that you use to book Parent Consultation appointments.

## KS1 Class assembly Dates

Each term KS1 classes invite parents to come along and watch their class assembly. The dates for the Spring term are as follows:

- 1GM Tuesday 1st March
- 1CL Tuesday 8th March
- 2FM Tuesday 15th March
- 2LB Tuesday 22nd March

Assembly begins at 9:15am and parents are welcome to come and wait in the KS2 hall until assembly begins.

## 2015/16 TERM DATES

Friday 12th February-School Closed INSET  
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  
Thursday 1st September - School Closed INSET  
Friday 2nd September - School Closed INSET  
Monday 5th September - Term begins



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)

A full set of dates for the school year, including INSET dates, are available on the school website.

We can also confirm that Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2016 will be INSET days and the new school year will begin on Monday 5th September 2016.

Can I also remind you that the children will be expected to be in school on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 following the Bank Holiday weekend, until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, when our two week Easter break begins. Please be aware that for those of you with siblings at Tring School, their holiday dates are different.

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)

You can also follow us on Facebook to get regular updates and last minute information sent to you. Just click the link on our website.





## Attendance Hall of Fame Autumn Term 2015 100% Attendance!

ANDERSON, Freya  
ANTONUCCI, Molly  
ASPARASSA, Edward  
ASQUITH, Fern  
ASQUITH, Nell  
ATUANYA, Chiamaka  
AUBREY, Francesca  
BARKER, Tobias  
BARNARD, Zack  
BARNETT, Jessica  
BARNETT, Matthew  
BELL, Abbie  
BELL, Amelie  
BELLIS, Martha  
BENOIST, Evie  
BLACKWELL, Jessica  
BLACKWELL, Mirissa  
BOND, Joshua  
BOULTON, Stephanie  
BOWERS, Charlie  
BOWERS, Poppy  
BOWYER, Claudia  
BOWYER, Malachy  
BRECKENRIDGE, Oscar  
BRIGHT, Oscar  
BRINKLEY, Courtney  
BROWN, Alexander  
BROWN, Mia  
BURNS, Grace  
BUTTERFIELD, Freya  
CAPLE, Anya  
CAREW, Jayme  
CAREW, Ryan  
CARTLAND, Sarah  
CHILLINGWORTH, Elodie  
COGHLAN, Daniel  
COX, Evie  
CRACE, Annika  
CUNNINGHAM, Charlie  
CUNNINGHAM, Mia  
CURTIS, Kacey  
DAVIES, Sophie  
de BEER, Jamie  
DENTON-SPARKE, Oliver  
DOLTON, Isabella  
DOLTON, Katrina  
DRURY, Alexandra  
DUNCAN, Ethan  
DUNCAN, Martha  
EDGAR, Lauren  
ELSDON, Charles  
ELSDON, James  
ELSON, Luke  
ENNELS, William  
EPPS, Emily  
EPPS, Lilly  
EPPS, Mia  
FAIRHURST, William  
FARRANT, Juud  
FODEN, Matilda  
FODEN, Noah  
FORDE, Archie

FOXLEY, Jess  
FRYER, Lewis  
GASCOINE, Cai  
GASCOINE, Lukas  
GASCOINE, Teagan  
GEE, Matthew  
GETTINGS, Molly  
GILES, Nathan  
GOODMAN, Dixie  
GOODMAN, Holly  
GOUGH, Matilda  
GREENHILL, Dylan  
GREY, Hannah  
GREY, Ruth  
GROVER, Lauren  
GROVER, Olivia  
HAILES, Luke  
HALL, Henry  
HARDY, Imogen  
HARGREAVES, Stephanie  
HARRISON, Mia  
HARRISON, Oliver  
HARTLEY, Henry  
HAU, Alexandra  
HAU, Brandon  
HAWKINS, Thomas  
HAYNES, Anna Louise  
HEAD, Gavin  
HEARN, Isaac  
HEMLIN, Lucas  
HEMLIN, Oliver  
HENISON, Stella  
HOPPER, Bethany  
HOULIHAN, Edward  
HOULIHAN, Molly  
HUBBARD, Maximilian  
HUDSON, Zoe  
HUMPHREYS, Jack  
ILIEV, David  
ING, Emily  
JEFFERY, Erin  
JOHNSON, Zachary  
JONES, Ethan  
KEATING, Samuel  
KEEN, Grace  
KUMAR, Ella  
KUMAR, Thomas  
LATHAM, Chloe  
MACDONALD, Hannah  
MACDONALD, Oliver  
MANDER, Tiffany  
MANNAN, Ramisa  
MCCORKELL, Joshua  
MCCORKELL, Riley  
MCKENNA-CUTHBERT, Alexander  
MCMAHON, Chloe  
MERLINO, James  
MILES, Lewis  
MILLER, Cameron  
MOORE, Tionie-Madison  
MORAN, Jasper

MORRISEY, Juno  
NEWTON, Sienna  
O'KEEFFE, Benjamin  
O'KEEFFE, Hannah  
O'KEEFFE, James  
ORCHARD, Ella  
ORCHARD, Evie  
OSMOND, Alexander  
OSMOND, Olivia  
PARKER, Jack  
PAWLETT, Isabelle  
PERRY, Maeve  
PETERSON, Harry  
PHILLIPS, Archie  
PIGGOTT, Alexander  
PIGGOTT, Amelia  
PLUMERIDGE, Henry  
PONTOPPIDAN, George  
PONTOPPIDAN, Mathias  
POULTON, Daniel  
POULTON, Emily  
POULTON, Lucy  
POWER, Finlay  
POWER, Phoebe  
RACKHAM, Hannah  
REYNOLDS, James  
REYNOLDS, William  
RICHARDSON, Edward  
ROSSI, Andrea  
ROUGH, Benjamin  
ROUGH, Charlie  
SABIDO, Ana  
SABIDO, Leo  
SANDS, Charlotte  
SANDS, Isaac  
SAWYER, Bethany  
SCOTT, Arthur  
SCOTT, Joseph  
SELBY, William  
SHAW, Emma  
SLADE, Morgan  
SLADE, Sean  
SMITH, Eliza  
SORE, Susie  
STEVENS, Alexander  
STOKES, Paul  
STREETER, Rebecca  
TAPLIN, Emilie  
TAPLIN, Olivia  
TAYLOR, Joshua  
TAYLOR, Katie-May  
THOMAS, Daisy  
THOMAS, Grace  
THOMAS, Isabel  
THOMAS, Isabelle  
TIDBURY, Thomas  
TRAVIS, Tabitha  
TULLIE, Christina  
TULLIE, Thomas  
TUNLEY, Bethan  
TURLAND, Arabella  
TURLAND, Peter

TYACK, Joshua  
ULLMAN, Megan  
ULLMAN, Thomas  
VILA, George  
WALLIS, Charlie  
WEBSTER, Toby  
WELLBORNE, Amy  
WELLBORNE, Rachel  
WHELAN, Scott  
WHELTON, Luke  
WHITE, Saffron  
WIGHAM, Zachary  
WILLIAMS, Tom  
WRIGHT, Maisy  
WRIGHT, Sonny

