



Grove Road Primary School

Growing and Achieving Together
Community Respect Self-Belief Ambition

Newsletter 8

April 2017

Welcome back to summer term 2017

Congratulations go to Ria Garry, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo), who got married over the Easter break and returns as **Mrs Gordon**.

Mrs Gordon works on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is happy to talk to you if you have any queries or questions regarding special educational needs.



Curriculum Evening

Talking Motivation and Resilience is a two session, workshop run by Supporting Links, who are a local social enterprise, providing parenting support through workshops, courses and 1:1 mentoring.

There are still a few places available on the up-coming workshops if you would like to learn more about helping your children to develop greater resilience and motivation.

The workshops come highly recommended and will be invaluable for parents of children from 3-18 years. Sessions will run on 2nd & 9th May between 7:00 and 9:00pm

It is a practical programme for parents and carers of all children at Grove Road Primary School and will give you an understanding of why children behave the way that they do when they are under pressure, and what you can do about it; with practical up to date ways of helping our young people to cope and to develop these important skills for the future.

If you would like to attend, please register by contacting

Noushin Rahman-Blake, Supporting Links 01442 300185 or by emailing

info@supportinglinks.co.uk.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to help your child develop greater resilience and motivation.



- 27/4 Bags 2 Schools collection day
- 27/4 KS2 Family Learning
- 4/5 Polling Day
- 8/5 Y6 SATs week
- 23/5 Reception assembly to parents
- 26/5 INSET Day
- 29/5 HALF TERM
- 6/6 Class photos
- 8/6 KS2 Family Learning
- 13/6 2FM Class Assembly
- 20/6 2SO Class Assembly
- 21/6 Totally Unplugged Day
- 27/6 1TM class assembly
- 29/6 Open Evening
- 3/7 Tring Transition Open Evening
- 4/7 1CL Class assembly
- 4/7 & 6/7 Y5/6 performance
- 13/7 Early Years Sports
- 14/7 Sports Day
- 17/7 & 18/7 Y6 to Tring School
- 21/7 Term finishes

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Parent Survey

Please keep an eye out for log in details to the 2017 Parent Questionnaire. Your views are very important to us!

2017/18 term dates on the back page.

Child Care Support

Childcare Choices, the cross-Government childcare brand and campaign has been launched, providing parents with a single point of information for all the government funded childcare offers, including the two new offers: **30 hours free childcare** and **Tax Free Childcare**.

The launch of the new website:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

means that parents can now pre-register for the Government's new childcare offers.

The introduction of the Government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme will begin on 28th April, for parents of the youngest children. It will gradually roll out over 2017, cutting childcare costs for working families across the UK by up to £2,000 per child per year, or £4,000 for disabled children.

On top of this, from September 2017, parents of three and four year old children living in England will be able to apply for a new 30 hours free childcare offer, worth around £5,000 per child.

The Childcare Choices website includes a childcare calculator, **www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator**, for parents to compare all the Government's childcare offers and check what works best for their families.

Through the website, parents can also pre-register for email alerts that will notify them when they can apply, as well as providing details of existing Government childcare offers.



Changes to Access Arrangements for the School Site

New gates and fencing were installed over the Easter break. Please be reminded that pedestrian access to the school between 9:00am and 3:00pm will now be restricted to the pedestrian gate at the front of school, closest to the Early Years' building. The gates from Beacon Way (Chiltern Way), Bunyan Close and Verney Close will all be locked between 9:00am and 3:00pm. The main vehicle entrance is accessible to cars and cyclists only. Parents are reminded not to drop children at this automated vehicle gate as they will be stranded and unable to get in.

Vehicle access during the day will also be restricted; the front gates will be closed from 8:15am until 4:00pm, to maximise pupil and pedestrian safety. Parents with disability access permits and children arriving by bicycle will be able to request access on arrival. Parents wanting to access the school during the day will need to park off-site and use the Grove Road pedestrian entrance.

Parents collecting from Owls Club after 4:00pm will still be able to do so as the gates will be open from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. All vehicles must exit via the gate onto Beacon Way, adhering strictly to the one-way system. The exit gate will open automatically as cars drive slowly up to the sensors. Please be aware that cyclists will need to dis-mount when on site and leave via one of the pedestrian gates, as bicycles will not trigger the automated exit loop mechanism.

For those of you involved with Tring Tornadoes at the weekend, there is parking access on a Saturday only when the gates will be open (exit via Beacon Way only). There is no access on a Sunday. Parents wanting to park on a Sunday are advised to use Tring School & the Sports Space car parks as per the letting agreement with Tring Tornadoes

Whilst we all re-adjust and get used to the new systems, please remember that the changes are being made to enhance the safety of your children. We hope that our new gates will finally ensure that all parents and pupils will adhere to our safe access policy.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Advance Notice of 2017/18 Calendar dates

- INSET Day - Friday 1st September 2017 (school closed for staff training)
- Autumn term begins Monday 4th September 2017
- Half Term Holiday - Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017
- INSET Day - Monday 30th October 2017 (school closed for staff training)
- Occasional Day - Friday 24th November 2017
- Term finishes at 1:30pm on Tuesday 19th December 2017
- Christmas Holiday - Wednesday 20th December to Tuesday 2nd January 2018
- INSET Day - Wednesday 3rd January 2018 (school closed for staff training)
- Spring Term begins - Thursday 4th January 2018
- Half Term Holiday - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February
- Spring Term finishes at 1:30pm on Thursday 29th March 2018
- Easter Holiday - Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018
- Summer Term begins Monday 16th April 2018
- Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May 2018
- Half Term Holiday - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018
- INSET Days - Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June 2018 (school closed for staff training)
- Children return Wednesday 6th June 2018
- Summer Term finishes on Tuesday 24th July at 1:30pm 2018

**Dates for the
next school
year
2017/2018**

**Remaining
dates for this
school year
2016/2017**

Term Time & Holiday Dates for 2016/17

- Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2017
- INSET Day - Friday 26th May (school closed for staff training)
- Half Term Holiday - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017
- Summer Term finishes on Friday 21st July at 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

A Polite Reminder

We are aware that for many of you, driving your children to school is an essential part of the morning logistics. However, there is no excuse for inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Please arrive in plenty of time, so that you can find a safe place to park.

At the end of last term we received further complaints from local residents about parking at peak times. If you drive a dark blue VW with a licence plate ending YZN, you were reported as parking on double yellow lines, blocking visibility and causing an obstruction for pedestrians needing to cross the road safely.

Thank you to all those parents who demonstrate consideration to pedestrians and neighbours by parking appropriately.

If you see cars parked inappropriately please let us know and we will pass details to the local police.

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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