

Grove Road Primary School



Tuesday 6th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely Summer holiday and we welcome you back for the start of the new school year!

Just a few reminders:

- P.E. sessions in Year One are on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons.
- Reading books are changed twice a week, on Mondays and Fridays. Please make a note of when you have read with your child in their Reading Diary, as this is helpful to keep a track of your child's reading and for you to give us any feedback you feel is relevant regarding their reading. Please also ensure that your child's Reading Record remains in their book bags **all week** as they will be needed for Guided Reading sessions. Reading books will come home on Monday 12th September.
- Please can we ask you to make sure that your child's belongings are named. This includes all uniform, P.E. kit, book bags and rucksacks, shoes (both indoor and outdoor) wellies, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles.
- Home Learning goes home every Wednesday and we ask that you return completed Home Learning by the following Monday. The first Home Learning Grid will come home on Wednesday 14th September.
- Handwriting sheets will go home on a Monday. It is not compulsory for these to be returned. These are provided for practice and improvement of handwriting.
- Show and Tell - this year in Year 1 we will have an 'interest table'. This is where the children can bring in **one item related to our current topic** that they would like to share (This term it is 'Duck's Café' – based on the story Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper). We will try our best to fit it in but there may not be time every day for this. When the children do bring something in, they will be asked to put it on the interest table. Please note that children are fully responsible for any items they bring in.
- Family Learning will begin on Friday 9th September for Year One and Two. It will then run every Friday from 8.30am – 9.00am. This is a weekly informal opportunity to drop in and spend time in class with your child to share a book or other reading activity. You don't have to be there every week but it's a great opportunity to see what has been going on in class as well as picking up tips and ideas for supporting your child at home.

We are very much looking forward to an exciting and productive year, if you have any questions or queries please come in and talk to us or contact the school office to book a convenient time to talk.

Many Thanks,

Miss Lea & Mr Morgan