



# GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024



# NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our newsletter, we hope you find everything you need. If there is anything else you would like to see in here, please let us know.

**We've had another fabulous week in school, across all of our floors, the children are demonstrating all of our PRIDE values in their lessons. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for photos.**

Thank you for your help at home time on the playground. For safety reasons, we must keep adults from entering the ball court, under the shelter and crossing the dotted line for KS1. As you can appreciate, it is so important that we can see where each child is going and who with.

**Dates for parents evening will be available soon, please keep an eye out on the important dates at the end of the newsletter.**

Thank you for all your support.







## IMPORTANT - SAFEGUARDING

Please can we ask for your help at home times. It is so important that we can see where all of our children are going and who with. We appreciate this can sometimes take a few minutes, but we must ensure it is right.

If you are collecting from the shelter, and the ball court, could I kindly ask that you walk round and not enter where the Year 3 & 4 children are waiting.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

# YEAR 5 & 6

## Walking permission:

We take the safeguarding and welfare of our children very seriously and as such, we wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of our policy regarding Year 5 and Year 6 children leaving school at the end of the day.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 can only leave the school site and walk home unaccompanied if we have written permission

This includes any arrangement to meet your child outside the boundaries of the school.

**If you would like your child to be able to leave the school site and walk home unaccompanied at the end of the school day, please complete this form.**

[Permission to walk home unaccompanied](#)





# ATTENDANCE

We know that sometimes the children are poorly and need to stay at home to get well; did you know that you can report a pupil absence via the school website?

[Report an absence](#)



# STARS OF THE WEEK



BRIGHT	-	Olivia
HENDRA	-	Sam
GRAY	-	Gabrielius
PERCIVAL	-	Arya
PILKEY	-	Kian
MORPURGO	-	Eloise
REYNOLDS	-	Amelia
RUNDELL	-	Emmie
KLASSEN	-	Connie

*congratulations*



# FRIENDS OF GROVE ROAD



FOGR  
Committee Meeting

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU SHOP!

There are several ways you can help raise money for Grove Road just by doing your normal shopping!

## ASDA CashPot for Schools

What I need to do: sign on to the app.

RUNS TO END NOVEMBER.

1. In the app, it tells you that you can save the money you already earn as you shop and give it to your nominated school.
2. Choose Grove Road Primary School!
3. Now every time you shop and earn rewards, you can pass the rewards to Grove Road.
4. Anyone can check on the app how much money has been raised. So far (to 06/09/2024) we have already raised £104 (thanks to Emma Forsyth for checking this for us)

## EASYFUNDRAISING

What I need to do: sign up on <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/create-an-account/>

(Info taken from the easyfundraising website)

1. Launched in 2005, the community of over 2 million supporters has raised over £50 million for thousands of causes across the U.K.
2. Brands pay a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see they sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and they turn that into a donation - magic!
3. You tell the app which shops you want easyfundraising to pass on the commission and they will make sure it goes to Grove Road.
4. FOGR gets regular updates on money made this way.

## YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

What do I need to do: go online and purchase as many tickets as you wish for £1 each.  
[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/grove-road-community-primary-school?utm\\_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm\\_source=cause-page&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=Hyperlink](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/grove-road-community-primary-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink)

(Info taken from the Your School Lottery website)

1. Your School Lottery is a fun and effective way for your school to raise funds. Joining is easy and FREE. Send your supporters to your very own Your School Lottery page and collect 40% of all ticket sales made.
2. All supporters will get the chance to win amazing cash prizes every week. Including a jackpot prize of £25,000. All for just £1 per week. The draw is made every Saturday.
3. We had a (small) winner in August.





# School Uniform

We are proud of our uniform at Grove Road. We encourage the children to look smart as we believe that it gives them a sense of belonging and pride in our school. Ask for your co-operation in supporting the uniform policy at Grove Road.

We expect all children to wear our school uniform every day:

- **Maroon jumper or cardigan**
- **White shirt, blouse or polo shirt**
- **Dark grey trousers/shorts or skirt**
- **Grove Road School tie (optional)**
- **White, black, grey socks**
- **Checked or striped red dresses for summer wear**
- **Sensible black school shoes (not trainers.)**

**Please note that trainers are not allowed as general school footwear.**

P.E. clothing is essential. Plimsolls are only appropriate for outdoor PE for Early Years pupils. Children come to school in their PE kit on the days when they have PE your child's class teacher will tell you what day this is.

They will need to wear:

- A plain T-Shirt
- A pair of shorts or joggers/leggings
- Pair of plimsolls or trainers
- School jumper or cardigan

**Football kits should not be worn for PE lessons**







# National Online Safety®



At The National College, our whole-school strategy guides teachers and staff, and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For more guidance, please visit [www.thenationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about INSTAGRAM

Instagram is a highly popular social media platform with over 2 billion active monthly users. The app is continuously updating and adding new features to meet the wishes of its audience, allowing them to upload images and videos to their Instagram feed, create interactive 'stories', go live, exchange private messages or explore and follow other accounts that catch their eye.

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ADDICTION

Many social media platforms, Instagram included, are designed to keep us engaged as much as possible. They encourage scrolling often and scrolling more in case we miss something important – in essence, a fear of missing out. On Instagram, young people can lose track of time when endlessly scrolling and watching videos posted by friends. As a result, Instagram use can be particularly strong.

#### UNREALISTIC IDEALS

Children sometimes compare themselves to what they see online. How they look, how they dress, and the way their life is going in comparison to others on social media. However, most people only share the positives about their lives online and many use filters when sharing pictures of themselves. A constant comparison with unrealistic ideals can lead to insecurity over one's own appearance and lifestyle.

#### GOING LIVE

Going live on Instagram allows users to connect with friends and followers in real time. Risks increase if the account is public, because that means anyone can watch the broadcast, which could result in further unwanted comments. Additional dangers of going live include the risk of being exposed to more viewers, as well as being exposed to harmful content or offensive language.

#### INFLUENCER CULTURE

Social media influencers are sometimes paid thousands of pounds to promote products, services, apps and more. When celebrities or influencers post such content, it often says 'sponsored' above the post. In April 2024, Ofcom found that over a quarter of children (27%) believed in influencer marketing, accepting their endorsement of products or services. It's perfectly possible for young people to be taken in by this kind of content.

#### PRODUCT TAGGING

Product tags allow users to tag a product or business in their post. This tag will take viewers directly to the product detail page on the shop where the item can be purchased. Children may also be encouraged by influencers to purchase products that they advertise.

#### EXCLUSION & OSTRACISM

Youngsters are highly sensitive to feeling excluded, which occurs in many forms, not involving as many likes, no responses, not being tagged in a friend's photo, being unfriended, not receiving a comment on their post or a reply to a message they sent. Being excluded online hurts just as much as offline. Young people have reported lower mood and self-esteem when excluded in this way, feeling as if they don't belong and aren't valued.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### AVOID GOING PUBLIC

If a young user wants to share their clothing style, make up or similar and use product tagging to show off the items in their post, they may be tempted to change their settings to public. This leaves their profile visible to everyone, which carries the risk of strangers getting in touch with them, set a child's account to private and explain the importance of keeping it this way.

### HAVE AN OPEN DIALOGUE

Talk to children about the positives and negatives of social media, including the risks involved and how they can use or create content safely with family and friends. Explain how safety settings will ensure only followers can view them, and why this is so important. Also, if you find a child continuously uses filters on their photos, ask them why and impress on them that they don't need it.

### MANAGE LIKE COUNTS

Due to the potential impact on mental wellbeing, Instagram allows users to hide the total likes on their posts, to prevent people from obsessing over the number in the corner. Users can hide the counts on all the posts in their feed as well as on their own posts. This means others can't see how many likes a person gets. This can be done by going into Settings > Notifications > Posts > Likes > Off.

### USE MODERATORS

Instagram Live has implemented a mechanism called 'Moderators', meaning that creators can assign a moderator and give them the power to report comments, remove viewers and remove the ability for certain viewers to comment on it. Consider this if a child in your care wants to go live on the platform. It's also recommended to keep devices in communal spaces as you're aware if a child goes go live or watch a livestream.

### FOLLOW INFLUENCERS

Following influencers will allow you to monitor what they're sharing as well as being able to discuss anything which you deem inappropriate. Talk to children about why they follow and help them to develop critical thinking skills about what the influencer is trying to do. For example, encourage the child to ask themselves if an influencer is trying to sell them a product when they create a video endorsing it.

### BALANCE YOUR TIME

Instagram has a built-in activity dashboard that lets you control how much time is spent on the app. Make sure children sign in to the platform with the correct age. On Instagram's 'teen dashboard' offers much more control for parents and carers over how long they can use the app each day. Talk with young users about how much time they spend on Instagram and work together to set a healthy time limit.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr. Claire Butterfield is an online safety consultant at iCyberlaw. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various research papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

**#WakeUpWednesday**

**The National College**

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# SAFEGUARDING



## Grove Road Community Primary School Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead  
James Grayston  
Headteacher



Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Sue McGrogan  
Parent Support Adviser



Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Dawn Winkley  
Deputy Head & SENDCo



Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Charlotte Davison  
Assistant Head

Information about our Lead Governor for Safeguarding is on our website.

For further advice / referral information, please contact:  
North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership  
<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk>

- Please visit our school website for more information and links to safeguarding websites.
- [Grove Road Safeguarding Page](#)
- For more information about keeping children safe please click here:
- [NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online](#)
- These websites have wonderful advice about children keeping safe on Instagram and other social media sites
- [NSPCC – Share Aware](#)
- [CEOP Police Safety Centre](#)





# IMPORTANT DATES



When	Event
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>School Closed — INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>School Closed — INSET DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School Open</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September — 3:30pm — 4:00pm	Meet the Teacher — Come into school, see the classrooms and chat with teachers
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> — Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair afterschool — bottom hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Friends of Grove Road – Quiz Night (Details to follow)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair (Details to follow)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School Closes for the Christmas Break</b>

More dates including Christmas events coming soon!

