



# GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024



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2023/2024

# 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.

**What an amazing couple of weeks we have had in school, thank you for supporting our sports afternoons, the children have really enjoyed them. We still have Years 3&4 to come next Wednesday.**

We had our fantastic summer fair on Friday afternoon, a huge thank you goes out to all the Friends of Grove Road volunteers, you are amazing. We hope you really enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you for coming to support our wonderful events. Please see slide 6 for details of the friends annual general meeting.

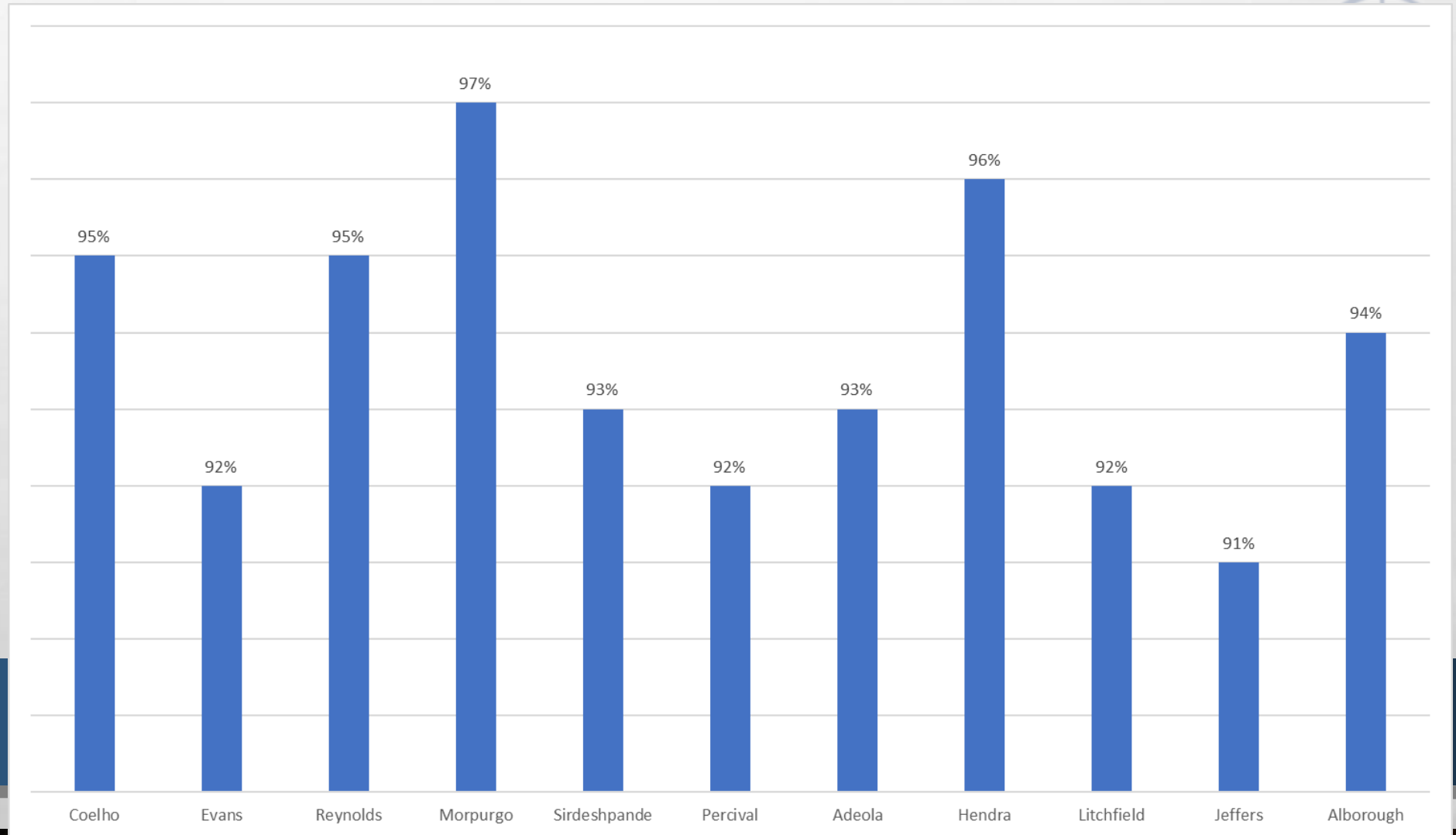
**The children have started their transition, they have enjoyed a shared story time in their new classroom. A letter was sent home on Friday.**

Thank you for all your support.



# ATTENDANCE

Attendance totals for each class – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July





# SAFEGUARDING



## Grove Road Community Primary School Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead  
James Grayston - Headteacher



Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Dawn Winkley – Deputy Head  
& SENDCo



Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Sue McGrogan – Parent  
Support Adviser

Lead Governor for Safeguarding – Margaret Beagle

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](#)



# STARS OF THE WEEK



JEFFERS	-	Charlie L
LITCHFIELD	-	Miles
HENDRA	-	Bence
ADEOLA	-	Toby
PERCIVAL	-	Niamh
SIRDESH-PANDE	-	Mason
MORPURGO	-	Irene
REYNOLDS	-	Maya
EVANS	-	Afrin
COELHO	-	Ben

*congratulations*





# AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18 July 2024 | 7:30PM

Virtual Meeting



**Stay informed and get  
involved**

**GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO JOIN THE MEETING**

[friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com)





# 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**



A stylized sun with orange and yellow wavy rays is on the left. A cartoon character with large blue eyes and a green body is in the background. A dark blue rectangular box with a white border is in the center, containing the text.

# SUN SAFETY

AS THE WEATHER IMPROVES AND WE ENJOY THE SUNSHINE, PLEASE CAN YOU MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS SUNSCREEN APPLIED BEFORE THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AND THAT THEY BRING A SUN HAT AND WATER BOTTLE WITH THEM EVERYDAY.

CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO RE-FILL THEIR WATER BOTTLES THROUGHOUT THE DAY – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THEY SHOULD ONLY BRING PLAIN WATER TO DRINK.





As you know, we have a wonderfully dedicated staff team here at Grove Road, I simply could not ask any more of them.

**The feedback from parents and staff about the use of Seesaw is excellent, I really love to see the interactions between school and home. As a parent myself, I know the reassurance and joy it brings, seeing your child's journey through school.**

Please can I remind everyone though, that staff are not expected to monitor or respond to emails or messages outside of their normal working hours (including weekends and published school holidays).

**Whilst parents/carers may compose emails at hours to suit their own needs, they need only be addressed during working hours.**

Seesaw and email, must only be used for non-urgent, school related, communications. For anything that requires an urgent response, please contact the school office.



# MOBILE PHONES

## *YEARS 5 & 6*



Can we please ask for your help and support with ensuring we don't have phones/ smart watches in school unnecessarily.

**We have had an increase of children bringing their phones into school, only if your child walks on their own either to, or from school, should they bring it with them.**

We will be collecting them at the door on the way into school, to avoid any incidents where they can be left turned on and used in school.

**They must be switched off as they enter the playground, and not be turned back on until off school premises.**

**Our expectation is that children in Year 4 and below will not bring a mobile devices/smart watches**







# National Online Safety®



## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ONLINE TROLLING

The term "trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ESCALATION

Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to a broader pattern of offensive messages and posts. They can also turn their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with an existing one, which makes engaging with one fruitless at best – and potentially dangerous at worst.

#### HIDING BEHIND A SCREEN

Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they'll often have multiple profiles, potentially switching between these regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making a target feel as though there's no escape. After all, once you block one account, what's to stop them reappearing elsewhere?

#### 24/7 CONTACT

The internet has given us the ability to remain in contact at any time from almost anywhere in the world. A troll having the ability to reach you whenever they want can leave you feeling like their abuse is unavoidable. While they don't see you in real life, they can message you at any time, reach out to your peers online and even try to discover your personal information to scare you.

#### HATE SPEECH

Sadly, many trolls resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and awful stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional harm. This can add a hefty degree of weight to their attacks, moving from what might charitably be described as "teasing" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

#### IMPACT ON VICTIMS

It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a time – with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people's connections to friends and the world at large, and may not even actually stop the troll. The victims' families, for example, may have online profiles that trolls can still access.

#### NORMALISATION OF TROLLING

It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their criticisms or comments, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing trolls and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media platforms (where most trolling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children only get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for trolling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this would minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

#### ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

While every professional athlete aspires to maintain high standards, it's important to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by younger children who simply see the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalries between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

#### DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE

A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the troll". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troll online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence for reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

#### BLOCK AND REPORT

While anonymous accounts make it difficult to block trolls permanently – or even for very long – it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not worth "feeding the trolls", and it's more helpful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew the whistle.

#### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A long-time fan of Arsenal, he's a parent who understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer whose work has been published on sites including XFN, TechRadar and many more.



## #WakeUp Wednesday

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# IMPORTANT DATES



When	Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Jeffers & Litchfield — Visit to Harlow Carr Gardens
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Hendra & Adeola — Visit to Harlow Carr Gardens
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June — Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential — Newby Wiske Hall
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1:30pm — 3:00pm	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1:30pm — 3:00pm	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am — 1:30pm	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July — 3:30pm — 5:00pm	Summer Fair
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Trip to Knaresborough
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm — 3:00pm	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Trip To Knaresborough
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production - Afternoon and Evening Performances
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for the Summer Break (2:15pm)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day – School Closed

