



GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024



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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 a fantastic first week back in school we have had. Seeing you all on the playground and watching the children run into school smiling has made our week.

Our new reception children have settled in so well in small groups. We hope you agree, they will love their time at Grove Road.

We have just had our first celebration assembly of the year. Well done to all of the children for their hard work, resilience and dedication this week. You really are showing our PRIDE values everyday.

Keep an eye out on SeeSaw for more information and more dates will be added each week to the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for all your support.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance Ladder

Equates to number
of school days off
each year



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

(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.



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](#)



STARS OF THE WEEK



BRIGHT

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Kamsi

HENDRA

-

Sebastian

GRAY

-

Denzel

PERCIVAL

-

Charles

PILKEY

-

All of Pilkey class

MORPURGO

-

Hanna

REYNOLDS

-

Joey

RUNDELL

-

Martyna

KLASSEN

-

Isla

congratulations



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





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.

As we start the new year, just a reminder that children should only bring their phones into school, if your child walks on their own either to, or from school.

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



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Change can be hard for children to manage. Going back to school after a long summer break might cause them to feel uncertain about their friendships, school routines and relationships with new teachers. However, trusted adults play an important role in providing both practical and emotional support.

1 LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU NEED

Figure out a list of all equipment needed for the start of the school year, so you can comfortably get your hands on the necessary items in time. If children have any financial issues and receive free school meals, the school may be able to provide some monetary aid or offer other support.

2 COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

If you notice that a child is feeling anxious about a change of teacher or school, arranging a one-to-one meeting with their new teacher can be a good way to alleviate some of the anxiety. Just knowing that they understand the child's worries and will be able to help them if the need arises can build the foundations of a good working relationship. Knowing that you can contact them with any queries can also be reassuring.

3 CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

There will be plenty of information about the start of term on the school's website to keep you updated. Furthermore, you should be able to find other useful information such as contact details for staff, important school equipment, clubs, and news about any special events on the school calendar for the year. It could be helpful to look through this with children for anything which might reassure them.

4 HELP TO MANAGE FRIENDSHIPS

If a child is feeling anxious about making new friends – especially if they're moving up to secondary school – it can be a good idea to remind them of what they could do or say when meeting new classmates. Investigating the extracurricular activities available could be a good way to open a conversation about their hobbies and pastimes, and joining such clubs could allow new friendships to be built on this mutual interest.

5 PLAN SELF-CARE

Talking to children about how they can manage their self-care can be an effective way of helping them understand its importance. This might involve playing a computer game they love with friends, a weekly visit to the library, getting to bed at the same time each night, or a range of other activities that support their wellbeing and provide the familiarity and safety of a routine that works for them.

6 MANAGE TRICKY FEELINGS

Explain that it's okay to have difficult feelings around returning to school. This can help reduce any shame or embarrassment a child might be feeling over these emotions. Emphasise that other children – even some of the teachers – will be feeling the same way. Consider practical ways to manage these feelings and help children feel more in control of their emotions. Some examples include fidget toys, breathing exercises or a notepad for doodling.

7 SECURE A SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents and carers should try to buy a child's uniform for the new academic year well in advance of the new term (although allowing for potential holiday growth spurts) and give them time to adapt to any changes. Make sure they can comfortably change into and out of it for PE lessons. Double check the requirements for PE on the school's website, as some schools will also have requirements for PE kits.

8 PREPARE FOR TRANSITION DAYS

Ensuring that children attend transition days is a vital step in preparing for the new year. Some schools also have transition evenings for parents and carers to attend, offering extra opportunities to reach out for any additional support.

9 READ THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

If a young person struggles with their mental health, it's important to understand their school's mental health policy and provision to know what support is available. This should be on the school's website. A range of aid is typically on offer – from individual timetable amendments to group sessions on emotional wellbeing. You can then discuss these options with the child to reassure them that help is there if they need it.

10 LEARN ABOUT SEN SUPPORT

If a child has SEN and receives help in school, try to confirm exactly what support is available to ensure they'll be having their needs met if they're moving up to secondary school. It's a good idea to meet with the SENCO to ensure that all teachers receive the most relevant, up-to-date information about the child's needs and have a contact to liaise with if these change over time.

Meet Our Expert

Amy Sayer is a freelance mental health trainer for schools, an author and a content writer. She is an Associate for Diverse Educators, a fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and ITT wellbeing coach. Amy has previously been a SMHL coach, helping many different settings audit their mental health provision and support them to create and implement a strategic plan based on the specific needs of each setting.



#WakeUp
Wednesday

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IMPORTANT DATES



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

More dates including Christmas
events coming soon!

