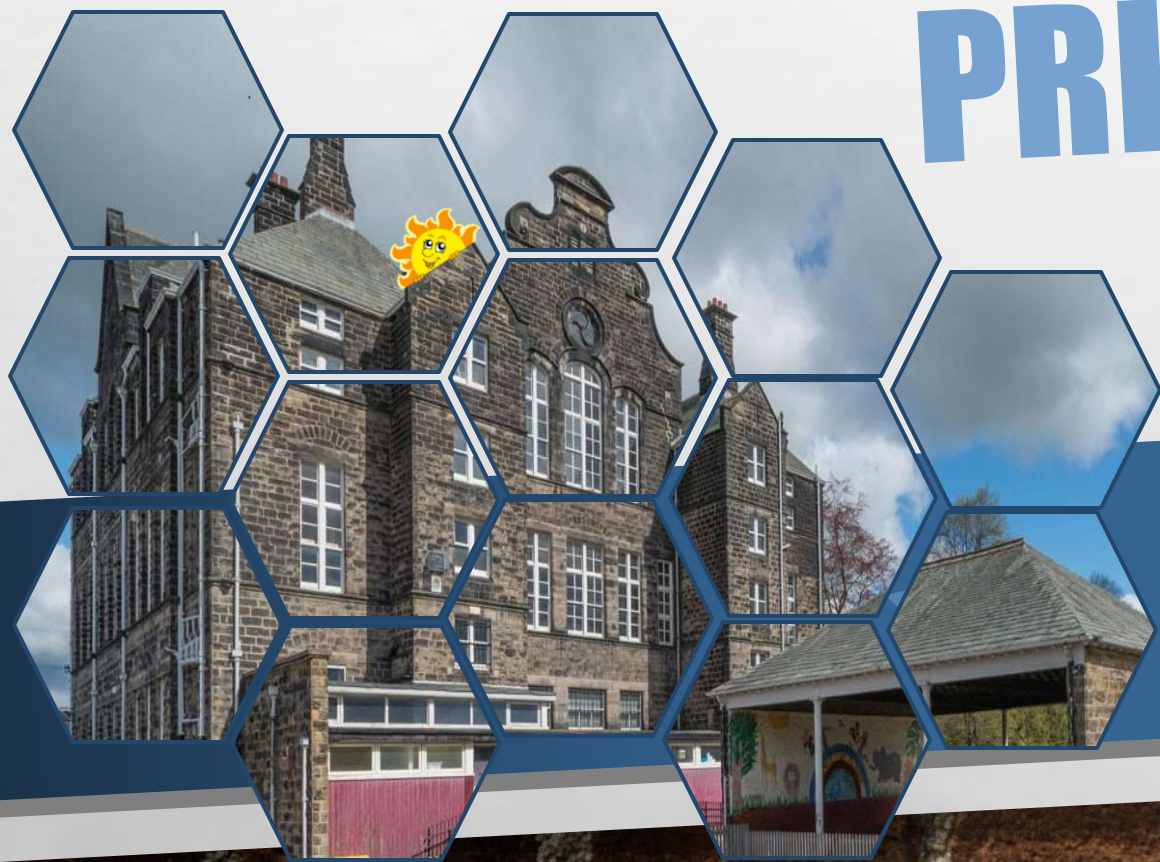




GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 10TH MAY 2024



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Good School

2023/2024

NEWSLETTER



Thank you once again for taking the time to read our newsletter.

What an amazing week we have had in school, it is so good to see more learning taking place outside, in the sunshine, both on the playground and over at Grove House in the gardens.

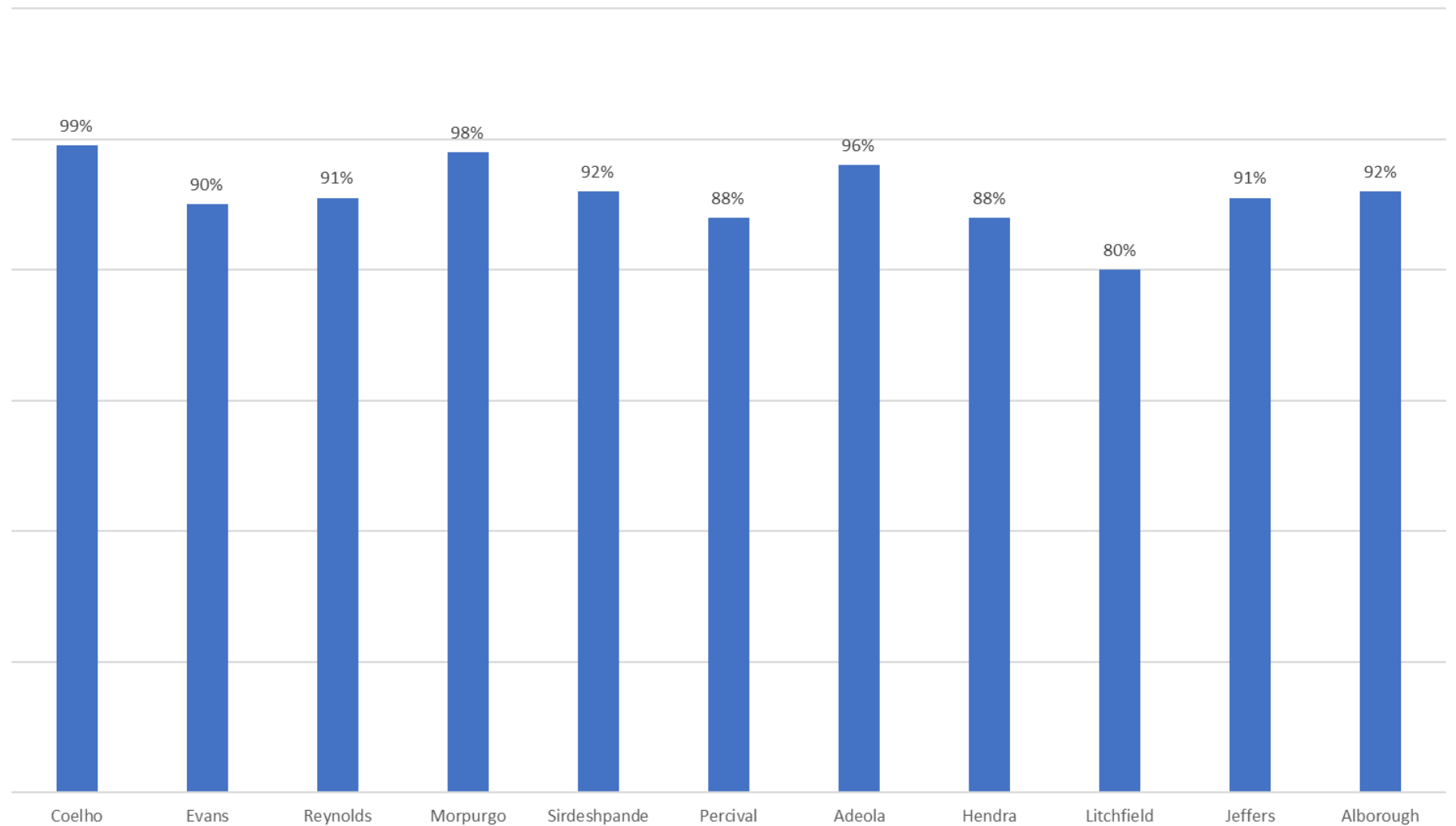
This afternoon we had a wonderful time in celebration assembly. Some common themes are children demonstrating our PRIDE values, showing resilience in their work, caring for each other and showing amazing learning behaviours throughout the week.

Have a restful weekend, see you all on Monday morning.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance totals for each class – Monday 6th May to Friday 10th May



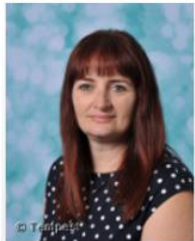
SAFEGUARDING



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	-	Alec
LITCHFIELD	-	Winston
HENDRA	-	Solomon
ADEOLA	-	Arthur F
PERCIVAL	-	Camryn
SIRDESH-PANDE	-	Elias
MORPURGO	-	Elena
REYNOLDS	-	Olivia
EVANS	-	Daniel B
COELHO	-	Zoher

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



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

Wyspa TV **PKS** **Harrogate High School** **Polish Saturday School Harrogate**

80th Anniversary Battle of Monte Cassino
Join us on Sunday 12th May 2024 12pm

Polish Heritage Day

Polish Saturday School at Harrogate High School Ainsty Road, Harrogate HG1 4AP

Bring your family & friends
Try authentic Polish food
Watch football match

Try Authentic Polish desserts & savoury dishes-
PIEROGI
Shop for Polish/English products,
arts & crafts
Live music
Folk dance
Fun activities & games for kids
Workshop Health check
.bobby Raffle & Tombola

Monica's Crochet Craft.

Cracovia

Polish Heritage Day



May 2024

Dear Team GR

Summer Fair, 5th July 2024, 3:30pm – 5:30pm

The Friends of Grove Road (FOGR) group have started preparations for this year's summer fair, which will be held in the playground and the bottom hall after school on Friday 5th July and we need your help to make it a success!



Olympic Theme

As the 2024 Olympics in Paris are coming up at the end of July, we are planning to do an Olympic themed summer fair. If you belong to an organisation that has any connections with the Olympics or are involved in sports represented at the Olympics and might be able to arrange any themed prizes/activities for the fair, please get in touch with the FOGR. Or do you know an Olympic sports star who might agree to come along for a brief appearance at the fair?

You can see a list of all the sports involved in Paris 2024 on the Olympic website: <https://olympics.com/en/paris-2024/sports>

How else can you help?

- Pre-fair preparation - wrapping prizes, preparation for games stalls, picking up donations, preparing signs/posters, selling tokens in the playground.
- Fair set-up – Stall set-up, putting up signs, food preparation etc.
 - 1.30 till 3pm on the day of the fair
- Running a stall – run a stall throughout the fair and packing away once finished.
 - 3pm till 5pm (ish)
- General tidy-up – help with packing away, tidying and taking away rubbish/recycling at the end of the fair.
 - 5pm till 6pm
- Donations – we would appreciate any donations of prizes for games, tombola, pre-loved soft toys etc. Please bring any donations to the school office

If you can help with the fair preparation, set-up, or running a stall and tidying up, or if you think you can help in any other way, please get in touch with the FOGR at friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com or ask one of the teachers to point you in the direction of a member of FOGR. We particularly encourage families with SEND children to get involved to help us make our events inclusive and enjoyable for everyone.

To keep up to date with plans for the summer fair and other FOGR activities and fundraising, please join our Facebook page – you can find the page using the QR code below.



Kind Regards

The FOGR Committee



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





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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert: potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutcliffe is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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IMPORTANT DATES



When	Event
Monday 15 th April – Wednesday 17 th April	Parents evenings
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th May	School reopens
Friday 17 th May	8:40-9:10am Second hand uniform sale front of school – Donations only
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term (3:15pm)
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens
Tuesday 4 th June	Jeffers & Litchfield – Visit to Harlow Carr Gardens
Friday 7 th June	Hendra & Adeola – Visit to Harlow Carr Gardens
Wednesday 26 th June – Friday 28 th June	Year 6 Residential – Newby Wiske Hall
Monday 1 st July 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day
Friday 5 th July – 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Summer Fair
Wednesday 10 th July 1:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day
Friday 19 th July	School closes for the Summer Break (2:15pm)
Monday 22 nd July	INSET Day – School Closed

