



GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 13TH 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.

We've had a wonderful week in school, it's fantastic to see all the children settled into their new classes. Our KS1 children enjoyed a walk around the local area and some of our Year 3 and 4 children have started their swimming lessons, all of them represented the school brilliantly while they were out and about.

The children will all have brought home new maths learning journals today, these are designed to assist with the classroom learning, you should have received a SeeSaw message about them, if you have any questions, please contact your class teacher or join us at our meet the teacher event on Thursday afterschool.

Thank you for all your support.



MEET THE TEACHER



Thursday 19th September 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Join us afterschool, to meet your children's new teacher and see the classroom. This is a relaxed opportunity to see our learning environments and will be followed by a more formal parents evening later in the autumn term.

Please come to the playground as normal at the end of the day to collect your child and they will escort you to their class.



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

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Niko

HENDRA

-

Edith

GRAY

-

Bronwen

PERCIVAL

-

Teddie

PILKEY

-

Sharon

MORPURGO

-

Charlie T

REYNOLDS

-

Hasina

RUNDELL

-

William

KLASSEN

-

Seth

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

(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



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO MANAGE CONFLICT EFFECTIVELY

Disagreement is a natural part of human interaction. This can seem particularly true when dealing with the sensitive issues that arise for secondary-aged pupils. This guide brings you 10 top tips which can help prevent conflicts arising or mitigate their impacts when they do.

1 INSPIRE RESPONSIBILITY

The best approaches to conflict resolution are restorative. This means that rather than adults imposing their own solutions on children who have had a disagreement, they should work with them. Allowing them to handle it can feel empowering to young people and will hopefully teach them to manage their own disputes as they move towards adult life.

2 ACTIVELY LISTEN

Remember to give every child the opportunity to voice their opinion, regardless of their age, stage of development, special educational needs, or other individual requirements. This can be done using a variety of different communication methods. For example, some children find it easier to express how they're feeling using pictures and drawings, while some prefer to write their ideas down.

3 BE CURIOUS

Demonstrating how to approach conflicts with a mature and empathetic mindset can set a good example to children, which can prove a useful skill for them later in life. Model this by asking inquisitive-yet-respectful questions about the issue at hand. Really try to understand where all parties are coming from, and share information between them when and where appropriate. This should encourage young people to mirror your behaviour, teaching them to be curious about the other sides of a conflict, and thus being more willing to hear them out.

4 PROMOTE DIFFERENCES

Children and young people may come from a range of different backgrounds and cultures or have protected characteristics which may cause them to see things from various angles. Having a school and community culture which celebrates and embraces diversity in all things – including diversity of opinion – means people are more likely to feel heard and understood.

5 BE SUPPORTIVE

Discussions may be sensitive or, in some cases, even trigger negative emotions. Pupils may have mixed feelings about the issue at hand. They could be nervous or anxious before even coming to the table to talk about it. Try and create a space where all parties feel safe, welcome and comfortable. Allow breaks and time-outs if the conversation gets heated, to prevent anyone from saying something they might later regret.

6 MENTALLY PREPARE

Think of how you can approach the conflict in a calm and regulated manner. Consider taking some extra time to prepare beforehand and finding somewhere quiet to relax. Even if you're not directly involved with the conflict, mediating can be a stressful experience in its own right. Make sure you're hydrated, fed and comfortable, and do the same for the young people involved. These may seem like insignificant factors, but it's important to remember that physical discomfort can trigger dysregulation, which can make it much harder to have a calm, productive conversation.

7 GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

Make sure you have all the facts, figures and timelines of the situation prior to the discussion. This should be done as objectively as possible with the aim of resolving the ongoing issue. You may want to risk assess any problems that may arise and look for possible solutions during your preparation time.

8 STICK TO THE POINT

Make the reason for, and purpose of, any meetings or communications clear prior to setting them up. Provide an agenda. Act as a neutral chairperson who can keep all parties on track. Make sure everyone has a chance to air their concerns about the issue being discussed and try to avoid talking about unrelated incidents. Close off with some action points, detailing what everyone can do to resolve the conflict.

9 BE SOLUTION FOCUSED

It's often said that the art of diplomacy is about giving others ladders to climb down. This means the main aim of any meeting or correspondence should be finding mutually acceptable and amicable solutions. Parents, carers, teachers and pupils should be aware there may need to be a compromise for the common good – and, most importantly, the good of the children you're supporting.

10 DON'T IGNORE OR AVOID CONFLICT

No one benefits from allowing concerns and grievances to fester, as this can lead to further division and mistrust, and ultimately doesn't help the children involved. Use our tips to open meaningful lines of communication. These should help you find a suitable resolution and minimise the number of conflicts you're faced with mediating overall.

Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lawl is a neurodivergent former SENCO and advisory teacher. She founded her company, Neuroteachers, to improve inclusion for neurodivergent people. She works with nurseries, schools, colleges and businesses providing consultancy, training and mentoring to create belonging and understanding for people with the full range of neurotypes.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-to-manage-conflict-effectively>

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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
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!

