



# GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 18<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.

**Wow! What an amazing day we have had! The children all looked incredible and we were overwhelmed with all the children's efforts throughout the day. We really enjoyed inviting you all in to share the morning with us. We hope it was a memorable day for all.**

Just a reminder, tickets for the School Disco are on sale after school in the playground. Please see the next slide.

**Thank you for all your support.**





**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Bottom Floor) – 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

**Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 (Middle and Top Floor) – 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**FRIENDS OF GROVE ROAD**

# SCHOOL DISCO

**LIVE PERFORMANCE**

**DJ MORLAND**

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**THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER**

**ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY**

**£3 (CASH ONLY PLEASE)**

**TICKETS ON SALE IN THE PLAYGROUND NEAR THE SHELTER FROM  
WED 16TH AFTER SCHOOL-INCLUDES A DRINK, CRISPS AND**

**TEMPORARY TATTOO**

**REC/KS1 - 4:30PM -5:30PM**

**KS2 - 6PM-7PM**

**ALL CHILDREN, INCLUDING THOSE IN YEAR 5 & 6, MUST BE COLLECTED BY A  
PARENT/CARER OVER THE AGE OF 18**





## 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	-	Johan
HENDRA	-	Vale
GRAY	-	Fraser
PERCIVAL	-	Theo
PILKEY	-	William
MORPURGO	-	Preston
REYNOLDS	-	Freddie W
RUNDELL	-	Oscar P
KLASSEN	-	Mia

*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**





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

## CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

- U:** Suitable for all ages
- PG:** For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them
- 12A:** Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references
- 15:** Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above
- 18:** Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

### FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

### PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

### CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

### REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

### DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

### Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



# 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
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	School Disco (See slide 3)
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School Closes for Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School Open</b>
Week Commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations – Details to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
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>