



# GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 another fabulous week; it was great to see lots of parents in school on Thursday afterschool at our meet the teacher event. We've had lots of positive feedback and really hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to see you child's class and meet their teacher.

Dates for parents evening will be available soon, please keep an eye out on the important dates at the end of the newsletter.

**Thank you for all your support.**





# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Open Tuesday 24th September – Thursday  
26th September 3:15pm – 3:45pm in the  
bottom hall

Join us afterschool to have a look at the books on  
offer at the scholastic book fair. With plenty to  
choose from for all year groups, why not come and  
have a browse, we're sure that there is something  
for everyone.



# 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	-	Ralph
HENDRA	-	Zain
GRAY	-	Winston
PERCIVAL	-	Reggie
PILKEY	-	Willow
MORPURGO	-	Camryn
REYNOLDS	-	Drake
RUNDELL	-	Hania
KLASSEN	-	Alyssa

*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**







# National Online Safety®



At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and e-safety change. Fully delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed, however users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SCAMS AND BLACKMAIL

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages feature by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them (regardless of whether it is true or not) and will share them online unless they send them money. Teens then (understandably) panic and worry about the long-term consequences. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – either on this app or others.

#### EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight'. It claims the content shown here is relevant to each user, but it could also be seen as an easy way to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore,

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

#### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

#### VISIBLE LOCATION

A feature called 'SnapMaps' highlights your device's exact position on a virtual map, which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, selected friends or just you. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to help friends keep track of each other – but it could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### SET CONTROLS VIA FAMILY CENTRE

Snapchat has parental controls called 'Family Centre'. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. This allows you to view their friends list, see who they have chatted with in the last 7 days (but not to view the specific messages) and report any concerns.

#### TALK ABOUT REAL LIFE SCAMS

If a young person is mature enough to have Snapchat, then they are mature enough to have a conversation about scams, frauds and blackmail. Have this discussion before you let them join. Share some real-life examples, discuss the importance of never sharing passwords and discourage them from sharing photos. If they are lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately, then block and report the predator and screenshot any evidence.

#### DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage children to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

#### CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be resistant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about setting personal children first once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up – and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some 'challenges' which become popular on the platform may have harmful consequences.

#### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap stories are visible to everyone a user adds unless they change their settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless 'Spot Mode' is enabled. It's safest for a child to avoid adding people they don't know in real life – especially since the location of My AI, which allows people to see where users regularly visit.

#### BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to show why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland 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.

**#WakeUpWednesday**

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat/>

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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
<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
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Friends of Grove Road – Quiz Night (Details to follow)
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>

More dates including Christmas  
events coming soon!

