



Friday 2nd October 2020

The Grove Valer

Photo deadline

Yesterday, children had individual and siblings photos taken. If you would like to order any photos, they must be returned to school by Friday 16th October. We will not be able to accept any more orders after this date.

Thankyou.



Harvest Donations

To celebrate harvest this year, we will be asking parents to place donations on tables located in the infant and junior playgrounds. The donations are being sent to the Great Barr food bank at St Bernard's Church.

They need items such as: tea, coffee, tinned fruit or vegetables, pasta, rice, packets of sauces, tinned meats & puddings, toiletries, nappies and wipes. They can not accept fresh food, fruit or vegetables. Donations can be made on the **5th and 6th October**, before and after school.

Parent's Evening

Please be aware that booking for Parent's Evening will go live tomorrow at 10am. Please keep on checking your emails regularly to book your place. If you have any issues with booking an appointment, please contact the school.

Homework

Miss Cotterill has put together a help video to support you in logging on and accessing the Office 365 for your child's Sharepoint for homework. Please be aware that if you have more than one child in school, you will need to be logged in as the child of the specific year group you are trying to access the Sharepoint for. We have done this to organise classes effectively. Many children will already be familiar with the format due to already accessing their work on here during school closure earlier in the year due to COVID-19. However, teachers will be recapping with children how to access Office 365 and particular folders in school to support their online learning.

<https://vimeo.com/458579172>

If you have issues accessing the homework, please contact the school by clicking on the following link <https://www.grovevale.co.uk/contact>

Covid Symptoms

Could we please remind you that the symptoms of Covid are a persistent cough, high temperature above 37.8 and a loss or change in taste or smell. If your child has any of these symptoms, they will need to have a Covid test and self-isolate. If their result is **negative**, then they can return to school. If the result is positive, your child will have to self-isolate for 10 days.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder that the final deadline for secondary school applications is Saturday 31st October 2020. All applications have to be made online. Please visit the Sandwell website:

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200303/school_admissions/349/

Face Coverings

A reminder to all parents who drop off and collect their children at the start and the end of the day, school are recommending the use of a face covering.



Timezone in Year 3

A letter was sent out last month detailing Timezone's visit to Year 3 on 21st October. On the day, children will be immersed in the life and culture of the Romans. We are asking that year 3 parents contribute £6.25 towards the cost of the visit. As of today, we have not had many payments. Please be aware that if we do not receive sufficient payments then the visit may not go ahead, and your child will miss out on a valuable learning experience. To make a payment, please go onto ParentPay.



Training Day

Just a reminder that Friday 23rd October is a training day. Children will not be in school on this day.

5th October	Harvest Donation week
6th October	Yr 6 DECCA day
Week beginning 12th Oct	Visiting artists in school
15th October	Parent's Evening phone calls 4.30pm-6.30pm
16th October	Deadline for photo orders to be returned to school
20th October	Parent's evening phone calls 4.30pm-6.30pm
21st October	Timezone Yr 3
23rd October	Training Day
26th-30th October	Half term
5th November	Flu Nasal Spray
18th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
4th January	Return to school