



Friday 27th November 2020

The Grove Valer

Remote Learning

As you are all aware, years 4 and 5 have been isolating this week and have been accessing remote learning at home. We want to say a massive well done to all the children, staff and parents who have been working so hard, accessing the live TEAMS meeting and completing their work. It is a totally different way of teaching and learning for everyone but we have had over 90% of children online and engaged.

This week years 6 and 2 have completed successful 'test' TEAMS meetings outside of school hours. Year 3 have theirs on Monday 30th at 4.45pm and Year 1 on Tuesday 1st Dec at 6pm. Miss Cotterill kindly requests that you complete the form that was sent out in the Teams Test letter after completing your "test teams meeting" at home. This will provide valuable information for us regarding how children will be able to access learning online in the future.

If you are having any problems accessing your children's office 365 account or using TEAMS please contact the school as a matter of urgency. If their class is sent home, this is how all learning will be accessed. It is now law that if children are isolating, the expectation is that they will be actively taking part in remote learning from 9am -3.30pm, which includes input from staff and tasks for children to complete.

Children in reception will be accessing remote learning via tapestry.

Covid Symptoms

The symptoms of Covid are a new and persistent cough, high temperature, 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. If somebody in your household is having a test, then **EVERYONE** in the household needs to isolate until a negative test result comes back. Children **MUST NOT** be in school whilst somebody in their household is having a test and waiting for results.

Christingle Service

On Tuesday 1st December, we will be starting our Christmas celebrations via a virtual Christingle service led by Mrs Connop. Classes will make their own Christingle and children will sing "This Little Light Of Mine."



Christmas Cards

This year, children can send Christmas cards to other children in their class **ONLY**. Class lists will be sent home so you can write children's names on them. There will not be a post box in school this year.

Secret Santa

This year, children can take part in class Secret Santa. If they have chosen to take part, they should have received the name of a child in their class. Can all Secret Santas be wrapped up with a label stating the name of the child and brought into school **no later** than Tuesday 15th December.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will take place on 11th December. Booking forms have been sent home and need to be returned to school before 1st December. All dinners need to be ordered via Schoolgrid. If you do not order your child's Christmas Dinner, they will receive a jacket potato instead. If you have issues with ordering meals, please contact the school office.

Charity Presents Tag

We have signed up to a Christmas present donation initiative for a local hospice, this is not compulsory and it is not an expectation. Our children however wanted to do something for other children who are less fortunate. Consent forms for this have been sent out. If your child would like to take part, please complete the form and send it back into school with your child to hand to their class teacher no later than 30/11/2020.

We will then collate and sort the responses issuing you with a tag if you are participating in the donation. These tags will have the information of the type of gift required. For example: 'boy aged 4.' We ask that you kindly purchase a gift that best represents this criteria, wrap the gift and stick the tag to the outside. The gift can then be sent into school with your child to give back to their class teacher. These will then all be sorted and delivered to the hospice on the last day of term. We kindly ask that all gift donations to be sent to school no later than **Wednesday 16th December**. Please remember if you do decide to participate and have siblings in school only 1 present is asked of from the family.

Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday.

On Monday 30th November, many of our children and families will be celebrating Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday. We would like to wish all celebrating a Happy Gurburb from their Grove Vale family!

30th November	Reply slips to be returned to school re the present donations.
30th November— 4th December	Year 2 Phonics Tests.
9th December	Theatre Production R-Year 3.
11th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day.
15th December	Secret Santa Gifts To Be Handed Into School.
16th December	Present Donations For Hospice Handed Into School.
17th December	Party Day. Secret Santa Gift Exchange.
18th December	Effort Reports Sent Home.
18th December	Break up for Christmas holidays.
4th January	Return to school.

