



Friday 4th December 2020

The Grove Valer

Christmas Party Day

On Thursday 17th December, it is party day in classes. Unfortunately we are unable to have year group discos like normal however we will ensure the children have a wonderful day with their own classmates. Children can come to school in party clothes, please bear in mind however that they will go outside so please ensure children are dressed appropriately including footwear. Can children please bring in their own plate of food and a cracker to enjoy as part of the day. School will provide drinks.



Food Bank

We are accepting donation for the food bank throughout December. items can be left on the tables in both the infants and junior playgrounds at the beginning and end of the day. Items with long-term date and essential non-food items like toiletries and hygiene products can be donated. These will be sorted by and delivered weekly to the food bank by our school councillors.

Dropping Off Times

If you need to drop-off a child whose sibling is isolating, the drop-off time is between 8:50-8:55. All other children must be dropped off before 8:50 or they will be marked late on the register.

Informing School About Covid News

If anyone in your household has a Covid test over the weekend, or receives test results over the weekend, could you please fill out the online contact form on the school website to inform us before Monday. Click on this link to take you to the contact form: <https://www.grovevale.co.uk/contact>

Friday 11th December

On Friday 11th December it is Christmas jumper day. Children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. It is also Christmas Dinner day. If your child would like a dinner, please order it on Schoolgrid **as soon as possible**. If you do not order a Christmas dinner, your child will have a jacked potato instead.

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.

Christmas Cards

We are happy for children to send their classmates Christmas cards, children are able to bring them in from next week. Please try and hand in the cards on Monday and Tuesday over the next two weeks and the teacher will hand the cards out on Fridays, this will allow a 72 hour quarantine period.

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.



Year 3 Trees For Cities

On a not so bright, sunny and warm day, our school field was today filled with colour, laughter, experience and pride.

The children of year 3 flooded our outdoor area with green fingered joy, passion and big plans for re-forestation.

With the help, love and support from the amazing charity: Trees for Cities our children have planted 1000 trees in order to contribute to the reforestation of our school and the planet!

The children have learnt:

- ✓ To plant trees
- ✓ How to carefully hold plants
- ✓ Working as a team
- ✓ How to care for plants
- ✓ How to handle and use planting equipment safely
- ✓ How to dig a good hole!
- ✓ The names of baby and adult trees/ plants
- ✓ The impact that planting trees has on our planet

We even taught Nick and Ruth about the amazing work of Alexandria Ocasio Cortez and everything she has done to promote the Green New Deal!



Charity Presents Tag

We have signed up to a Christmas present donation initiative for a local hospice, Consent forms for this have been sent out.

We are currently collating and sorting 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.

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.

