



Friday 4th September 2020

# The Grove Valer

## Welcome Back

What a wonderful start to our 20/21 academic term! Lovely to see all of the children back looking smart in their uniforms. We have had a fantastic launch of Feel Good Friday, the children looked very smart and had an opportunity to do lots of activities based on life skills, PSHE and character education. We will share with you some of the fantastic work over the coming weeks.

### **We would like to welcome new members of staff**

Mrs Matharu- Meal supervisor  
Miss Vowles- Meals supervisor  
Mrs Raisinghani- After school club  
Mrs Turner- LSA reception  
Miss Morley-Jones- Year 5 teacher  
Mr Karowski- Year 3 teacher  
Miss Patel- Year 3 LSA

### **Our school priorities 20/21**

As a school we are collectively working towards these school priorities:-

- To identify, plan and deliver a carefully focused bounce back curriculum to ensure all learners are on track to at least meet their prior attainment in all areas by the end of the year
- To raise the profile and importance of learning in health and wellbeing to ensure that children and staff develop the knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes which they need for mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing now and in the future
- Leaders to ensure that inclusion, diversity and equality permeates through all aspects of school life and our school curriculum to enable and empower our pupils to have a wider understanding of the world around us
- To focus on early reading and phonics development in Reception- Year 3 to ensure our younger learners do not fall behind in their early reading skill development

Thank you all for your support and co-operation this week, it has been a challenge for everyone. The staff have worked very hard to adhere to safety measures and the children have also co-operated very well, we are very proud. We hope that this continues next week and we will continue to closely monitor procedures.

Have a lovely weekend ☺

### Step Back With Science

On Thursday, the children took part in our step back with science day. During the day the children were able to carry out practical activities and fun lessons which covered work that they missed during lockdown.

Some year groups went out and about to explore the school grounds. Year 5 made butter, and year 6 took part in flower dissection. The children worked really hard and a great day was had by all!

### Swimming

Swimming lessons for years 1-6 will begin from week beginning 14th September. Lessons will take place every other week. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on the days they are swimming as they will not be able to borrow kits from the school.

### Before and After School Clubs

We have places available at our before and after school clubs! Please contact Mr Dodd if you require a place on [adam.dodd@grovevale.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:adam.dodd@grovevale.sandwell.sch.uk)

### School Grid

If your child has school dinners, can you please make sure their meals are ordered before 9:30 am every day using your School Grid account. If you do not order a meal for your child, they will be given a jacket potato. If you have any issues with using School Grid, please contact the school office.

### Attendance

We are happy to announce that this week's overall school attendance is 95.7% This is an amazing effort and we are so proud of all children who attended school this week.



### Feel Good Friday

The children really enjoyed the first Feel Good Friday today and are excited for things to come! Please remember, children can wear navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, trainers, their school polo shirt and their school jumper or they can just come in their normal school uniform.

Reading Books and instruments

Could we ask if you have any school reading books or instruments still at home, could you return them to school as soon as possible please.

Spanish Club

We have places available in our Spanish club. We run lunchtime classes for children in years 2-6. The children learn Spanish in an exciting environment. Lessons begin from 7th September. Lessons are run by Clare Fennell.

It costs £50 for 10 weeks tuition (£5 per session). 15% sibling discount. Plus £16 for the book/CD/online app.

Please find attached a leaflet for more information.

If your child/children would like to take part, please contact Clare Fennell at:

**clarefennell@outlook.com**

