



Friday 6th November 2020

The Grove Valer

Start and End Times

Please find below the school start and end times:

<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>START TIME</u>
Reception	8:40-8:50
Year 1	8:40-8:50
Year 2	8:40-8:50
Year 3	8:35-8:45
Year 4	8:35-8:45
Year 5	8:35-8:45
Year 6	8:35-8:45

<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>END TIME</u>
Reception	3:30
Year 1	3:20
Year 2	3:25
Year 3	3:30
Year 4	3:20
Year 5	3:25
Year 6	3:30

Please ensure that you are on time for your slot and you are only on the playground once the year group has been called. Can you please ensure that you leave the playground quickly once your child has been dismissed. Only one parent/adult should be collecting each child.



Mrs Griffiths and Mr Reeves are leaving

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Griffiths is leaving us after working in pre-school for 10 years. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work over the years. She will be missed by all of the children. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

Mr Reeves is also leaving us after completing his apprenticeship. All the children have loved him working here and we know he will do well in whatever he chooses to do next.



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.

Year 3 had the incredible experience of being immersed in Roman and Celtic life!

The day began where we met as a Celtic tribe. We learned about the lives of the Celts and felt what it was like in our very own roundhouse!

We even elected our own princess to teach, lead and be our guide for the day.

We were then met by a very dominant and fierce Roman Soldier who did his best to try and convert us to join his Roman Army.

He taught us many things about the life he led and the way he and his people treated ...



women which we weren't too impressed with.

He taught us to be a Roman soldier and exposed us to the harsh training regime that the warriors of the Roman era endured, to be the best fighters in the world.

We learnt to write our name using the Roman Cursive lettering which was very different to the letters that we use today and found out about the schooling week that the children were expected to attend - FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET 7 DAYS PER WEEK!

We then were asked to decide on whether we wished to stay within the Celtic Tribe or Join the Romans!

Parking

We have received complaints from local residents regarding parking. Could you please ensure that when you are dropping off and picking up children from school that you are parking considerately. Thank you.



Remembrance Day

To commemorate remembrance day this year, we will be selling poppies. Children can bring in a donation of at least 20p and buy a poppy from their teacher. Each year group will also be making a unique piece of art work. Children will also be taking part in a special virtual remembrance assembly on Wednesday.



Safa 5km run

Well done to Safa in 4H for completing a 5KM run to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support! She completed the race in 38 minutes and raised over £400. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported her!



Music Lessons

We are pleased to announce all music lessons will continue as normal throughout the lockdown.



Children In Need

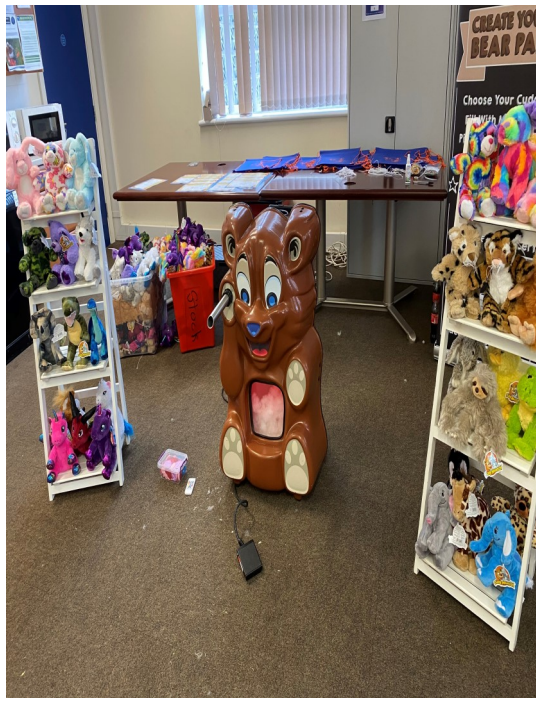
On Friday 13th November it is Children In Need. On this day the children can come into school in non-school uniform and we will be asking the children to wear as many spotty items as possible. We will also be asking for a donation of £1 from the children who choose to wear their own clothes.

Christmas Card Orders

The deadline for returning Christmas card orders to school has now passed. Any more that are received in school now will be sent home.

October Half-Term Holiday Club

Over the October half term holiday our Grove Vale holiday club made a return. Children took part in many activities throughout the week. We had Timezone come in on the Monday and do lots of creative outdoor activities including making our own tie dye. We had the Bearspoke events company in school working with our children to build and create their own bear. We finished off the week with a Halloween themed day where children did pumpkin carving, indoor trick or treating and challenged themselves in the spooky task room. We will look forward to doing another club in the new year.



Swimming

We will not be opening our swimming pool and beginning swimming lessons until at least January 2021 as swimming pools will not be allowed to open during the national lockdown.

Readers Of The Term

The readers of the term are:

- 1P - Abi
- 1K - Naviya
- 2D - Udhay
- 2P - Zak
- 3K - Mia
- 3B - Roman
- 4A - Rajan
- 4H - Zara
- 5MJ - Habiba
- 5M - Eva
- 6H - Radvin
- 6C - Matthew

They have read at least 3 times a week and were chosen at random from their class reward pots. All children have been rewarded with a certificate and have ordered their free book. When the books have arrived in school, they will have their picture taken and will go on the reading display board.



9th November	Testing Weeks
11th November	Remembrance Day
13th November	Children In Need
13th November	Reception Diwali Day
16th November	Testing Weeks
23rd November - 25th November	Year 5 Bikeability
9th December	Theatre Production R-Year 3
18th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
4th January	Return to school