



Friday 12th March 2021

The Grove Valer

Return to school

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back this week, they have settled in so well and have adapted to being back in school really well. Our attendance has been above 95% every day which is fantastic. Thank you to all the parents for following our guidelines with regarding social distancing, face coverings and drop off and collection times.

A reminder of the collection times as these have changed slightly for all year groups:

- Reception collection times are 3.20pm in the Infant playground
- Year 1 collection time 3.25pm in the Infant playground
- Year 2 collection time 3.30pm in the Infant playground
- Year 3—3.35pm in the junior playground
- Year 4—3.30pm in the junior playground
- Year 5—3.25pm in the junior playground
- Year 6—3.20pm in the junior playground



To celebrate International Women's Day the children in year 3 were learning about Amna Al Hadad and had to complete a portrait of her.

We just had to share Kamron's art work from 3K—it was fantastic! We are sure you will agree an excellent piece of work showcasing his amazing artistic skills! Well done.

Training Day

Thursday 1st April will be a training day and school will be closed to all pupils.

Music lessons

Music lessons have started again in school this week. Please make sure if your child plays an instrument their instrument is in school on the correct day and all fees are paid up to date. Thanks.

Holiday Club

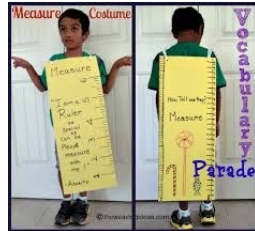
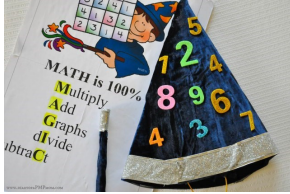
Places for holiday club are now full. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for our Easter holiday club. Mr Dodd will be in touch to confirm days with you.

International Maths Day

On **Monday 15th March** Grove Vale will be acknowledging International maths day, this day aims to get students excited and enthusiastic about learning Maths.

dressing up as a famous mathematician or inspired by

We will ask pupils to be creative by a math object.



The whole day will be maths themed and will include:

- **Outdoor Maths** – children have the opportunity to use outdoor math challenge cards to apply maths practically and in real life.
- **Current Maths** – As the census is this year, children will complete work related to this.
- **Retrieval** – pupils will create fun ways to build in some retrieval of the topics they covered in Spring.

Real Life Maths – Being exposed to problems that involve real life maths that they would encounter in their day to day life in contexts they can relate to.

Comic Relief

Red Nose Day is back on **Friday 19th March** and will aim to bring the UK together (although we may be apart) to show just how powerful humour can be through the toughest of times.

This year to raise money they are doing 'dress up to donate' with the theme being superheroes. On Friday 19 March, pupils can dress up as their favourite superhero for Red Nose Day for the donation of £1.00. From Wonder Woman to Superman, the day of dress up will put the power to change the world in pupils' hands. By channelling their inner superhero, pupils will be able to unleash their superpowers to support people living incredibly tough lives across the UK and around the world. The money raised by Red Nose Day will support people in the UK around the world, and help tackle homelessness, abuse and mental health stigma.



The week commencing 15th March there will be bands and head boppers available in school for your child to purchase for between £1.00 and £2.00. It has never felt more important to raise smiles and money for those who are struggling more than ever, as the continued impact of Covid-19 brings unprecedented challenges to many. Money raised by Red Nose Day will help vulnerable people in the UK and around the world.



Easter Celebrations

On **Tuesday 30th March** we will be holding our annual Easter Activities.

Infants (pre-school, reception, years 1 and 2) - will have an Easter bonnet parade. Children are encouraged to decorate a hat in an Easter/spring theme. We will then have a catwalk to see all the children wearing their hats and prizes given to the winners.



Juniors (years 3-6) - pupils can enter a decorated egg competition. Pupils can decorate an egg or create a diorama (a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures) Prizes will be awarded for an entry from each class. Pupils can bring their decorated eggs into school from Monday 29th.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher.



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| Monday 15th March | International maths Day |
| Friday 19th March | Comic relief |
| Tuesday 30th March | Easter Celebration day |
| Wednesday 31st March | Break up for Easter holidays |
| Thursday 1st April | School closed—teacher training day |
| Friday 2nd April | Good Friday—School closed |
| Monday 19th April | School return for summer term |
| Monday 3rd May | May Bank Holiday—school closed |
| Thursday 6th May | Polling Day—school closed |
| Friday 28th May | Break up for half term |
| Monday 7th June | Start of summer term |
| Monday 28th June | Training Day—school closed |
| Wednesday 21st July | Break up for summer holidays |