



Friday 23rd April 2021

The Grove Valer

Attendance

While there have been several periods throughout 2020 and early 2021 where children have not been required to attend school, the Department of Education has issued guidance which confirms that school attendance is mandatory for all pupils from 8th March 2021 and that the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

School will now be monitoring attendance closely again, sending home letters if attendance falls below certain percentages. We will also be asking parents to complete a Leave of Absence form (available from the school office) if pupils are to be absent from school for any reason.

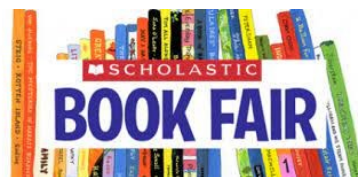
Book Fair

This week the Scholastic book fair has been in school and pupils have had the opportunity to browse the books in school. From next week children will be able to purchase books with cash (please send correct amount if possible), last date for orders is 30-4-21. Parents can also order with card by calling scholastic by 4-5-21. **There is a fantastic offer on**

books: 3 for 2, get the cheapest book free

Pay by Phone or purchase gift vouchers from the website to use at the fair

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>



Summer Uniform

As we are now in the summer term children can wear summer uniform. A reminder to parents of what this consists of: Girls: blue and white checked summer dress, white socks and black shoes. Boys: grey shorts, grey/black socks, light blue polo shirt and black shoes. For PE and feel good Friday, children can wear black shorts or gym skirts.

Please send your child with a sunhat and apply sun cream before they come to school. All children must have a water bottle in school.

Return of swimming

This week our years 4, 5 and 6 pupils returned to swimming with swimming teacher Mrs Reaney. The children were very excited to be back in the pool and the risk assessments were followed.

Year 4 —swim on Wednesday

Year 5 and 6—swim on Friday

Please make sure your child comes to school 'beach ready' (A one piece costume for the girls and swimming trunks for the boys, not shorts)

All children must have a swimming hat.

Please note that it is a curriculum expectation that your child takes part in swimming, if your children can not swim a letter must be written to inform staff.

St George's Day



Friday 23rd April, we acknowledge that it is St George's Day. **St George's Day** in England remembers **St George**, England's patron **saint**. The anniversary of his death, which is on April 23, is seen as England's national **day**. According to legend, he was a soldier in the Roman army who killed a dragon and saved a princess.

Forest School

This term years 2, 5 and 6 will be taking part in forest school with Mr Dodd.

6C	6H	Year 2
Monday 26 th April 2021	Tuesday 27 th April 2021	Thursday 29 th April 2021
Monday 10 th May 2021	Tuesday 11 th May 2021	Thursday 13 th May 2021
Monday 17 th May 2021	Tuesday 18 th May 2021	Thursday 20 th May 2021
Monday 24 th May 2021	Tuesday 25 th May 2021	Thursday 27 th May 2021

Year4 Drums

This term year 4 will be taking part in weekly drum lessons provided by the Sandwell Music service. As part of their topic on the Kingdom of Benin the pupils are learning to play the djembe drums. The lessons started yesterday and children and staff reported how good they were.

Just Giving

One of our year 5 pupils, Maddi, is trying to raise £500 by asking people to sponsor her to have her hair cut off. She wants to raise money to help fund new facilities in school to help children cope with the impacts of 'Lockdown' as mental health has taken a hit. Please donate to their JustGiving Crowdfunding Page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/toni-vale?utm_id=2&utm_term=D58YQegXE

Year 5 Bikeability

This term the year 5 pupils will be taking part in Bikeability sessions. *Bikeability* is today's cycle training programme. It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle safely on today's roads. This will take place week beginning 10th May and 17th May.



SNAP

(Sandwell Nursing Ambassadors Programme)

Today the school nurse was in school working with our pupils health ambassadors. SNAP (Sandwell Nursing Ambassadors Programme) has always been very successful and fun learning for the pupils involved. We have chosen two Ambassadors from each year group who work with the nurse on their own chosen topics but also the Health Education topics that we present to whole year groups.

Rec/ Y1: Hand washing and teeth cleaning

All years:

- Healthy Eating
- Emotional support

Y5/6: Puberty - We will not be suggesting that Puberty is represented via SNAP due to the sensitivity of the subject therefore we will provide resources and leaflets to be given out. If children need one-to-one or group discussions regarding Puberty and body changes this can also be arranged.

Meetings will be held weekly with a goal of presenting what they have learnt to the rest of their year group.

Year 1 Red House Park Trip

On Tuesday 4th May, Year 1 will be visiting Red House Park as part of their local history topic.

Congratulations

Well done to a member of our governing body, Kishma Bojali who has won Solicitor of the year at the Birmingham Law Society awards, the staff, children and governors are very proud of you.

Parents Evening

Parents consultations will take place on Thursday 6th May. The portal is now live and parents can book their appointment slots. If you have any problems or questions please get in touch with school.

Easter Holiday Club

During the Easter Holidays our Grove Vale's Holiday Club opened up for two weeks of fun. The children got up to lots of different activities such as, arts and crafts, sport, competition days, build a bear activities, camping experience day, entertainment shows and even a 'who done it?' challenge, where a member of staff stole the Easter eggs. I just want to say that I was very impressed with the children's attitude, behaviour and determination to complete challenges. We had lots of fun! I also would like to thank all the members of staff that worked during their holiday to help run the club. Mr Dodd

Have a look what we have been up too !!!



Art and craft



Entertainment show



Easter Who done it challenge

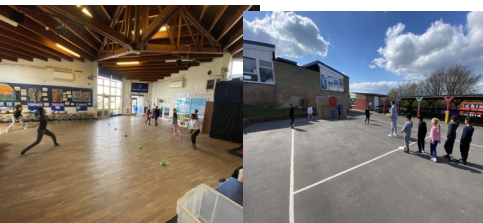


Camping experience day



Our end of club disco

Sports and competition day



Red House park

Our next club

We are going to be running a two day holiday club on the 1st and 2nd of June, details about this club will be announced next week and you will be able to book your child's place from next Friday.



Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday—school closed
Tuesday 4th May	Year 1 Red House Park Trip
Thursday 6th May	Polling Day—school closed
Thursday 6th May	Virtual Parent consultation
Week beg 10th May	Year 5 Bikeability
Week Beg 17th May	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 28th May	Break up for half term
1st and 2nd June	Summer Holiday club
Monday 7th June	Start of summer term
Monday 28th June	Training Day—school closed
Week beg Monday 28th	Year 6 residential Plas Gwynant trip
Wednesday 21st July	Break up for summer holidays