



Friday 26th February 2021

The Grove Valer

Return to school

Grove Vale will be welcoming back all children as normal on **Monday 8th March** including before and after school club provision and we look forward to the children's return. The government has said that attendance for children will revert to being compulsory as it was before the lockdown.

In order to minimise the contact between year groups, it will be necessary to have staggered drop off and collection times (apart from pre-school as times remain the same). There will be a one-way system in operation for entry and exit to the site in the Infant playground that must be observed to protect all concerned.

Drop offs

- Reception and KS1 pupils will still have a soft start in the am and should arrive between 8.40-8.50am
- KS2 pupils will still have a soft start in the am and should arrive between 8.35-8.45am.

Collection time

- 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

Please see letter sent out via Parent pay for more information regarding school re-opening.

Week beginning 1st March—Home learning update

In order for us to effectively plan and prepare for the pupil's return, we are making adjustments to our remote learning provision next week for Years 1-6. We are using next week as an assessment week for children so we can plan for specific gaps in knowledge based upon assessment tasks. **Please note that there will not be any live or pre-recorded teaching next week** apart from on Thursday 4th March for World Book day.

Next week, every year group will have a timetable of activities to complete. This will be sent to you by Monday 1st March by the class teacher with specific instructions and links to tasks. Please ensure that your child completes the tasks on their own so we can assess what they are able to remember and do. In addition, please send any written work from next week's tasks such as the writing task into school on Monday 8th March, the work will be stuck into the children's books.

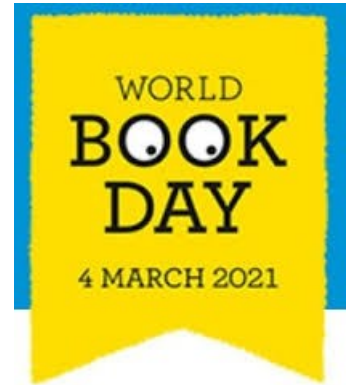
TEAMS meetings will be available for teachers to explain tasks to the children

- Monday and Wednesday at 9am for KS2
- Tuesday and Thursday at 9am for KS1

Please see letter sent out via parent pay for more details about next week's remote learning.

World Book Day

Thursday 4 th March is International World Book Day and, on this day the children will be carrying out reading activities related to different books or authors. Children also have the opportunity to come to school or to their live lessons dressed as their favourite book character (we would recommend re-wearing last years outfit or creating an outfit using clothing you already have, to save purchasing new outfits during this current time). *Please note, if children choose not to dress up they need to come to school in their school uniform.*



On this day children will be invited to join a one off 30 minute session to celebrate World Book Day. You will sent more information about this nearer the time by your child's class teacher. We hope that you will be able to join us and make this celebration of reading a huge success!

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.



Times Table Rock Stars.

Each week, Mr Ahearn monitors Times Tables Rock stars to see who has been the most active users in each class. Well done do these children:

- 3K—Rayhaan and Jorvan**
- 3B— Jovan and Tina**
- 4A— Jacob and Rosalie**
- 4H—Eva and Joanne**
- 5MJ—Manveer and Jack**
- 5M—Kyvon and Rohan**
- 6H—Radvin and Jake**
- 6C— Anand and Zain M**



Grove Vale Star

Well done to Eshaan in 5MJ who won ITV's This Morning's Star of the Week on Wednesday. This was to recognise how he helps his neighbour Rosa with her weekly food shop.



Training Day

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

Year 6 Secondary School places

Year 6 pupils will receive their secondary school places by email on Monday 1st March. Can parents please inform the school office of schools offered and details of any appeals or waiting lists.

Loaned devices

Please could parents who have loaned iPads or laptops from school return these to the school office as soon as possible on Monday 8th March.

Monday 1st March	Last week of remote learning
Monday 1st March	Notification of year 6 Secondary school places
Thursday 5th March	World book day
Monday 8th March	All children return to school
Friday 12th March	GV celebrate International Women's Day
Monday 15th March	International maths Day
Friday 19th March	Comic relief
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
Wednesday 21st July	Break up for summer holidays