



Friday 13th December 2019

# The Grove Valer

## Christmas Parties

The last day of term, **Friday 20th December** is Party Day. Children can come to school in their party clothes and need to bring a plate of party food to eat during the day. The children can also bring in a toy to play with (please no electronics). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

## After School Club

Can we please remind parents whose children attend after school club. The club is closed on the last day of school Friday 20-12-19.

Please make arrangements for children to be collected at 3.25/3.30pm.

## KS2 Carol Concerts

We would like to invite parents and carers to our Christmas Carol concerts.

Year 3/4 CAROL CONCERT—Tuesday 17th December @ 2.30pm

Year 5/6 CAROL CONCERT- Wednesday 18th December @ 9.15am

## Year 3 CORNET concert

We would like to invite the parents and carers of our year 3 pupils to the Christmas cornet concert on **Wednesday 18th December @ 2.30pm**

## Staff News

Ms Parker will be leaving school in December after 30 years of teaching at Grove Vale. Ms Parker has made the decision to try something new in the final years of her career and we wish her well. Ms Parker has been a valued member of the team for many years and will be sadly missed by everyone, we wish her all the best.

Ms Parker will still be here however until February half term teaching on a Monday and a Tuesday on a supply teacher basis until Mrs Draper returns from maternity leave. From February half term, Miss Cross will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Draper will be teaching every Thursday and Friday. Mrs Draper is working every Wednesday in January getting reacquainted with the children.



## POLAR EXPRESS THEME DAY

Today, children have been given their golden ticket to the Grove Vale Polar Express. On **Monday**

**16th December** we are having our whole school Polar Express theme day. For this we ask that the children wear their pyjamas and slippers (**however they must bring suitable shoes to wear outside**).

The day will begin with staff sharing extracts from the book in class. Throughout the day the pupils will then take part in a variety of activities: Christmas themed art activities and writing activities (Christmas list, letter to Father Christmas, post-card from the North Pole, arctic poem, diary from an elf, descriptive writing). The children will also watch the film whilst enjoying a delicious hot chocolate treat! *If you do not want your child to have the hot chocolate drink, please inform school.*

Monday 16th December	Polar Express theme day—non uniform day—pupils wear pyjamas.
Tuesday 17th December @ 2.30pm	Years 3 and 4 carol service—parents welcome
Wednesday 18th December @ 9.15am	Years 5 and 6 carol service—parents welcome
Wednesday 18th December @ 2.30pm	Year 3 Christmas Cornet concert to parents
Thursday 19th December 9am & 2pm	End of term assemblies
Thursday 19th December @10.30am	HSBC interviews for Year 5 children
Friday 20th December	Party day—non-uniform (party clothes)
Friday 20th December	School council to visit Harvils Roberts house
Friday 20th December	End of term effort reports sent home.
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Spring term start—pupils back to school
Monday 6th January	Reception to visit the library
Tuesday 7th January	Reception to visit the library
Friday 10th January @ 2.30pm	Year 6 Gods and mortals parent showcase
Monday 13th January	Reception to visit the library
Monday 13th January am	Year 6 CPR and bleed control workshop
Tuesday 14th January	Reception to visit the library
Friday 17th January	Launch of school bank
Tuesday 21st January	Fit 4 Kids workshop
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher training day.

