



Friday 19th September 2019

The Grove Valer

Harvest Food Donation

Please send harvest donations into school on Friday 27th September. This year our donations will be sent to the Great Barr Food Bank at St Bernard's Church.

They need items such as: tea, coffee, tinned fruit or vegetables, pasta, rice, packets of sauces, tinned meats & puddings, toiletries, nappies and wipes. They can not accept fresh food, fruit or vegetables. Thank you.



Picture News

Each week we use the picture news resources to drive our assemblies. Each week we focus on a current news story and discuss this with the pupils with a thought provoking question and images. We also focus on a British value each week. All of these resources are shared with parents via parent pay each week.

This week's Key question:- How important is school uniform?

About 100 pupils and parents staged a protest outside a school in East Sussex at the start of the school year against its new school uniform policy. Police attended the demonstration outside Priory School in Lewes against a new policy instructing all pupils to wear trousers, banning skirts. Priory School have said the uniform was designed to be practical and to encourage students to focus on their schoolwork.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you wear a uniform at school?
- Do you like wearing a uniform? Why?
- Are there any other times you wear a uniform?
- What do you think are the benefits of wearing a uniform and what do you think are the downsides?

This week's British Value—Democracy



Bikes

We are encouraging children to come to school on their bikes and scooters. Could we ask that parents please contact the office or class teacher to inform us if your children we be travelling to school on their bike.

All children **MUST** wear a helmet.

We are in the process of buying bike and scooter sheds, the PFA have offered to pay for these.



Aldi Stickers

This year we are collecting stickers for the Aldi Initiative 'get set to eat fresh'. If you spend over £30 on your weekly shopping you will be given a sticker to add to our school chart to enable us to get some sports kits for our school. Please bring any stickers into reception. We have already had lots of stickers sent into school this week and our chart is filling up—thank you for your support.

A big thank you to Amelia in year 5 who brought in 120 stickers this week!

PFA

Flip and Dippy 'The Greatest Show' an evening of crazy clown fun for all the family—
Friday 20th September 6.30-8pm.



PFA Disco—Thursday 7th November

3.30-4.30pm infant

5-6pm juniors

Letters to be sent home.

PFA AGM— Wednesday October 9th @ 3.30pm



Walk to school initiative

As of this term we are promoting children walking to school. Children will complete a daily interactive **WOW Travel Tracker** by clicking on an icon on the interactive whiteboard that shows how they have travelled to school. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

[https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school—for more info.](https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school—for-more-info)

Please send your pictures of children walking to school to our twitter account: #GVwowntoschool and @GroveValePS. Thanks

Football

Girls Football matches:

John Bosco Monday 23rd September @ GV

Boys Football matches:

LEAGUE GAME GV Vs. Ferndale @ GV Tuesday 17/9/19

Any questions please contact Mr Dodd.



Forest School

Monday afternoon: Yr 2

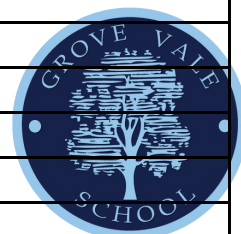
Tuesday morning: Yr 5

Thursday Morning: RH

Friday Morning: RGB

Can we remind parents that children **MUST** have appropriate outdoor clothes and shoes to take part in the session (jogging bottoms, jumper, wellies or walking boots, waterproof coat, hat and gloves). If they do not have suitable clothes they will not be able to take part in the session. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

23rd-27th September	Edmond Hall Residential Year 3 and 4
Friday 27th September	Harvest donations sent into school
Monday 7th October	Year 3 Healthy Eating Talk—school nurse
Wednesday 9th October @3.30pm	PFA AGM
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14th-18th October	Black History Week
Thursday 24th October	School photos
Thursday 24th October 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 25th October @ 2.30pm	Year 2 Parent showcase 'London'
28th October—1st November	HALF TERM
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary school applications
Thursday 7th November	School disco 3.30-4.30pm infant 5-6pm juniors
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Spring term start—pupils back to school



[Secondary School Applications](#)

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is **Thursday 31st October**. All applications now have to be made online. If you have any questions regarding secondary school applications please do not hesitate to get in contact with school.

http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200303/school_admissions/349apply_for_a_school_place

[Secondary School Open Days](#)

- **Sandwell Academy**: Thursday 19th September and Tuesday 8th October (appointment needed)
- **Q3** - Saturday 21st September 9am-12 (presentations at 9.30am and 10.30am) ; open mornings week beginning 23rd September 9.15-11am.
- **Phoenix** - Thursday 26th September 2019 from 4pm to 7.30pm. They also have an open week which runs from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September when tours of the school can be arranged via an appointment system.
- **George Salter**—Wednesday 25th September 5-7pm (presentations at 5.15pm and 6.15pm); Open morning Friday 27th September.
- **Barr Beacon** - Thursday 19th September 6-8pm; Friday 20th September 10-11am or Friday 11th October 10-11am.
- **Holly Lodge**—Thursday 26th September 5.30-7.30pm
- **West Bromwich Collegiate academy**—Wednesday 18th September from 4:30 pm