



Thursday 20th December 2018

The Grove Valer

We would like to wish all our parents and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful 2019.

Attendance Review

This term's whole school attendance is: 95.83% (this is slightly below the national average of 96%). Each term, we reward children who have 100% attendance. We are pleased to inform you that this term 28% of the school (117 children) will receive a 100% award certificate. Well done!

Albion Player Visit



On Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 spent the afternoon working with the Albion Foundation looking at poetry that focused on diversity. During this session, as a reward for their hard work, they were treated to a surprise visit from 3 of the West Bromwich Albion Players.

Year 5 Showcase

We would like to invite the parents of Year 5 pupils into school on Friday 11th January for their Stargazers workshop. This will be at 2.20pm. During this time pupils will share with parents all the work they have completed as part of their most recent

Polling Day

School will be closed on Thursday 2nd May for polling day.

Homework

There will be NO homework sent home over the Christmas holidays.

League Tables

We are very proud to share with you that from the primary league tables produced by the Government, Grove Vale are 5th out of 101 schools in Sandwell. This data is calculated using information from the KS2 SATs last summer. Mrs Connop would like to say how proud she is of all the children and staff's hard work and effort.

Please follow the link below for more details.

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=333&la-name=sandwell&geographic=la&for=primary>

School Council

On Monday Miss Kaur and school councillors from years 5 and 6 visited a local care home to sing Christmas Carols and talk to local residents. Our core value this half term is relationships and Grove Vale is committed to strengthening the relationships with the local community. We were very proud of the pupils who helped out. As ever, they displayed kind manners and excellent behaviour. Well done!

School name	Type of school	% of pupils meeting expected standard	Progress score & description			% of pupils achieving at a higher standard	Average score in reading	Average score in maths
			Reading	Writing	Maths			
			3.7	3.6				
			?	?	?			
Add to comparison list								
Grove Vale Primary School	Maintained School	80%	Well above average 3.3	Average 1.2	Above average 3	11%	107	107
			?	?	?			
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Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme

Grove Vale are pleased to announce that we are in the customer vote for a 'Bags of Help' grant from Tesco. It's a scheme which gives community projects like us grants of up to £4,000 – all raised from the sale of carrier bags in Tesco stores.

Our project title is 'Grove Vale Woodland Wonders'. This is to fund developments in our forest School: a nature trail and a new seating area.

The public can vote in store from Tuesday 1st January 2019-Thursdays 28th February. Please support us by voting at your local stores: Great Barr Express, Stone Cross Express and West Bromwich Extra. When you complete your shopping, you will be given a blue token, take this to the Bags of Help display and vote for our school. Get Voting!!!!

Year 5 Bikeability

Letters have been sent out to year 5 children regarding bikeability sessions, which are going to take place on Mondays in the first half of Spring term. The aims of these sessions are to introduce a healthy and environmentally friendly way to travel and make pupils much safer whilst riding bikes. Children must have a road worthy bike and helmet to take part. Consent forms should have been returned to school. Please contact school if you have any questions.

Infant Playground equipment

The new playground equipment has started to be fitted in the infant playground. This has all been funded through fund raising events ran by the PFA. Watch this space for more announcements regarding how money raised from PFA events is being spent.

Daily Mile Launch

Simply put, The Daily Mile is 15 minutes where in children jog or run, at their own pace, during the school day at a time of the teacher's choosing. The Daily Mile is not Sport or PE, but rather health and wellbeing through physical activity. It's a simple and straightforward initiative that has been acknowledged for reducing childhood obesity and recognised within the UK Government's 2018 Childhood Obesity Strategy. At Grove Vale we are going to introduce this on Monday 14th January, KS2 will complete their daily mile out side on the playground and KS1 will complete their 15 minutes in classrooms taking part in yoga and bbc super movers resources <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/supermovers> Pupils will track their daily progress using a wall chart in their classrooms.



You can support this at home, by both encouraging their confidence in running and moving outside with them, out of school hours. Parents often say that The Daily Mile helps children to eat and sleep better and that often they become young ambassadors for whole family fitness! Please visit the website <https://thedailymile.co.uk/> for more details or contact school.

Spring After school clubs

A letter has been sent via parent pay listing all the after school clubs that are on offer in spring term. All bookings for clubs will be done through parent pay. The clubs on offer are:

WBA year 2 (Monday)—book via parent pay
WBA year 3(Tuesday)—book via parent pay
Science years 3 and 4 (Monday)—book via parent pay
Art club year 5 (Thursday)—book via parent pay
Kitting club—to book contact Deb Fogarty 07798 833561
Lunchtime Spanish club—to book contact Clare Fennell 07900 823 863

Forest School

After Christmas Year 5 will be taking part in forest school with Mr Dodd, this will begin the first week back.

5M—Tuesday morning

5B—Wednesday morning

A letter has been sent home to parents explaining this but 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, water-proof 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.

Christmas Fayre

A tremendous thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre week. We raised an amazing £1,500 . This money will go towards more school improvements and resources.

Raffle prize winners:

1st Prize—£200—K. Bhatti
2nd Prize—Amazon Echo—D. Buck
3rd Prize—3D pen—A. Chan
4th prize—Antonio's hair voucher—M. Panesar
5th Prize—Spon lane fish bar vouchers—Sukhi
6th Prize—Makeup by NLR voucher—Miss Cotterill
7th Prize—Salon de Beaute voucher— G.Kaur
8th Prize—Marchella international hair voucher—D.Sowan
9th Prize—Great Barr Café voucher—Natalie
10th Prize—wine—Anita
11th Prize—Jade garden voucher—P.Patel
12th Prize—Christmas stocking—Anna
13th Prize—Knitted Santa—S.Demetrios
14th Prize—Walsall football club tickets—Mr and Mrs Wilkes

Monday 7th January	Return to school after Christmas break
Tuesday 8th January	GB athlete David Smith in school all day
Friday 11th January @ 2.30pm	Year 5 Star gazers parent workshop
Monday 14th January	Daily Mile launched within school
Thursday 17th January 1.30-2.30pm	School nurses in to talk to year 3 about healthy eating
Tuesday 22nd January @ 9am	SEN parent workshop
Thursday 31st January	Year 3 Trip to Cadbury world
Tuesday 5th February	Safer internet day
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 26th February	Year 1 trip to Safari Park
Thursday 4th April 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 12th April	Teacher training day
Monday 15th —Friday 26th April	EASTER Holidays
Thursday 2nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED Polling Day

Have a Great Weekend!

