



Friday 27th September 2019

The Grove Valer

Well Being Day

Thursday 10th October is Mental Health Awareness Day. During this day children will take part in different activities regarding all elements of well being, these will include: healthy eating/cooking; physical activity, well being workshop and yoga and meditation. On this day we are going to ask children to wear soft/comfortable sports clothes and trainers. Can we also ask children to wear a token item of something **green** or **yellow**.



OPEN DAY

Wednesday 7th November school will be having an open day for prospective parents.

Times are:

9.30-11.30am

1.30-3pm

No appointment necessary just come to the school office.

Please pass this information onto any family or friends who have children starting school in September 2020.

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:- Should first aid be an adult's responsibility?

Many charities have campaigned for the teaching of first aid in the UK and Ireland to become part of the school curriculum. Now, for pupils in England first aid classes will be compulsory from September 2020 with schools in Wales, Scotland and Ireland expected to follow. First aid classes will be taught in primary and secondary schools. Primary schools will be taught basic skills such as how to call emergency services, whereas secondary schools will be taught life-saving skills such as how to help someone who is suffering a heart attack. 1,600 schools in England will take part in the new first aid lessons this year as part of a trial, before it becomes compulsory.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think first aid should be taught in school? If so, what age do you think it should be taught?
- How much do you know about first aid?
- Have you already been taught some skills?
- Have you ever been in an emergency situation, if so, were you able to stay calm? Would first aid training have helped?

PFA

PFA Disco—Thursday 7th November

3.30-4.30pm infant

5-6pm juniors

Letters to be sent home.

PFA AGM— Thursday October 10th @ 3.30pm

Staff News

It is with much regret and sadness that we are informing you that after 10 years Mrs Khangure will be leaving Grove Vale . She will be sorely missed by all. We wish her good health and happiness . We would also like to thank her for her loyal and committed service to us all over many years. If anyone would like to contribute to a leaving gift please contact the office.

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

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.

CHANGE TO SWIMMING DAY

The week beginning 14th October children who are due to swim on the Friday, 18th October will now be swimming on the Thursday 17th October.

Harvest Food Donation

There is still time to send in any harvest donations into school. 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.



Monday 7th October	Year 3 Healthy Eating Talk—school nurse
Thursday 10th October @3.30pm	PFA AGM
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14th-18th October	Black History Week
Monday 14th October 9-10am	KS1 SEND coffee morning
Tuesday 5th October 9-10am	KS2 SEND coffee morning
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	OPEN DAY
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

