



Friday 8th
September 2017

The Grove Valer

Welcome back

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you had a very enjoyable summer and that you and your children are ready for the exciting year ahead. We had a whole school assembly on the first morning back where we launched our new core values which are going to underpin our teaching and learning framework and the ethos of our school.

A very special welcome to all the children and families joining Grove Vale Primary School this term. Our new Reception and Pre-School children are starting over the first two weeks.

We had our first Reception intake this week and all the children looked wonderful in their new uniforms and settled in really well. We look forward to getting to know our new pupils and families over the coming weeks.

Few reminders

Thank you to all parents for ensuring that all our children have the correct uniform and shoes for the start of the new year adhering to the new uniform policy.

All school uniform, including P.E. kit, coats and shoes must be named.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle (containing water only) in school every day. Pupils in Juniors are permitted to bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack for morning break time. No biscuits, sweets or crisps please.

No dogs or pets apart from guide dogs are allowed onto the school grounds.

Please ensure emergency contact details are kept updated. If you have changed your home, work or mobile numbers please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Please take care when parking. Do not park on zigzag lines, corners, the pavement, across neighbours' drives or on the staff car park.

Please do not walk across the car park or the cobbled area at the top of the junior playground.

Attendance and Punctuality

Can we remind you that the juniors start at 8.45 a.m. and the infants at 8.50am every day. The playground gates are open from 8.30am and children need to be ready to line up at 8.45 am in the juniors and 8.50am in the infants, this is so lessons can start promptly.

Please remember that if your child is absent from school you must phone school before 9.30 a.m. to let us know.

Grove Vale Parents and friends association

PA meeting Tuesday 12th
September 2017 @ 6pm
Everyone welcome.

Flip and Dippy Clown show
Thursday 28th September @
6.30pm—tickets available.

Any questions please contact Mr
Dodd
adam.dodd@grovevale.sandwell.sch.uk

After School extra-curricular clubs

Mr Dodd is in the process of sorting the after school clubs for this terms, letter will be sent home very soon.

School improvement

It has been a busy summer!

- * The walkways have been painted on the Junior side of the school
- * Handrails have been erected on the Junior playground and by the hut on the lower playground
- * Class 6, the offices and the halls have been painted
- * New ICT suite equipment
- * New signs have been erected outside of the building
- * Year 1 and 2 have had new tables and chairs
- * The office furniture has been replaced
- * New reading corners and storage for all classes
- * Storage area for PE mats
- * The log cabin has been delivered and is in the process of being constructed

Medication in School

Please can all parents make sure that all medication (inhalers, epi-pens, medicines) is sent into school and also please check they are in date.

These medications should stay in school at all time.

Any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Forest School

Starting next week:

Year 3

3C - Monday mornings

3B - Tuesday mornings

Year 6

6R - Wednesday morning

6C - Thursday morning

Can all consent forms be sent into school by Monday. All children MUST wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Mr Dodd

Punjabi Lessons

Enrolment will be on:

Saturday 9th September @ 9.30-11am.

Tuesday 12th September @ 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 3.30-5pm.

If you have any questions please contact the school.



School Meals

A reminder that ALL Infant pupils are entitled to a free school meal.

There is a charge for all pupils in Juniors.

Dinner money this half term (JUNIORS ONLY) is £11.50 per week (£2.30 per day) or £75.90 for the whole half term.

Please make cheques payable to 'Grove Vale Primary school' and mark envelopes with your child's name and class.

Payments need to be made at the beginning of each week or half term.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please speak to Mrs Farley in the school office.

Menus have been sent home, displayed in the main entrance and school halls.



Dates for your diary

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Have a Great Weekend!