



Friday 7th February 2020

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Fire alarm practice

We are delighted to announce that on Monday we had a successful fire alarm practice! All children followed instructions brilliantly and lined up sensibly. It took 3 minutes for both the infant and junior areas to evacuate and 8 minutes overall to check that everyone was accounted for at both assembly points. We look forward to being even faster next time!



Easter Activities

Tuesday 31st March—infants (pre-school, reception, years 1 and 2) - will have an Easter bonnet parade. Children are encouraged to decorate a hat in an Easter/spring theme. We will then have a catwalk to see all the children wearing their hats and prizes given to the winners.

Tuesday 31st March—Juniors (years 3-6) - pupils can enter a decorated egg competition. Pupils can decorate an egg or create a diorama (a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures) Prizes will be awarded for an entry from each class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher.

Grove Vale Twitter

We would like to make everyone aware that the school has its own Twitter page! Our Twitter handle is @GroveValePS and we would love it if you would follow us. If you follow us, you will be able to find out what fun things the children are doing at school.



New governor

We are pleased to inform you that Miss Hopcroft is our new staff governor!

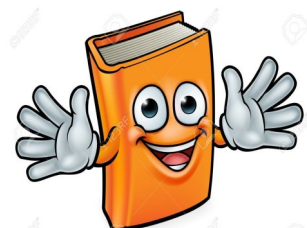


Clothing reminder

Please remember that all clothes should be named (including swimming costumes, hats and towels). Several parents have reported children coming home with the wrong things and it is very difficult to check when there are no names. Also please could you check that your child doesn't have someone else's clothes by mistake.

World Book Day

School will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. We would like children to come dressed as a favourite character from a book, so get planning!



Swimming Challenge

The children are still trying hard at their swimming challenge! Last week's results are as follows:

27/01/20 6C 26 children swam for 25 minutes 332 lengths
31/01/20 5M 30 children swam for 25 minutes 351 lengths (+ 11 lengths)
5B 28 children swam for 25 minutes 374 lengths (+ 60 lengths)
6H 23 children swam for 25 minutes 251 lengths

Well done everyone - Looking forward to beating those scores next week!

International Women's Day

On the 10th March we are going to celebrate International Women's Day. If you are interested in speaking to the children about how you developed your career or how you stayed at home to raise your family please contact Miss Hopcroft on sarah.hopcroft@grovevale.sandwell.sch.uk or she will be available to speak to on the infant playground before and after school.

Year 1 Cricket Session

What a fab opportunity 1K and 4H have had this week. On Tuesday they were given the special chance of a PE lesson from professional cricket coaches that represent our County. They were from an academy called Complete Cricket. A great experience for all the children to perfect their throwing, catching, hand and eye co-ordination and play some super fun games whilst doing so.

If you would like to find out more about the academy why not give their website a look, there are a range of activities for the children outside of school. <https://www.completecricket.co.uk/#>

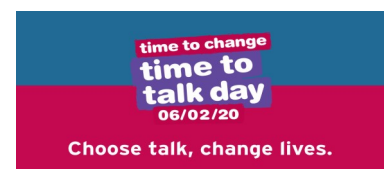
Crisp Packets

School is pleased to inform you that we are working with Sandwell Council to recycle empty crisp packets. A bin has been placed in the junior hall so children can put their empty crisp packets into. All empty crisp packets will be sent to Terra Cycle.



Tea, Toast and Talk

On Thursday 6th Feb it was national Time to Talk Day. The school launched it's own Tea, Toast and Talk event as a way to support the mental health and wellbeing of its staff. This will take place every Thursday.



Half-Term Holiday Club

Places for holiday club are now **closed**. If you have a place, you will be contacted on Monday.

Forest School Gazebo

We are pleased to announce the completion of our new forest school gazebo! We look forward to seeing all the children take part in lots of fun activities there. This is the first stage in the renovation of our forest school area.



Spring 2 clubs

The following clubs will be available to book after half-term:

Disney club (Miss Powell and Miss Klair) Thursdays after school - Rec and year 1

Chess (Mr Bhambra) Wednesday lunchtimes - years 3 and 4

Active team building (Mr Dodd) Fridays after school - all KS2

Netball (Mrs Wetherall) Mondays after school - year 5 and 6

An email has been sent via parent pay regarding how to book and pay.

School Bank Opening Dates

The school bank will be open on the following dates:

Friday 28th February @ 10:30 - 10:45

Friday 13th March @ 10:30 - 10:45

Friday 27th March @ 10:30 - 10:45



Tuesday 11th February	Safer internet day
Friday 14th February	Reception trip to Birmingham Hippodrome
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher training day.
Friday 28th February	Reception to sea life centre
25th-28th February	TESTING WEEK
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 6 trip to RAF Cosford
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	International women's day
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief
Friday 13th March	Year 3 Parent Mosaic Workshop
Thursday 19th March 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Thursday 19th March-Friday 20th March	Mother's day shop
Friday 20th March@2pm	Mother's Day workshop for reception parents
Tuesday 24th March	Easter puppet theatre assembly for children
23rd-27th March	Shakespeare Week
Thursday 26th March	School Disco
Tuesday 31st March	Easter bonnet Parade (Little Valers, reception, yr 1 and 2)
Tuesday 31st March	KS2 decorated egg competition
Tuesday 31st March @ 2.30pm	Year 2 India showcase for parents
Wednesday 1st April @ 9:30am	Year 5 Easter Assembly to Parents
Thursday 2nd April	Effort reports sent home
Thursday 2nd April	End of term assembly
Thursday 2nd April	Break up for Easter
Friday 3rd April	Teacher training day —school closed
Monday 20th April	Return to school after Easter holiday