



Friday 8th February 2019

# The Grove Valer

## Punctuality

Every term Mrs Pickett monitors the attendance and punctuality of all the pupils. From doing this we are concerned at the increase in the number of children arriving late to school. 26 warning letters have been sent to parents regarding punctuality and this week Mrs Pickett and the chair of governors met with several parents regarding persistent poor punctuality. On-going lateness (after the class register has been taken) is classified as an unauthorised absence. Poor punctuality can result in a referral to the Attendance and Prosecution service who have a duty to investigate further and could result in legal action being taken against you or a fine.

Can we remind you that Juniors start at 8.45 am and the infants at 8.50am. The playground gates are open from 8.30am and children need to be ready to line up at 8.45 am or 8.50am; this is so lessons can start promptly. It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young. We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact the school office to inform us when you will arrive. If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please make an appointment to do so.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Class with the highest attendance: 2K

Most punctual classes:

Number of lates:				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
3	23	1	2	4



Happy Chinese New Year to all our families celebrating this week.

## Online Safety Competition



This week we took part in "Safer Internet Day". The theme this year was "Together for a better internet". Our Online Safety Champions delivered an assembly, which focused on how we can have a positive digital footprint.

We are challenging our children to work at home to enter an online safety competition based on safer internet day to **explore how being online makes you feel** by producing a piece of work from one of the four categories: word, film, music and art. We would like you to be as imaginative, inventive and original as possible with your ideas. Try to write a short story, poem, create a piece of music, video or paint a picture to show how you may feel online when gaming, listening to music, watching videos, etc.

Please send videos, images or any files created to Miss Cotterill via [alex.cotterill@grovevale.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:alex.cotterill@grovevale.sandwell.sch.uk)

If you have a physical copy of work, please bring it in and hand it to Miss Cotterill (6C) to enter. Entries must be **sent in by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. Our online safety champions and Mrs Bunch will be our judging the competition entries on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

## Infant Water bottles

We are pleased to inform you that all the pupils in years 1 and 2 have been given a water bottle to use in school. These will stay in school and will not go home. We hope with every child having access to a water bottle means they will stay hydrated and ready to learn! Children can fill them up using the new water fountain on the infant playground.

## NSPCC Number Day

Thank you for all your kind donations as a school we raised a total of £499.47.

**TESCO**

## Bags of Help

Please keep visiting local Tesco stores (Great Barr Express, Stone Cross Express and West Bromwich Extra) and vote for Grove Vale project Grove Vale Woodland Wonders' this is to fund developments in our forest School; a nature trail and a new seating area. 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. Voting closes on Thursday 28th February.

### Staff News

We are happy to announce that Miss Dubidat had her baby boy this week. Baby Jaxon arrived on Monday 4th Feb, weighing 6.9lbs. Mum and baby are doing extremely well. Miss Frizzell will also be returned from maternity leave next week in class RDW.

### Nut-Free

Can we please remind all parents that due to some of our pupils having nut allergies we are a nut free zone, this means that pupils can not bring any nuts into school (in lunchboxes at lunchtime or for party occasions) or any products containing peanuts (this includes any Nutella product). As you can imagine this is for the health and safety of all our pupils. Thank you.



### Verrucas

We are asking all parents/carers to be vigilant if your child has a verruca. It is essential that if a pupil has a verruca it should be covered with a verruca sock and treated with an antibacterial gel. Pupils are still permitted to swim as long as these treatments are implemented. A verruca is not an excuse not to swim.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March school will be celebrating World Book day. On the day, each year group will be focusing on a World famous author, taking part in activities linked to their books.

We would like the children to come dressed as a character from their favourite book and children to bring this book with them on the day.

More information will be sent home closer to the date, if you have any questions regarding this day please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Tuesday 12th February 9.30-12	Year 4 visit to the Mosque
Tuesday 12th February @ 2-3.315pm	Year 1 parent workshop
Wednesday 13th February @ 2-3.315pm	Year 1 parent workshop
Thursday 14th February @ 2-3.315pm	Year 1 parent workshop
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February	HALF TERM
Monday 25th February 9am-12	Year 5 trip to the Synagogue
Tuesday 26th February	Year 1 trip to Safari Park
Friday 1st March @ 2.30pm	Year 4 Parent showcase '1066'
Tuesday 5th March @ 2.30pm	Year 2 SATs talk
Thursday 7th March	World book day—see above
Monday 11th-15th March	Science week
Friday 15th March	Red nose day
Monday 11th - Tuesday 12th March @3.30-4pm	Book Fair
Thursday 4th April 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 5th April	Spanish day
Friday 12th April	Teacher training day
Monday 15th —Friday 26th April	EASTER Holidays
Thursday 2nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED Polling Day
13th—17th May	KS2 SATs testing week
10th-14th June	Phonics testing week

