



Thursday 11th April 2019

# The Grove Valer

We would like to wish all our families a Happy Easter. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. A reminder that school starts back on Monday 29th April. School is closed on Thursday 2nd May for Polling day and Monday 6th May for bank holiday.



## Spring Attendance Review



This term's whole school attendance is: 95.93%

Each term, we reward children who have 100% attendance. We are pleased to inform you that this term, 15% of the school (62 children) will receive a **silver** attendance award certificate—this means they have not missed a day of school all year.

We also award pupils who have 100% attendance for the spring term. 36% of the school (153 pupils) received a certificate. Well done everyone keep it up!

## Soft Start Launch

In a further attempt to improve punctuality, road safety and to support our parents, we are going to introduce on a trial basis a soft start to our school day. We hope this will go some way to alleviate traffic and ensure our pupils arrive in a timely and safe manner. It is important to note that the register times will remain the same and there is no expectation that children need to attend school earlier. There is however, an opportunity for the children to start the school day 10 minutes earlier. There will be a member of staff on duty in each junior playground and at the doors or reception, year 1 and 2, every day ten minutes before the bell goes – this is 8.35am in the Juniors and 8.40am in the Infants. Children are welcome in classrooms from 8.35am in Juniors and 8.40am in Infants, there will be SO-DA (start of the day activities) for the children to complete until the bell goes. We are trialling this from Easter (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April) until Friday 24 May. We welcome feedback and will monitor the impact closely before we make a final decision about making the arrangement permanent or reverting back to our current practice.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Class with the highest attendance:  
2P

Number of lates:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
4	3	4	2	5

## Times Table Rock Stars!

All junior children have been given a log-in to the APP *Timestable Rock Stars*. Well done to all those who have logged on and are competing in the weekly challenge to improve their times table knowledge. This weeks winning rock stars are:

### **Battle of the Bands Winners -**

2P - Arjun  
2K - Safa  
3CP - Jack  
3S - Ria  
4A - Jake  
4B - Cooper  
5B - Erin  
5M - Amrita  
6C - Alican  
6H - Priman

Most improved pupils:

1. Charlie 3S
2. Emily 4A
3. Cody 4B
4. James 6C
5. Guruveer 3S

Well done to Jake 4A who has the quickest times in the school!

## Easter Activities

Thank you to all the children and parents for their creative efforts in designing and making Easter Bonnets and decorated eggs.

The winners were chosen on Monday and awarded an Easter egg each.

### Juniors—Decorated egg competition winners

Year 3 - Hayley and Kyvon

Year 4—Akaiah and Cooper

Year 5 - Pavan and Ricky

Year 6—James and Savannah

### Infants—Easter Bonnets

Pre school morning—Arjun

Pre school afternoon— Lok

RDW—Robbie

RGB— Anaya

1D—Sophie

1H— Kamran

2P—Eshaan

2K—Harry

## Year 1 Dinosaur Museum

On Tuesday afternoon, the pupils in year 1 created their own dinosaur museum to show case all the work they have been completing as part of their topic on Dinosaur Planet. Children from other year groups came and visited the museum.



### Behaviour Awards

Every week Mrs Pickett visits each class and records who has been placed on the star for their outstanding behaviour. At the end of the term the children from each class with the most stars are given a reward. Below are a list of all our fantastically behaved children who on Tuesday afternoon had lots of fun with the Wizard club.

Reception: Amber, Simrit, Riley, Chase

Year 1: Emily, Rajan, Khushi, Amayr

Year 2: Harry, Sasha, Amelia, Safiah

Year 3: Ella, Georgia, Ava W, Amaris

Year 4: Zakiah, Matthew, Savannah, Alyssa

Year 5: Amrita, Alice, Harry, Faith

Year 6: Gagan, Angel, Gurshaan, Jay S.

### Infant Playground Grand Opening

On Tuesday afternoon, we had the grand opening of the new playground equipment on the infant playground. The PA put on refreshments and Mrs Maccarthy, the chair of Governors cut the ribbon to open the new equipment. All the infant pupils will have a weekly timetabled slot to use the equipment.



### Year 3 Parent workshop

We would like to invite all year 3 parents to the Tribal Tales workshop. This will be on Friday 3rd May at 2.30pm. During this workshop, the pupils will showcase all the work they have completed for their most recent topic.

### Summer After school club

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 1 (Monday)—book via parent pay

WBA year 2 (Tuesday)—book via parent pay

Running Club (Monday)—book via parent pay

Netball years 5&6 (Tuesday) - book via parent pay

Forest School—year 2 (Friday) - book via parent pay

Lunchtime Spanish club—to book contact Clare Fennell 07900 823 863

### New learning environment

During the summer holidays, we had 2 mobile huts demolished. We are pleased to inform you that one of these has been re-built and was completed over the weekend. 'The nest' in a learning environment where interventions will take place, such as nurture with Mrs Tucker. We cannot wait to get it furnished and start using it.



## Grove Vale PFA

Just a little reminder of our upcoming PFA events:-

Please look out for Bags2school in the Summer term where school can earn money from your donated/unwanted clothes



School lottery- please sign up if you can, we have 33 ticket holders. We have had 3 winners so far who have won £20 each!



Thank you for all of the Smarties tubs we have had returned to school, we will let you know a total as soon as we have finished counting!!

Friday 12th April	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 15th —Friday 26th April	EASTER Holidays
Tuesday 30th April	Time zone year 4 Vikings
Thursday 2nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED Polling Day
Friday 3rd May @ 2.30pm	Year 3 Tribal Tales parent workshop
Friday 3rd May	Year 1 Animal lady
Monday 6th May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY—school closed
Thursday 9th May @ 2.30pm	Year 5 puberty talk to parents
Friday 10th May @ 2pm-3pm	Year 5 Sugar Free lifestyle workshop
Thursday 16th May	School nurse to deliver puberty talk to year 5
13th—17th May	KS2 SATs testing week
Monday 20th May 1-2pm	Year 4 Swimming Gala
Tuesday 21st May	Year 6 Drayton Manor
Friday 24th May	Year 3 Swimming Gala
10th-14th June	Phonics testing week

