



Friday 19th July 2019

The Grove Valer

End of year

I would like to thank you all for another wonderfully successful year at GV. I am very proud of all of the children for their exemplary behaviour, excellent progress and hard work in all areas of the curriculum. The staff have been amazing, providing a vibrant and nurturing learning environment for all learners and as a consequence we have achieved wonderful results. Thank you to parents for your valued and continued support. I must say that each year we are getting stronger together and the year has ended perfectly with the sensational and professional Aladdin production by Year 6.

Thank you to the office staff who have been organised and supportive to us all. Thanks to Mr Thomas and Mr Dodd for making the site so wonderfully and for their diligent daily cone duty, that has had such a positive impact on our local community.

Wishing you all a relaxing and wonderful break. Mrs Connop :)

Behaviour Award

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 a child from each class with the most stars are given a reward. Below are a list of all our fantastically behaved children who on Thursday had a disco and party games followed by an afternoon tea.

Reception: Anaya and Dalpreet

Year 1: Eden and Isabelle

Year 2: Rajan and Siyan

Year 3: Sienna and Jeevan

Year 4: Radvin and Shivani

Year 5: Malia and Katie

Year 6: Ria and Aaron C

Attendance Review

This terms whole school attendance is: 96% . Each term we reward children who have 100% attendance.



Gold Attendance Awards

We are pleased to inform you that this term 33 children will receive a Gold 100% award certificate for being at school every day since September well done. The children took part in the rewards afternoon on Thursday.

Dylan 6C, Dylan 3CP, Harvir 5M, Isa 6H, Hayley 3CP, Jovan 1D, Krystal 6C, Arjun 4B, Haniel 4B, Olivia 2P, Amrita 5B, Alice 5M, Isabelle 1H, Avani 4A, Eshmeet 6C, Tegh 5B, Akaiah 4A, Amber 4B, Kaira 5M, Sonam 5M, Amanpreet 4B, Mya 2P, Xander 2K, Anand 4B, Harry 2K, Charran 5B, Guramooop 4B, Harroop 2P, Sophie 2P, Kyle 6H, Kirendeep 2P, Arran 6C, Amaris3CP, Isabelle 6C

Summer Attendance awards

32% of the school (135 children) received a 100% award certificate for not having a day off in summer term. Well done!

Uniform

A reminder as the holiday approaches and parents may be purchasing new school uniform that pupils are expected to wear black shoes—trainers or canvas shoes are not permitted. School uniform is available from Uniforms Plus at the Scott Arms. ALL school uniform must be labelled including PE kits, coats and shoes. The uniform expectation leaflet will be sent home also.

Children moving from year 2—year 3

School Dinners

Reminder: from September (when your child moves into year 3) it will be necessary to pay for your child's school meals. You may, of course, prefer to send your child with a packed lunch but the universal free school meals scheme is only available for pupils up until the end of year 2. Meals cost £2.40 per day or £12 per week and are paid via. Parent pay. If you have any queries, please speak to the school office.

Drop off and collection

In the morning, Junior children need to be dropped off on the junior playground. With our soft start doors opening at 8.35am for children to enter the school. Year 3 pupils enter the school via the first set of steps by the blue fence. School finished at 3.30pm, teachers will bring the children down to the playground for parents to collect.



Fantastic news...Magical Maths is coming back to Grove Vale Primary School for the 5th time!! Magical maths is a super fun after school club designed to boost children's confidence and better engage them with maths. We have been invited back for the 5th time to run our super maths club. This is a brand new club with new activities so if you have been before, you are invited to attend and continue the fun and learning.

The KS2 club runs for an hour a week after school starting **Thurs 19th September 2019** and will run for 5 weeks. Each week has a different theme and includes a dressed up character including Professor Poopenshtinken (maths genius), the Mathemagician, Stately Holmes (the maths detective) and the Olympic Mathletes! Parents receive weekly email updates to see what their child has been learning (but you must give your email address to obtain this).

Dates and Times of KS2 Club

KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6only) - 3.35pm to 4.35pm on Thursdays
19th Sept, 26th Sept, 3rd Oct, 10th Oct and 17th Oct

Please ensure you register your child to the correct year group
For more information and to sign up, visit www.magicalmathsclub.com
Or call 0121 392 7475

Cost is £36.99 for the 5 sessions. Limited places so sign up quick!

Summer Reading Challenge

Over the holidays, we would like all children to take a picture of themselves in their favourite reading place. These can be in the most unusual, extra ordinary places as you like. These photos will then be used for a display in September.

Reading for pleasure is essential. It is not just something that children should do in school; it needs to be an everyday part of our lives. There is strong evidence linking reading for pleasure and educational outcomes. We know that academic attainment is of vital importance but the benefits of reading for pleasure go beyond this and stretch throughout a person's life. Reading allows us to discover new worlds, new people and new events. Reading can be in the form of fictional or non-fiction books, audio books or ebooks.

You may like to visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk. This website provides a wide variety of free e books for your children to read. Click on 'for home' and click on 'reading.'

Our local library is the Great Barr Library, located on the Birmingham Road. The library is open every day apart from Wednesday and Sunday. It is free to join and you have access to a wide variety of books. On Saturday 20th July the Great Barr Library launches their own summer reading challenge. Pop down between 11.00am- 3.00pm.

Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn term 2019

INSET day: Monday 2 September 2019 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
 First day back: Tuesday 3 September 2019
 Half-term holiday: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 1 November 2019
 Term ends: Friday 20 December 2019
 Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020

Spring term 2020

Term starts: Monday 6 January 2020
 Half-term holiday: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020
 INSET day: Monday 24 February 2020 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
 First day back: Tuesday 25 February 2020
 Term ends: Thursday 2 April 2020
 INSET day: Friday 3 April 2020 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
 Easter holiday: Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April 2020

Summer term 2020

Term starts: Monday 20 April 2020
 Early May Bank Holiday - Friday 8 May 2020 - SCHOOL CLOSED
 Half-term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020
 INSET day: Friday 26 June 2020 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
 Term ends: Friday 17 July 2020
 INSET day: Monday 20 July 2020 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
 Summer holiday: Tuesday 21 July to Monday 31 August 2020

Meet and Greet

On Thursday Snow white and Batman were in school for a special meet and greet for the children.
 A big thank you to Mrs Osborne for organising and Mrs Tucker and Miss Day for their fantastic skills transforming snow whites house and Gotham City.



Monday 2nd September	Teacher training Day
Tuesday 3rd September	Autumn term begins
Wednesday 4th September	Timezone Year 6
Thursday 5th September	Timezone Year 2
23rd-27th September	Edgmond Hall Residential Year 3 and 4
Thursday 24th October	School photos
Thursday 24th October 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
28th October—1st November	HALF TERM
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary school applications
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Spring term start—pupils back to school