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Newsletter

Happy End of Term!

What a wonderful – albeit very rainy – last week of term it has been! We have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Dinner together as a school, where we all sat down to pull crackers and celebrate with a lovely meal cooked by Mrs Ibrahim, Mrs Grewal, Mrs Abdi and returning for a special appearance, Mrs Grant.

It has truly been an amazing term – it has been brilliant to see how well that Reception and Nursery have settled into their new routine and how well everyone has coped with the building work taking place in the KS2 class gardens. We are hoping that this work will be complete ready for the start of Spring Term and that children can enjoy some of the new equipment!

As always at the end of term, the staff and myself are overwhelmed and very grateful for your generosity and kindness. The cards, gifts and well wishes are so generous and thoughtful, we all love being part of the Grove Road school community and are grateful to work with such wonderful children.

I also want to extend my personal thanks to all of the staff, parents, carers and of course the children, for making my first term as Acting Headteacher so successful. It is a pleasure and a privilege to continue to serve the school.

I hope that everyone enjoys a long and well-deserved rest over the next 2 weeks, we will see everyone back to school ready for the new term on the 8th January.

With Best wishes,

Mrs Grace Beckford

Acting Headteacher

School Value for Autumn 2

Resilience

This is when we show that we never give up!

Even when we are faced with challenges or something new, we give it 100% and show stamina and endurance.

We can try different ways of doing things always ensuring that we try to improve or better ourselves.

We do not retaliate and show real strength of character. We persevere, if something is worth doing we do it well!

Birthdays

I remember how special it was when it was my birthday in Primary School and I used to look forward to sharing some sweets with my class!

However, in some classes this has now become quite a large affair with a lot of money being spent on individual gifts and party bags. As the cost-of-living is so high for so many of us, we ask that you limit birthday treats to a small bag of sweets or chocolate bar per child to be given out at the end of the day by the birthday child, if you would like to.



Milk

We are finding that we have a lot of milk left over at the end of the week and it feels a shame for it to go to waste. Therefore, on Fridays, any leftover milk will be placed by the gate for parents to take some if you would like.

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner



We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner this week where everyone got to sit together and enjoy a lovely meal! We also raised £118.71 for Save the Children by dressing in Christmas jumpers.

Umbrellas & Toys



We still have a number of children bringing in toys from home. Unless there is a particular reason for this – such as a games afternoon at the end of term – please ensure that children do not bring any toys from home. Often, these end up getting lost or damaged which is upsetting for the child, but can also become quite a distraction!

We also have children bringing umbrellas into school which then become part of games at playtime – if your child has an umbrella for their journey to and from school, please take it with you when you drop them off so that they are kept safe!

Rocksteady Concerts

We definitely have some future rock stars amongst us! This week, the children who take part in additional music lessons with Rocksteady treated us to some amazing performances! It was lovely to celebrate some of these emerging talents with the whole school community.



Pantomimes



EYFS and KS1 had a fantastic morning watching 'Little Red Riding Hood' at school. It was amazing to see how three actors became a cast of 10 characters!

KS2 enjoyed visiting the Hounslow Arts Centre to watch 'Puss In Boots'. As usual, the children represented the school brilliantly.

Staffing Update

Earlier on in the term, we said goodbye to Mrs Panesar and Mrs Bhardwaj from Orange Class. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles.

We also say goodbye to Miss Ambridge in Indigo Class, who is moving to a school closer to home. We welcome Miss Kaur who will be taking over the class in January.

We also welcome Ms Turner in January who will be with us for the rest of the academic year as Deputy Headteacher. Ms Turner has come to us from another Hounslow school in a secondment position and is looking forward to working with the Grove Road community. Some of the children have already met Ms Turner as she has been coming in once a week this half-term.

Second Hand Uniform

We have seen a lot of use of our second-hand uniform shop this month and are pleased to continue to offer this all year round. Please visit <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/grove-road-primary-school> to browse our selection and make any purchases that you would like.

Hounslow Family Services



Activities for children and young people taking place during the winter holidays

Please follow this link if you are looking for things to do over the winter break:

[Hounslow Family Service Directory](#)

Please also find below the link to use if you are looking for childcare during the holidays:

[Family Service Directory - Search By Route \(hounslow.gov.uk\)](#)

Reception 2024 Applications

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

Applications must be made directly to the London Borough of Hounslow. Information for parents is available on this [website](#) or you can contact admissions for more information on

T: 020 8583 2711/2721 E: admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

Class Emails

We continue to have class mailboxes for you to contact your child's class teacher. These emails are monitored daily but please allow up to 48 hours for a response. For anything urgent, including reporting your child absent, please continue to contact the school office.

Please note that these email inboxes are not monitored during the school holidays – any contact will be responded to in the new year.

Red Class: red@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Orange Class: orange@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Yellow Class: yellow@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Green Class: green@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Blue Class: blue@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Indigo Class: indigo@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Violet Class: violet@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Gold Class: gold@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Rainbow Class: rainbow@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

January Upcoming Dates

8th – First day back to school for everyone

16th – Green Class Boston Manor House Trip

19th – Violet Class Bletchley Park Trip

22nd – Poetry Day

23rd – Blue Class National Army Museum Trip

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