

Grove Park Primary School

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George Rayner and Jennifer Barker enjoyed their visit to Grove Park Primary School. Their inspection was thorough and helpful. I have only had verbal feedback so far and will not see a draft report until next week—even then it remains confidential until it is published on the Ofsted website, which will be in about 3 weeks time. We will, of course, make this available to you.

Everyone worked really hard and with wonderful team spirit throughout the inspection. The children showed excellent work and shared examples of exciting lessons with the inspectors.

Ofsted only use four descriptions when describing schools: unsatisfactory (this is regarded as a school in need of intensive support to improve), satisfactory (a school causing no concern), good (a strong school where children make very good progress) and outstanding (exceptional). The inspectors work within very strict guidelines, using data of pupils' achievement, the Headteacher's own evaluation of the school and contextual data to help comparisons to be made against similar schools.

I am very pleased with the outcome of our inspection. I feel it reflects the special quality of our school. It is a good measure of the incredible progress the school has made since the last inspection in September 2005, when the school was 'satisfactory'.

Although I am unable to share details with you at present, I do want to thank our excellent teachers, our talented teaching assistants, our kind and helpful office staff, our dedicated site manager and his team of cleaners, our brilliant cook and her assistant. All of whom have worked to raise the standard of education at Grove Park.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who offered their good wishes this week too.

Applications for places at Grove Park Primary School

Nursery open morning, Thursday 26th March 2009 9.15—10.15am
Applications for a **Reception** place at our school **MUST** be returned to the school by Tuesday, 10th February 2009

Assessment Week

Next week is assessment week. You will have a chance to talk about your child's progress on **Wednesday, 11th February**. You can discuss if there is any difference when your child works without support and in the normal classroom environment. You can help by ensuring they arrive at school in good time during assessment week. Thank you

Wear your Wellies to School Day in aid of Action Medical Research

We have planned a wonderful day for our fundraising today. The children will have a great surprise today when they watch a production of Rumpelstiltskin by the Globe Players. This was a special thank you to all the staff and children for all their hard work this week during Ofsted and is an event that is being funded by the school. A grand parade is planned to judge the wonderful wellies and this will be followed by a walk to Dukes Meadows and being joined by PCO Stacey and her colleague. The afternoon will be Welly Wanging competitions in the playground! This all sounds like lots of fun and a brilliant way to end an exhausting week! Thank you to everyone who contributed to Action Medical Research, we will let you know next week how much we managed to raise for this very worthwhile charity.



Found—KEYS. Please let the office know if you have lost a set of keys

Out grown clothes please! With all this rain we are needing to change children who have fallen in puddles! We need to re-stock our spare clothes. All sizes welcome. Could we also remind you that if your child comes home in spare clothes, please wash and return these to the school. Thank you.

Beware of Puddles Please keep an eye on your children before and after school. Puddles are very exciting for children, but it is horrible to spend the day in wet socks and not get them changed! You can help by supervising the children in the playground.

Stranger Danger: PCO Stacey will be in school to give assembly talks to the children on taking care when out and about. Please talk with your children about the importance of staying close to the adult who is taking care of them and not going with strangers. We can never be too careful on this subject.

NO dogs please: May I remind you that dogs are NOT allowed anywhere on school premises at any time. (Guide dogs for the blind are an exception) Even if you carry a dog onto school grounds, a young child may frighten it and in turn be hurt. We will ALWAYS challenge anyone bringing in a dog!

Parent Mail

Thank you to all of you who have already given us your email and mobile numbers. Apologies to some parents who may feel there has been a slight delay in getting their details onto our database. This is being addressed and you should soon be getting the information along with everyone else. If you want e-mail and text alerts please fill in a form.

