

# Grove Park Primary School

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## PARENT WORKSHOPS

There was a great response to last term's workshops on reading, children's teeth and learning through play. Many parents have given us very positive feedback on these and it's been lovely to see so many people at the workshops. This half term we continue to focus on the children's learning, in particular, early maths, learning tables and improving children's writing.

Friday, 5th March

Friday, 12th March

Friday, 19th March

Early Mathematics

Improving KS2 Writing

How Song Can Help You Learn

Kate Upsher

Hannah Hannington

Jean Buck

Other titles to look forward to include Tricky Word Spelling, First Aid at Home and Healthy Lunch Boxes. These dates to be organised later—so watch this space.

Please let us know if there are other topics you would like covered by posting your suggestion into the red post box, by the office. Thank you

## YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION

Recently we enjoyed extraordinary success through the Young Writers' Competition. Out of the 127 entries from Grove Park School 106 children were accepted for publication in a book. When I phoned the company to enquire if it is usual for such a high percentage to be successful, they responded that the usual expectation was for 60-70% to be published from each school. Clearly, with over 80%, Grove Park Primary School offered a very strong field.

### Congratulations to all the winners!

I did mention the concern from some parents that the tone of the personal letter which each winning family received was very persuasive! Apparently this is being re-drafted for future competitions to make parents realise the statistics involved. I hope this clears up the matter for parents.



## RIDING SCOOTERS IN THE PLAYGROUND

It's a great way to keep warm— coming to school by scooter!  
This form of exercise keeps children fit and saves our planet from exhaust fumes. There is purpose built shelter to the front of our school but...



**Please don't ride your scooters through our playground or in the school building!**



Children are not aware of the speed at which they travel in the playground and our youngest children and baby brothers and sisters, simply cannot get out of the way fast enough.

(This is true for any wheeled vehicles)

