



Grove Park Primary School

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Newsletter No 12

Ho, ho, ho!

Well, Christmas is nearly upon us and it has been truly heart-warming to see the children throwing themselves into the festive activities, never mind the teachers, who have tinselled anything and everything they can get their hands on. Today's newsletter is a little bit of a Christmas extravaganza detailing what's on, when. If you are still unsure or would like more details please see your child's class teacher.



Come to the Christmas Fair!

Tomorrow, **Saturday, 10th December** is the Christmas Fair, 11.00 till 2.00 and I hope to see lots of you there. I hope by now you have all bought your raffle tickets and booked your Santa slots. There are so many exciting things to look forward to on the day including the raffle, the silent auction, mulled wine, mince pies, hot food and drinks, books and DVDs, sweets and toys, nail painting, fair-ground rides, sushi rolling, festive flowers, cards, cakes and so much more!

Should be a great day!



Christmas Past...

However... not wanting to sound like scrooge ... but ... next year, our ever 'popular' newsletter will be consigned, exclusively, to our website. In our drive to be more environmentally friendly than we already are, we will only be producing a small amount of paper copies. Nearly all schools have now banished the 'photocopy run' when it comes to newsletters and the time has come for Grove Park to follow. If you do not have access to the internet, paper copies will always be available in the foyer.

I'm dreaming of a White Christmas ...



Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful, and since we've no place to go, let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! In the event of a snowy moment and an unfortunate closure, you will be informed directly by email on Parentmail. You will also be able to check on the school and Hounslow websites where any closure will be listed.



Bootiful



You can't beat a bit of turkey at Christmas (unless, of course, you are a turkey ☺!). Christmas lunch will be served on Friday 16th. I hear it is a jolly affair full of Christmas music and festive fun. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but would like to join in the festive fun, you can book a lunch for them at just £1.80 (bargain!) but you must place your order by the end of the day on Monday. There is a veggie option for those who are vegetarians or Turkeys.

Grove Park's 'Handmade Christmas'

On the 14th December at midday, Miss Usher and Mrs Mott will be repeating their popular Christmas Crafts workshop for Nursery children and their parents. It has been immensely popular in the past, so much so that Kirsty Allsop was inspired to create a whole series based on it! ☺



Peace and Goodwill to all

STAMPS PLEASE! As I mentioned in one of my previous newsletters, we are collecting as many stamps as possible for the charity 'Goodwill'. There are boxes in every nook and cranny of the school and Christmas is a good time to start collecting them. Please help us it goes to a very worthy cause. Thank you.

It's behind you!



It's Panto time! Here at Grove Park we take our Panto's VERY seriously. On Wednesday, 14th December we go into overdrive! The cast of 'Little Red Riding Hood' will join us in the morning and treat the infants to a spectacular feast of magic and mayhem (*please make sure you have returned your slip and payment*). In the afternoon our juniors will head to Richmond Theatre to see Cinderella. If you have a child in KS2 please collect them promptly at **4.30pm** from their classroom.

MMM ...

Please sign up for milk, meals and music (no connection whatsoever). This is the time of the year where we start to get our school in order for the new term ahead. Please see Joanne or Gillian in the office if you would like to sign up for something that begins with M.

You need to inform the office if you wish to change meal types, otherwise we will assume that you are carrying on as you are and will expect school meals to be paid for **in advance** (£1.80 a day, £9.00 a week, first half of term £50.40, second half of term £52.20 or complete term £102.60). Milk orders must be in by Thursday and Music fees also by Thursday.

Collection Time

Recently we have had a number of incidents where children have been collected by family or friends who have been considerably under the age of 16. As you are aware, our duty to safeguard your children is our priority and we cannot let your children go with anybody who we think is under 16.

We have also had a lot of children not collected at the end of the day this week because parents had not made a note of club end dates. On one day we had 16 children not collected! PLEASE make a note of start and END dates for clubs and be here on time to collect your children.

Nursery Got Into the Festive Spirit!

Earlier this week, the Nursery children could be seen decorating a 'Christmas house'! In fact, they would love to continue their decorating, but have run out of Christmas decorations ... if you have any spare decorations, they would love to give them a good home.



JRSO News

The JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) have spent several of their lunchtimes putting together Road Safety Workshops. They were highlighting the importance of wearing bright or even fluorescent clothing when you are out and about, and came up with a great slogan: **Be Safe, Be Seen!**

They presented their workshop, jam-packed with information, questions and prizes to all 8 classes in the school.

Congratulations to Theo, Maks, Harper, Cadell and Mathew Forster for all their hard work!!



And now the end is near... As we come towards the end of our first term, our Librarian Mrs Mott, has asked for all books to be returned by Wednesday, 14th. She would also like all of our junior librarians to hand back their badges (by Thursday 15th please!). Thank you to all of our librarians and parents who have helped maintain our libraries and of course Mrs Mott who has been invaluable in ensuring that children get the best out of our growing book collection.



DATES BETWEEN NOW AND THEN ...



Saturday, 10th December	CHRISTMAS FAIR 11.00—2.00
Tuesday, 13th December	KS1 Christmas production at 9.30am: parents welcome
Wednesday, 14th December	KS1 pantomime: Little Red Riding Hood (at school)
Wednesday, 14th December	Nursery children and parents' workshop: making Christmas cards at 12.00
Wednesday, 14th December	KS2 to pantomime at Richmond Theatre (collection from school at 4.30pm)
Thursday, 15th December	KS2 Christmas concert at 6.00pm: all KS2 children to be in school by 5.30pm
Friday, 16th December	Christmas assembly at 9.00 followed by coffee
Friday, 16th December	Children's Christmas lunch
Monday, 19th December	Elderly neighbours' Christmas party
Tuesday, 20th December	Toy day / BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2.15PM
Wednesday, 4th January	Back to School: Be on time at five to nine!



GROVE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL: TERM DATES 2012 - 2013

AUTUMN TERM 2012

TERM DATES	Wednesday, 5 th September – Friday, 21 st December 2012
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HALF TERM	Monday, 29th October – Friday, 2nd November 2012
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* Inset Day	Tuesday, 4 th September 2012
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* Inset Day	Monday, 5 th November 2012
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SPRING TERM 2013

TERM DATES	Tuesday, 8 th January – Thursday, 28 th March 2013
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HALF TERM	Monday, 18th February – Friday, 22nd February 2013
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* Inset Day	Monday, 7 th January 2013
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SUMMER TERM 2013

TERM DATES	Tuesday, 16 th April – Tuesday, 23 rd July 2013
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HALF TERM	Monday, 27th May – Friday, 31st May 2013
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* Inset Day	Monday, 15 th April 2013
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* Inset Day	Monday, 3 rd June 2013
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* Bank Holiday	Monday, 6 th May 2013
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