



Grove Park Primary School



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It's only the second week of the term and already the school is buzzing with energy and the sound of happy learners. On Thursday we had the Perform theatre company visit and deliver some exciting workshops. The laughter and fun that emitted from the hall was infectious and we look forward to welcoming the group back in the future.

We also welcome the lovely Sarah Balmer, Year 3 Class Teacher, to school. We hope she enjoys her time here at Grove Park and look forward to working with her over the next couple of terms.

Our committed teachers headed this week to the BETT exhibition (Olympia) to research emerging technologies and new developments in IT. Some of the technology on offer to schools now is truly outstanding and I know that our enthusiastic teachers returned with many ideas, which we hope to filter into our creative curriculum over the next few years.



Clubs



Clubs all got off to a fantastic start this week. The new Ballet Class has been very popular and the keen ballerinas thoroughly enjoyed their first lesson.

We had one disappointment with the cancellation of the new Gardening Club, but sadly not enough children signed up to make it viable.

We also had a number of children who were very disappointed not to be successful in getting a place in the Infant Art club, which filled up very, very quickly. We have spoken to Mrs Mott, who runs the club, and she has kindly suggested that next term, she will run TWO infant art clubs! Unfortunately this does mean that Junior Art club will have to take a break for the summer term, but will probably restart again next year. Therefore, next term, Infant art will be open to Reception and Year 1 on a Thursday and for Year 2 on a Tuesday. We very much hope that this will bring some cheer to our budding artists who were not able to get a place this term.

Lots of parents said how useful they had found receiving the clubs information at the end of last term, rather than the beginning of this term, so we will try to continue this practice. We will, therefore, give each family a copy of the booklet at the end of term, although you will not be able to book places until the beginning of term. We will also put the information on the school's website, but will not print extra copies (we ended up printing far more this term for people who had lost them over the holiday!). Anyone that wants extra copies, may print them out from the website. We are also investigating an online booking and payment system!



Mr Hardman came to teach Nursery about how to use tools (i.e. not play guns with plastic saws and drills!!)



Nursery Class Places

If your child was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009, they can be admitted to a nursery class attached to a primary school in September 2012. Application forms and admissions information is now available from the school office. Application forms must be submitted to the school you are applying for by Friday, 4th May 2012 along with a copy of your current council tax bill and your child's birth certificate.

We will be holding an open morning for prospective parents on Tuesday, 6th March at 9.15am.

We will be holding an open morning for any prospective Nursery parents on Tuesday, 6th March at 9.15am.



Buttons!

Year 4 are after your buttons! If you have got any spare buttons, any colour, any size, please pop them in a bag and give them to Year 4. Thank you!



Football Tournament

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children participated in a football tournament between the Chiswick cluster schools. We played 5 games in all; we won 3, drew 1 and lost 1. We scored 8 goals, but let in 5, which turned out to be our downfall as we missed going to the borough finals on goal differences!!!! Overall we finished 3rd, with Belmont winning and Strand-on-the-Green as runners up. We are determined to do better next time! Thanks to all the parents who came and gave their support.

Lost Property

Yet again we have an enormous mountain of lost property down by the Nursery. We will put it all in the dining hall at 9.00am next Friday, 20th January. Anything that has not been claimed by the end of next week will be disposed of. Please remember to label all items of clothing, so that we can return it to its owner.



Cake Sales

Dates for this term's cake sales:
 13th January - Years 1 and 5
 27th January - Reception and Year 4
 10th February - Nursery and Year 3
 2nd March - Years 2 and 6
 16th March - Years 1 and 5



Parent Readers

We are very short of parent readers in almost all classes at the moment. If you have any time that you could come in and spend hearing children read, we would be very grateful. If you do not already have a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) disclosure, you will need to collect a form from the office and have this completed beforehand, but it's a simple process and the office will be more than happy to give you a form and any guidance on completing it. Once it's done, you can then come in and help, just arrange mutually convenient times with your class teacher. Thank you.



A calendar of events for the term is being finalised and will be published on the school website as soon as they are finalised.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2012	Wednesday, 4th January 2012 – Friday, 30th March 2012
HALF TERM	Monday, 13th February 2012 – Friday, 17th February 2012
* Inset Day	Monday, 20th February 2012
Summer Term 2012	Tuesday, 17th April 2012 – Friday, 20th July 2012
HALF TERM	Monday, 4th June 2012 – Friday, 8th June 2012
* Inset Day	Monday, 16th April 2012
* Bank Holiday	Monday, 7th May 2012
Autumn Term 2012	Wednesday, 5th September – Friday, 21st December 2012
HALF TERM	Monday, 29th October – Friday, 2nd November 2012
* Inset Day	Tuesday, 4th September 2012
* Inset Day	Monday, 5th November 2012
Spring Term 2013	Tuesday, 8th January – Thursday, 28th March 2013
Half Term	Monday, 18th February – Friday, 22nd February 2013
* Inset Day	Monday, 7th January 2013
Summer Term 2013	Tuesday, 16th April – Tuesday, 23rd July 2013
Half Term	Monday, 27th May – Friday, 31st May 2013
* Inset Day	Monday, 15th April 2013
* Inset Day	Monday, 3rd June 2013
* Bank Holiday	Monday, 6th May 2013