



Grove Park Primary School



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The Maths Factor

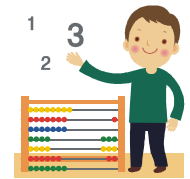
Next week we embark on our most ambitious project yet ... **MATHS WEEK**. Our lovely Maths leader, Miss Taylor, has worked tirelessly to make this event a reality and much work, effort and thought has gone into planning it. We are hoping that it will be a whirlwind of numbers, shapes and theories, with every year group exploring the wonder of mathematics. There will be games, shows, whole school activities, workshops and of course a lot of learning on the way! On Friday we will be inviting KS2 parents to attend a 20 minute workshop after assembly, followed by an opportunity to visit Years 3,4,5 and 6 and take part in some Maths fun. We would be thrilled if you could join us and take part, so please book it in your diary now!



Key Stage 2 workshops will be as follows:

- Year 3** 'Addition'
- Year 4** 'Subtraction'
- Year 5** 'Multiplication'
- Year 6** 'Division'

The sessions will last 20 minutes only. Thank you.



Key Stage 1 will be inviting parents to our '**Marvellously, Magical Maths Trail**'. This will last for approximately an hour and I know will be great fun.

Year 1's MMT will kick off next Friday at 11.30am till 12.30pm

Year 2's MMT at 2pm till 3pm.

On Wednesday, 25th January **Nursery and Reception** will be hitting the town (or Chiswick) for a Maths Walk. I know they would love parents to be involved in this so please sign up at the beginning of the week. I can't wait!



Stixx for tricks

To coincide with our Maths week, we have also ordered some BAA 'Stixx' machines to construct 3D shapes. These machines bind newspapers together and produce rods (or stixx!) which can be used to build structures on a large scale. But in order to do that, we need newspapers, and lots of them! Please send in as many newspapers as you can...all year groups will be using the machines and so every child/group will need a substantial amount of paper to get building!

Spud U Like! ☺

Keeping with the Maths theme (tenuous, I know! ☺) we will be holding the **heaviest potato competition**. The aim of the game is to find/enter the heaviest potato. The winner will receive a lifetime's worth of King Edwards ... only joking ... but we will be rewarding the winner with a small prize (I promise it won't be a maris piper). So get digging Grove Park (or head to one of our more popular supermarkets) and find those spuds. Bring in your potatoes into your class teacher next week.



Fun at the forum

The lovely Tamara, who runs and chairs our successful 'Parents' Forum' has asked for contributions for discussion. Please email her at tamaramehtha@hotmail.com or speak to her if you would like to add anything to the agenda. Due to a clash with my schedule (sorry parents ☹) we have had to move the forum dates. The new dates are:

2 February
29th March
31st May
12th July

These meetings are a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts with other parents and myself, so please do come and join us. The more, the merrier!

We love reading to Grannies, Granddads, Mums, Dads (we particularly like reading to Dads) and older brothers and sisters. Please make a date and come in and listen to us reading, we need more appreciative grown-ups to hear how good we are. If you have a spare half an hour, or more, then please see your child's teacher and book yourself a slot. You won't be disappointed!

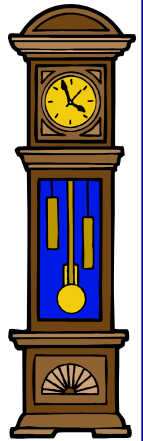


Be on time at 5 to 9!

As many of you are aware, our success as a school depends heavily on good attendance and punctuality. The negative impact consistent lateness has on children can have a detrimental influence on their learning and progress. It is essential that you get your children here before the school day begins at 8.55am. We have had quite a few 'local' children arriving late this term which has been disappointing to see. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child is here every day at 8.55am.

We are legally obliged to register your child as absent for the entire morning if they arrive after 9.05am. There is no flexibility in this, it is a requirement that we have no influence over.

We cannot authorise ANY holiday time during the school term, whether that is due to a delay in flights or unexpected changes to your schedule. This may seem harsh and unsympathetic, but we are carefully monitored by both the Local Authority and DFE and have strict guidelines to what we can and cannot accept as valid reasons.



A calendar of events for the term is published on the school website and is regularly updated along with term dates for this year and next.

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

