

Grove Park Primary School

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BIKE IT MAINTAINS OUR BIKES!

Dr Bike (also known as Ali) began our cycle maintenance classes for parents last Friday and it was a great success. If you would like to join in please come along next Friday from 9.30 am.



BEAT THE WINTER BLUES PTA RAFFLE

Congratulations to the three winners who all won vouchers for meals out! Thank you to the PTA for devising this raffle where only 100 tickets are sold, so there's a good chance of winning! There will be another one soon, so watch out for PTA information - you could be the next lucky winner!

SYON PARK TROPICAL ZOO

On Friday, 18th February we will have a non-uniform day where children can wear their own choice of clothes (not PE or football gear). Many of you will remember that dreadful snowy day when we had planned to draw huge animals on the school playground and fill the shapes with money for this very worthwhile charity. Of course we could not follow out these plans because the playground was covered in snow! However, this meant we raised a very small amount for the Syon Park Tropical Zoo and would like to try again! Every child who comes in mufti will be asked to donate towards the re-housing of the animals from the Zoo. Thank you.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Look out for our timetables by each classroom to sign up for a parent consultation. This is an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. You will learn what progress has been made, what areas your child needs to further develop and have a chance to look at all their books. Please arrive with your child if you would like to share this information together. Each interview is timed for 10 minutes. It is important that you arrive *at least* 10 minutes early so you have a chance to read through the exercise books together before your discussion with the teacher.

PSE, SRE AND YOUR CHILD!

It can be very confusing to meet a row of letters when teachers are trying to explain our curriculum. PSE is Personal, Social and Health Education, SRE is Sex and Relationships Education. Both of these have changed recently at Grove Park. We now explain this curriculum once a year to the whole school rather than individual classes meeting with their teachers just before the module. If you missed this, and would like to hear about the SRE curriculum that will be taught in each class next half term, please come to a presentation on **Wednesday, 9th February at 9.00** in the dining hall. We will show you all our new resources and explain what each year group will learn.

IF YOU ARE LATE ...

Please let us know if you are going to arrive late to school because you have a medical appointment—or even unavoidable traffic! If the office does not know you are due to arrive they do not book a lunch for that day for your child. Thank you for helping us!

While we are talking about lateness...

PUNCTUALITY ...

Every day the list of late comers to school seems to grow! Please remember that learning begins as soon as the children reach their classrooms after the bell at 8.55a.m. It is your parental responsibility to get your children to school on time. This means entering the playground around 8.50 so you have time to say goodbye and check they are all set for the day ahead. Children who arrive late not only miss out on their learning, but have a 'must catch up' feeling all day. You know what it is like when you oversleep! The day just doesn't feel good. Don't let your child experience this! Get them to school on time—thank you.

LAST CHANCE TO ADD YOUR VIEWS ON ADMISSION

Hounslow has a series of consultations online. One of the most important issues that will affect parents in the area relates to admissions to school. The proposal is to change from 37 Priority Admission Areas (PAAs), which is one for each school, to five larger 'super-PAAs' that each contain several schools. It is also proposing to change the oversubscription criteria. Have your say by completing the online questionnaire on www.hounslow.gov.uk/consultations. Simply download the questionnaire and email it to admissions@hounslow.gov.uk or print the questionnaire and post it to

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RECEPTION CLASS TOOK THESE PHOTOS BY THEMSELVES!

