

Grove Park Primary School

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SUMMER TERM

It hardly seems possible that we only have 3 more weeks until half term and that it is already our summer term! As a retiring Headteacher this brings a mix of emotions, as I am sure you will understand. I have begun to meet with Mr Alex Cornelius so that he will know as much as possible about Grove Park Primary School. It has been a pleasure to see how frequently our visions for the school overlap and how exciting I find his ideas for the future of our school.

This week you received a letter confirming the details of the new leadership structure. To summarise that letter: Alex Cornelius will become Headteacher, Victoria Retallack will return to the school three days a week and job share the role of Deputy with Kate Upsher, who will also be our Assistant Headteacher—she will be known as our Assistant Deputy. Amanda Letch joins the Senior Team permanently and completes our new line-up. I feel confident that the new team has all the strengths required to take the school on to even greater heights! Please look out for the full letter which was "ParentMailed" to you on Wednesday and printed to our few families who are not on ParentMail.

It looks like another busy term: all the dates are on page 4! Please try to attend our Open Morning on **8th July**. It would be wonderful if EVERY child had a guest to show round our school, talk to about their work and share some refreshments.



ROYAL BRITAIN



ACTIVE KIDS AND TECSO VOUCHERS

We're collecting these vouchers again. Thank you for all the vouchers! Don't forget to keep them coming!

LIBRARY BOOKS

From 26th April, any books logged out in your name are your responsibility. Please be careful when scanning your books, making sure you have scanned your name only! We will be introducing fines for lost books that have been scanned from 26th April. When returning books, **MAKE SURE** that your name appears on the screen. Books prior to 26th April still need to be found and returned. Thank you

Children have all been told this message!

STAFF NEWS



Along with the new leadership team described on the front page of our newsletter this week, we have some other staffing news. Mr Sam Birnage has decided to spend at least a year abroad in Australia, both travelling and teaching. As you know Sam has been a central champion of our Habits of Mind and Mind Up initiatives and hopes to promote these in Australian schools. Sam is an outstanding teacher, who has the ability to inspire children. He has been an excellent Deputy Head-teacher, covering Victoria's maternity leave, which was a hard act to follow. It is hard to remember Sam joined us as a Newly Qualified Teacher only 4 years ago! Mr Birnage leaves at the end of this term and, although we will miss him, we wish him every success for the future.



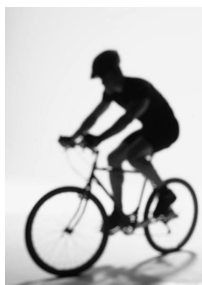
We also say goodbye at the end of this term to Mrs Jean Buck our Music Teacher. Jean has brought great fun to music and created a music curriculum which enables the children to make good progress. Her violin lessons were extremely popular. She has committed a great deal of time and energy to music beyond the normal teaching day and will be missed by us all. Jean hopes to spend more time on her personal music making .

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday, 22nd May 2011 10.30 kick-off

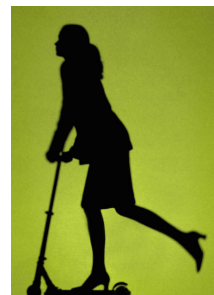
With separate competitions for 4 different age groups, each team must have up to 8 players. All teams play at least 3 matches on the day and the entry fee is £35 per team

If you have children from Year 2—Year 6 who would like to enter this community event please contact Marsha Glean at groveparktournament@hotmail.co.uk



DO NOT RIDE YOUR BIKE OR SCOOTER IN THE PLAYGROUND

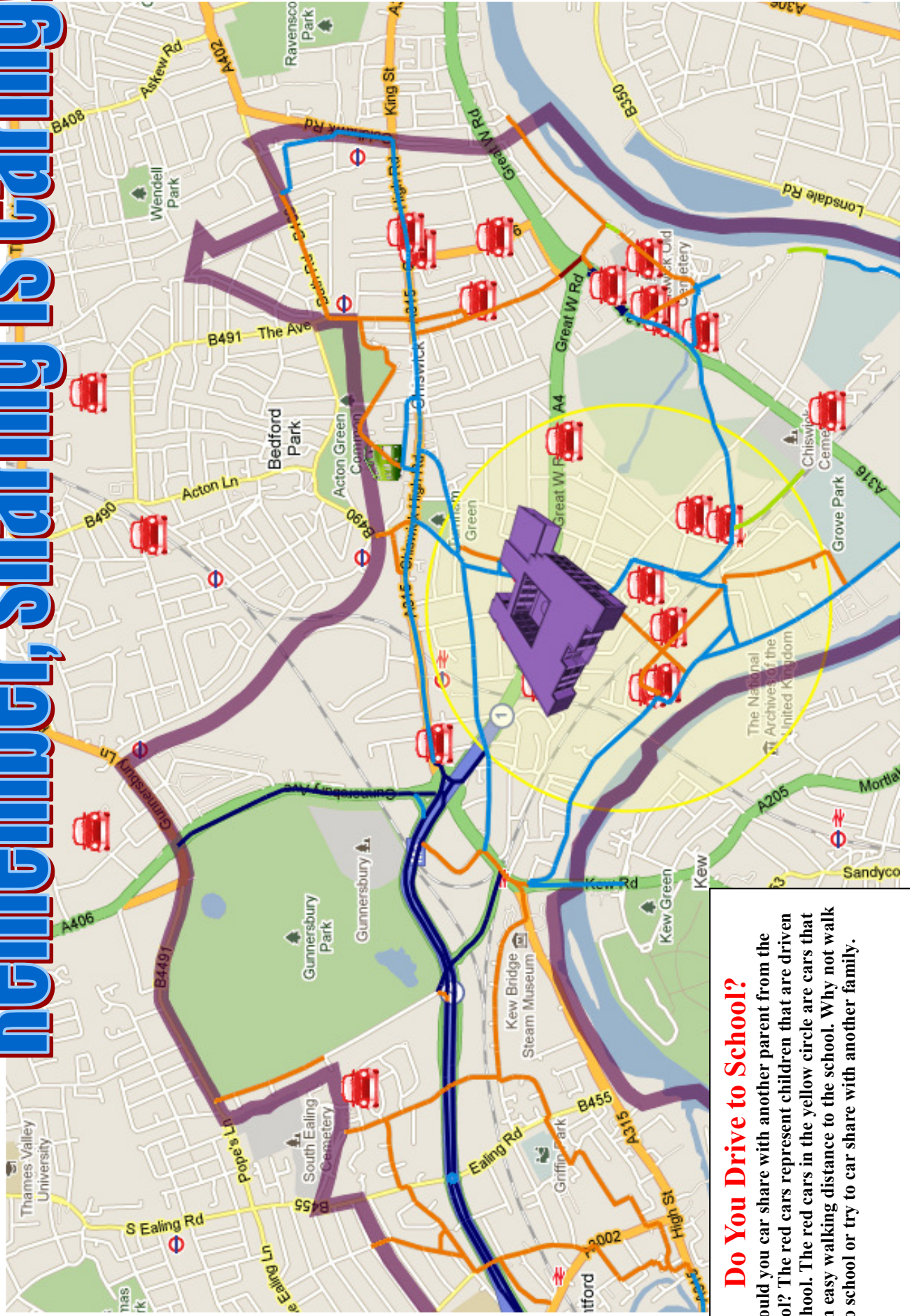
We love to see how many of you ride your bikes to school, but an important part of learning to ride a bike correctly is to understand how to be safe. It is not safe to ride your bike or scooter in our playground either before or after school. Please **PARK** and **LEARN**. Thank you



CLUB DATES

Please make a note of the club dates in your diary **NOW!** Every term we have children who are not collected after clubs have finished for the term and parents have forgotten that dates for clubs do **NOT** match dates for our school term. Thank you.

Remember, sharing is caring!



Do You Drive to School?
Could you car share with another parent from the school? The red cars represent children that are driven to school. The red cars in the yellow circle are cars that live in easy walking distance to the school. Why not walk to school or try to car share with another family.

Term

w/c Monday 9th May	Years 3-5 Assessment Week / Year 6 SATs
Friday 13th May	Years 3 and 4 Big Sleepover
Friday 13th May	Year 3 class assembly
Friday 13th May	Coffee morning: Residential trips (Marion Lee)
Wednesday 18th May	Class Photos
Friday 20th May	Year 1 class assembly
Friday 20th May	Coffee morning: Curriculum and focus weeks at Grove Park School (Marion Lee)
w/c 23rd May	Healthy School Week—full details to follow
Thursday 26th May	Y5 camping in New Forest for one night
Friday 27th May	Coffee morning: Dental Hygiene (Juliet Wells)

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w/c/ 30th May	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Training day for staff (School closed)

Thursday 9th June	Year 1 trip to Vauxhall City Zoo
w/c 13th June	Bikeability all week—more details to follow
Tuesday 14th June	KS2 Sports afternoon (parents invited)
Thursday 16th June	Parents Forum
Friday 17th June	Year 5 assembly
Monday 20th June	Year 3 to Thames Explorer
Tuesday 21st June	10 Year 2 children to Hounslow Sports day
Friday 24th June	Year 1 to Chiswick House
Friday 24th June	Reception class assembly
w/c/ 27th June	Quiet week
Wednesday 29th June	Year 6 to 'Wicked'
Tuesday 5th July	Parents Forum
Tuesday 5th July	Y6 "taster" day for Hounslow secondary schools
Wednesday 6th July	Year 4 to Gunnersbury Triangle
Thursday 7th July	Reports home, children visit their new class and new teacher
Friday 8th July	Open morning
Monday 11th July	Year 5 technology day
Wednesday 13th July	MAD bike display for children in afternoon
Wednesday 13th July	KS2 production
Thursday 14th July	KS2 Production
Friday 15th July	EY and Year 1 Sports fun morning (Parents invited)
Tuesday 19th July	Circus skills workshop all day
Wednesday 20th July	Y6 leavers morning assembly and party in afternoon
Thursday 21st July	Staff leavers assembly and Toy day for children. School ends 2.15pm
Friday 22nd July	Staff training day—school closed for summer holidays

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Dates