

Grove Park Primary School

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Summer Fair

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday 11.00—2.30pm

The PTA have been working really hard to arrange this: one of the biggest and most important events in our school year. There will be Zumba, barbeque, International food stalls, plants and lots of things for our children to do. The Fire brigade are expected around 12.00 and at 1.15 Mr Birnage will host the final of the Grove Park's Got Talent contest!

Special guest, Mr Alex Cornelius, hopes to make an appearance to meet you all.

There should be something for everyone, so bring your family and friends!

LOST CLOTHES

As we approach the end of the school year, the inevitable mountain of **lost property** is growing! We have coats, shoes, gloves, sweatshirts and all manner of other things in our lost property bins. PLEASE take the time to search through and find your items. In the last few week of term the clothes will be displayed for a final collection before being sorted for suitable second hand uniform and a pile for charity / the dump. There is also an assortment of glasses in the office! With all our exciting sporting achievements celebrated last week, we suddenly find we are missing lots of **school PE kit**. Please wash it and bring it back within the week so we can check it through in preparation for the next sports events.

STAFFING NEWS

I know how hard you are all working to second guess which teacher, and which teaching assistant will be taking your child from September. As you know, this information will be sent home along with your child's end of year report on 7th July. On this same day the children will meet their new teaching team following a brief assembly and they will have time in their new classroom.



Jo Milburn, currently a TA working with one of our statemented children will be taking the place of Margaret Mott, who you will know from a previous letter is to become our school librarian.

Aaron Bromfield recently enjoyed special leave to study with brothers from his church. This was a profound experience for him and he has been asked to move to Bath to continue his religious commitments. Grove Park Primary School is very sorry to see him leave. Aaron has been a source of inspiration for many children and his care and consideration for all has been exemplary. He has helped enhance our ICT technically, led sports play during lunch time, and tended many children with first aid. Not to mention his teaching assistant role, where he has given outstanding support to his colleagues and the children in his class.



Kesha Wellington has been successful in applying for this new vacancy and will therefore become a class based teaching assistant rather than a SEN teaching assistant. There is an advert for her current post out at present.

OPEN MORNING – 8TH JULY 2011

Every year the children invite parents, neighbours, family and friends to school for our Open Morning. This is a time for the children to proudly show you their work, play games with you, help you understand things they have been learning through a variety of activities and, very importantly, take you to see their new classroom. Reports and new teacher information will be sent home the day before and the children will have already spent time with their new teaching team. Open Morning is their time to lead the tour and finish with that all important drink and biscuit.

PLEASE come along or find a friend to come for your child. It is such a shame when a child has no special visitor to show their work to. When you come, please take time to look through their work, complete the activities in the classroom and then go and visit the new class and talk to the teacher. Some parents seem a little shy of going into other classrooms, but this is the reason for the morning—go into as many as possible! go on—be nosey! Ask questions and enjoy the displays.

These times are designed to let you visit both your own class and the next class up in particular, but please feel free to visit EVERY class. Please join us at the following times:

- 9.15—10.15 - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and year 2 guests
- 10.15—11.15 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 guests

If you have more than one child and these times do not fit your family, we are more than happy to accommodate you with a change. All guests will be asked to leave by 11.30 when our playtime ends. Thank you

This is a very special day for our children.
We hope that EVERYONE has a special visitor.





Please Join Me on a Family Picnic

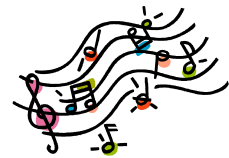


As you know, I retire from education at the end of this year. I have loved leading Grove Park Primary School, watching it grow and improve from strength to strength. I have very mixed feelings about leaving such a warm and welcoming community. But, my mind is made up! There will be time to thank everyone in the weeks to come, but for now I would like to extend an invitation to you; It would be wonderful to see all our families bring their children along to a picnic in Chiswick Park on Monday, 18th July from 3.30pm. Please bring your own picnic and blankets to sit on. This will be a very informal occasion where staff, parents and children can enjoy each others company and reminisce over my time at Grove Park..



MUSICIAN WANTED

KS2 children are busy rehearsing 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Last year we were very lucky in securing some parents to join the children by playing in the backing band. Music is always a key part of the production and lifts the whole event. It was also an incredible experience for the children. So far Adam Blackburn has supported rehearsal at the piano. Adam is happy to lead the band, but drums and a guitar (for example) would be wonderful, but any instruments could be incorporated. The music is "Beatles" style. If you would like to join the band, please get in touch as soon as possible so we can draw up a rehearsal schedule that suits you! Last year the band played with the children on about 3 rehearsals as well as being available for the production evenings of Wednesday, 13th and Thursday, 14th July which begin at 6pm. Thank you



PARENTS FORUM

I hope you can attend the last Parent Forum of the year. Last meeting, Mr Cornelius came along for a preview and felt this was something to value and to continue next year. As Headteacher, I truly feel it has helped me sound out parental opinions and listen to ideas, as well as explain some of the mechanics behind the school. The meeting on Tuesday, 5th July and will be my final ever!! I would like to thank Tamara Mehta for compiling the agenda for me every month and for her excellent chairing skills. It has been a real pleasure coming to these meetings.

QUIET WEEK

Next week is 'quiet week' when our teachers and teaching assistants focus on their class without the additional stress of meetings. Parents have been very supportive of this by keeping their communications with the school to a minimum. However, please be assured that we really do want to hear from you if you have any kind of emergency next week. We value our open communication with parents. Thank you



~ inspiring each other ~

NEW!!! **School Uniform Ordering Information**

We are delighted to be able to announce that you may now order and pay for school uniform online at

www.stparent.co.uk

Simply go to the website address, search for Grove Park Primary School

The screenshot shows the School Trends website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About School Trends, How to Order, and View Shopping Basket. Below this is a welcome message: "Welcome to School Trends - Parents-On-Line Ordering facility". A paragraph explains that users can buy decorated school uniform requirements online for convenient delivery through the school, or use the site to browse for information. Below the text is a search form titled "Search for your School". The form has two input fields: "Town" (empty) and "School Name" (containing "Grove Park Primary School"). A "Find School" button is located to the right of the School Name field.

You will then be directed through our uniform ordering page, where you can order items as follows:

Sweatshirts * Short sleeved polo shirts * Long sleeved polo shirts
T-shirts * Ultimate Reversible Coat * Jogging pants * PE Kits * Shorts

Uniform ordered online will be delivered free to the school for distribution within 14 days of the deadline (the deadlines are on the website) or you can pay and have it delivered direct to your home.

We will still continue to sell uniform and backpacks on a Friday morning at 9.00am until stocks run out (otherwise you may order from School Trends by completing an order form, which is available. Book bags, music bags and p.e. bags will continue to be on sale from the school office.

A full price list is available on the reverse of this letter, but if you like any further information, please do not hesitate to come and ask in the school office.

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