



4th November 2011

Newsletter No 8

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely relaxing half term holiday and are ready for the 'Countdown to Christmas'... yes it's only 50 days to go! However, we still have a lot to do before December! Next week we are holding our first Music Week. We have been fortunate enough to secure some fantastic performers and musicians for our workshops and I know the teachers have been planning some fun things too. Please do get into the spirit of things by sharing your musical tastes (or musical skills!) with your children. We will also be holding a **fancy dress day on Friday (11th)**. Anything goes, whether it is a musical instrument, Elvis during his Vegas years or a Beatle or two.

'Strike a Pose'

On the 15th November, all children will be having their individual photographs taken. Pre-school children can have their photos taken with their older siblings between 8.30-9.00. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform on the day.



'Talking of uniforms...'

I have noticed lately that the fashion for wearing low slung trousers amongst the boys is spreading throughout Key Stage 2. Can I remind parents that this is not school uniform nor is it appropriate and that children should be looking smart and ready to go every day. It is also getting colder and I can only feel that the boys are going to be feeling the frost more if they continue to follow fashion ...

Parent Consultations

Next week you have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss their progress and development. Timetables are up outside the classrooms for you to sign up for an appointment on either Tuesday between 4.00- 7.00 or Thursday between 2.30-5.30. If you have a child in Key Stage 2 please bring them along. These meetings are for ten minutes only and are to share information in a positive way and guide you in supporting your child with their learning. If you feel that you would like to discuss an issue in more depth then please make a separate appointment with the teacher or myself.

Assertive Mentoring

At parents consultations you will be discussing the individual targets that your child will be working on for the coming half term. You will also receive a written copy of these. These targets have been discussed and agreed by your child and their teacher in a 1:1 meeting this week. We encourage you to talk to your child about their targets and progress and address the targets when supporting them for homework or any other school based work, such as projects.

Tis the Season to be Jolly!

Christmas Posters will be heading your way today, 4th November. This is part of your child's homework, so please get your child to design one and send it back for the 8th. There is a prize in it and of course the pride of having your artwork up around the school and the local area and on all the programmes for everyone

Children in Need



We will be fundraising for Children in Need on Friday, 18th November. Please donate generously to this worthwhile cause that helps so many children in this country and abroad. We will be holding a **best dressed bear** competition on the day with prizes galore! If you donate, children may bring in a teddy bear in a costume. We will be having a picnic lunch (indoors with school meal children provided with a picnic lunch) with our teddies, who will be judged on their costumes! The PTA will be holding a Children in Need themed cake sale that afternoon, with Nursery and Year 3 providing the cakes (although cakes from other classes would be gratefully received!). Please help by giving generously!

Lost and Found



Already this year we have started to receive lost items. The lovely Gillian has started her 2011/2012 collection with a pair of Jackie O sunglasses and (believe it or not) 2 mobiles, one of which looks quite whizzy! If you are without these items please come in and collect them. The sunglasses would be better off with the owners I'm sure!

School Meals

Are you up-to-date with your payments for school meals? Don't forget that they must be paid for in advance: £1.80 per day, £9.00 per week or £64.80 for the second half of this term. Thank you.

ming PTA Christmas Card Project

l, the school is participating in a holiday card project this year. Produced in colour into Christmas cards that are available in packs side the card or they can be left blank, making them great gifts as note cards.

Ordering is simple! Just complete the order form sent home on the back of your child's artwork. Return the order form to the school including payment. The cards will arrive the first week of December.

1st pack of 12	£6.00
Price for 2 packs	£10.00
Price for 3 packs	£12.00
Additional packs thereafter	£3.00

Look for your child's artwork & order form next week.

Thai & Trivia night!



Come and join us for a Thai meal and a quiz.

Friday, 18th November 2011

7.30pm til 10.30pm

Grove Park Primary School Hall

Bring your friends and your thinking caps!
Make up a team or come along and join a table

Tickets £11.00

includes welcome drink, nibbles & main course with veggie option

Buy your ticket from Gillian at the school office

Bar open from 7.30pm / Quiz starts 8pm prompt

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