

# Grove Park Primary School

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## LIBRARY NEWS



Thanks to the generosity of our PTA, plans for both new libraries are entering the next phase. Over the holiday the wall blocking Year 4's entrance from the library will be removed and in the Whitsun half term we hope new carpets will be fitted. Hounslow library service have been incredibly helpful in sorting and labeling all our books. They now need to be entered onto our database ready for the children to use a barcode system when they borrow books. I am sure you will appreciate that we have hundreds of books—which is wonderful. Each one takes less than a minute to enter onto the system.

It is VERY easy to do and only takes a few minutes to learn how. Miss Marimba Arihi, our Teaching Assistant in Year 4 would love some volunteers to help.

**If you have 20 mins or more and would love to help set up our new library, please come and see Marimba.** We can only have one person working at this at a time as it has to be entered onto the software.

Plans for each library are now agreed and are currently out to tender with contractors. Let's hope the library is completely ready for use by September at the latest.



## DINING ROOM IMPROVEMENTS

When the library is finished we will no longer have enough space for all the individual and group work which children currently enjoy with teaching assistants and parents. The new libraries will provide seating for listening to readers, but we feel the dining room is under-used and can be made a dual use room. We plan to lay new flooring, use sound deadening ceiling panels and new lighting, install new windows with blinds and add moveable screens. You may have heard about our fabulous new round tables from the children. They create a far more cosy feel to our dining experience with eight around each table! These will also serve as group work tables, around which the screens can be drawn to help children to concentrate and to further deaden sound. We hope this work will commence in the summer holiday.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Thank you to those who emailed or attended our first consultation meeting. It was interesting to hear your views. There have been a mixture of positive and negative so far. One thing brought to my attention is the need for an evening meeting so parents can get home from work:

**Wednesday, 29th April at 6.30 pm.**

The internal structure of the school day is organised by the school. Where and when play-times are arranged, how lunch staff are deployed remain my responsibility and are organised to suit the children and the staff. Our consultation is around the possibility of CHANGE to the school hours and the idea that school might end at 3.10 rather than 3.30 pm. I would like to reassure you all that I have made no decision on this and am genuinely seeking your opinions, positive and negative. Please share your views with me. Thank you.



## ART WEEK

We had a wonderful art week and our auction was a great success. We raised £121.50 including 2 generous donations. Thank you to everyone, especially our artists!



## LOCAL AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

This week Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Marjorie Evans, (author) and Lyn Keay (illustrator). They worked together to produce a series of books about Holly Dog—the adventures of a West London dog.



## END OF TERM

Don't forget to collect your children at **2.30pm** on Friday, 3rd April. School summer term begins on Monday, 20th April at 8.55 am



## ICT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PARENTS

Thank you to those who have already sent in your ICT questionnaire. It looks as though we have nearly enough parents for one course. If you want to join us, the Extended Schools' Team will collate this information and then offer Grove Park custom courses to match your needs. Please send the questionnaire back by the end of term at the latest. Thank you

## LOST PROPERTY

Thank you to those who have already collected from the lost property bin. Some clothes, uniform, coats, shoes all await their rightful owners. In these difficult financial times, I am sure you don't want to keep buying new ones, PLEASE come and have a look through. Anything left at the end of next week will be binned during the holidays.

## UNIFORM COSTS FOR NEXT TERM

There will be some changes in the price of uniform sold by the school from next term. Although some prices are inevitably increasing, you will be pleased to know that some are actually coming down! A complete list of prices is attached to this newsletter.

## CLUBS NEXT TERM

Look out for clubs booklets as soon as we get back to school. All clubs will begin the week commencing 27th April. Don't forget to sign up as soon as possible to get your child a place.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Despite lots of work, Cedars are still waiting for confirmation from Ofsted that they can begin after school care. At Grove Park we are determined not to let our children go without after school care of excellent quality, so we intend to continue in our own premises with Jyoti and her current team for the next half term. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## MENU FOR THE SUMMER TERM

The new menu for the summer term is coming home today. If you have not already ordered your milk and meals for next term, you may like to look at the delicious variety of dishes available for school dinners, for just £1.80 per day. Don't forget to get your orders for both milk and meals into the school office by Monday. Thank you.