

Grove Park Primary School

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CLUBS NEXT YEAR

Grove Park children enjoy a wide range of clubs at present. We have the opportunity of increasing our service by using Activa as a main provider. Activa sponsored the Grove Park Football Tournament recently and they provide holiday activities at Chiswick Community School. Before I go ahead and make this decision, I would like to give you a broad picture of what clubs might be like run by Activa. I am meeting Ben Douglas from Activa next week to discuss in detail and would be happy to hear your views before proceeding further.

Multi-choice activities from 3.15—4.15 Activa offers a choice of art/craft or dance/drama and sport each day. This means children have access to a further 5 hours of sports each week.

A Manager organises activities, keeping in touch with all the groups with two-way radio contact.

First Aid is provided on site every day

The club facility is separately **inspected by Ofsted** and complies with all health and safety guidelines, including safeguarding.

Activa provides its **own equipment**, which Grove Park may borrow if they wish.

Clubs cost £4.50 per hour. Although this cost is slightly more than presently charged by some of our clubs, we do recognise that some of our longer running clubs have not put up their rates in nearly ten years! Children may book for the whole week or for any selection of days. **The school receives an income** from Activa for the use of premises.

Negotiations at present have covered the following:

- Possibility of using some of our existing providers as part of our full compliment of provision
- Need to provide excellent activities with high quality leaders and supervision
- The level of concessionary rates Activa could provide

If we felt this was successful:

- Grove Park could go on to extend clubs to provide activities until 6.00pm
- Activa are also interested in developing on-site holiday activities at Grove Park.

We discussed this at Parents' Forum yesterday. If you have any thoughts on this please email as soon as possible to mlee@grovespark.hounslow.sch.uk. Thank you

SPORTS DAY

Years 2—6 have Sports Day on **Tuesday, 15th June**. The event begins at 9.30 am (weather permitting). The children should come dressed in PE kit in their team colours and parents are encouraged to come along and cheer! The children will all be picnicking that day. Children who normally have packed lunch should do so as normal and Terry, our school Cook, will provide picnics for other children. Everyone needs to provide an extra drink (no glass bottles please). Parents are also invited to bring a packed lunch to eat with their children. You may take your child home at the end of the sports event if you wish to, **but please tell the teacher to sign them out and report you are taking them off site.**



POSTER WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the poster competition, Ziad (Y2) and to Florence (Y1) for their lovely posters for our summer fair on Saturday, 26th June. It was a hard decision with many other excellent entries. Well done to everyone who took part.

QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT PLEASE

Is there a qualified accountant who could volunteer to audit our unofficial school fund between September and December? This is quite a straight forward task and it would be of enormous value to the school if you would offer your services. Please see Gillian Hodgess or Margaret Mott. Thank you

CHILDLINE

You may be aware that children brought back the telephone number of ChildLine during Healthy School Fortnight. Not only do the children learn how to live a healthy life with good exercise and food, but also how to be safe in all manner of other ways. We cover sun safety, rail safety, road safety as well as a project called "Learning to Respect" which was designed to support children facing very difficult circumstances which they might encounter outside the home including on the television, such as domestic violence, drug or alcohol abuse.

The charity ChildLine is a counselling service for children set up by Esther Rantzen and run by the NSPCC for both adults and children who are concerned about a child. Their telephone number is 0800 1111. The telephone line is open 24 hours a day. Children can also get in touch with the website www.childline.org.uk

No problem is too big or too small, if you are feeling out of control or just want to talk to someone you can contact ChildLine. Their counsellors are especially trained to give time to children and to be trustworthy. They are never shocked and they understand the sorts of problems children worry about. There is no judgement made in making a call to ChildLine. Children do not have to give their name and many talk about very small problems—as well as some with very big worries indeed. Typical worries range from being bullied, family relationships, racism, eating problems, homework and exams.

MUSEQUALITY

We will continue to support the charity 'Musequality' with our busking events next week because the weather rather dampened our enthusiasm for busking in the rain! Musequality is a charity very close to our Music Teacher, Jean Buck's heart, and supports music projects in the developing world. Our school talent competition heat winners and other performers in the school will have the chance to busk at the end of each day at the school gates to collect money for Musequality. You can learn more about the charity's work by going to [www. Musequality.org](http://www.Musequality.org)

RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

Please note the change of date. Reception class assembly has been postponed until Friday, 25th June (instead of 18th June) Thank you.

CHISWICK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY COMPETITION

6 possible exhibits which involve families in fun and good food, especially for children including drawing, photography, a miniature garden and 3 different salad vegetables you have grown. For full details collect an entry form from Gillian Hodgess. The show date is 19th June—Good luck!

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

Many of you have asked where Imelda O'Shaughnessy is these days. I am sorry to tell you that our Parent Support Advisor had to resign with immediate effect due to complications following an operation and several family difficulties which all arrived at the same time to overwhelm her. Imelda is now able to cope better without the stress of her PSA role. If you are interested in applying for this role please see Gillian Hodgess for a job description and person specification

**IF YOU HAVE ANY TESCOS VOUCHERS, PLEASE BRING THEM INTO SCHOOL BY MONDAY.
THANK YOU!**

SUMMER TERM DATES

Tuesday	15th June	Y2-6 Sports day from 9.30
Week commencing	21st June	Year 6 cycling proficiency
Thursday	24th June	Year 2 borough sports
Thursday/Friday	24th and 25th June	Year 5 camping in New Forest
Week commencing	28th June	Quiet week—all staff focus on children: No meetings
Week commencing	28th June	Year 5 cycling proficiency
Monday	5th July	KS2 Singing Festival week
Thursday	8th July	Parents' forum—last this year
Thursday	8th July	Children meet new teacher for next year
Thursday	8th July	Reports home
Wednesday	14th July	KS1 Sports Fun day
Wednesday	14th July	KS2 production "Grease" 6pm
Thursday	15th July	KS2 production "Grease" 6pm
Friday	16th July	Open Morning—every child would like a visitor please
Monday	19th July	KS2 Fun Day
Tuesday	20th July	9 a.m. whole school singing assembly—all welcome
Wednesday	21st July	Leavers assembly 9.00 and Year 6 party in afternoon
Thursday	22nd July	Last day of term—school ends at 2.15pm

OPEN MORNING

Friday, 16th July is our **open morning** and we hope every child will have a special visitor from their family or friends. This is a chance for the children to show off their school to a special adult.

PLEASE arrange a visitor for your child—granny, neighbour, friend, parent/s, older sibling. Your child will show you their books, art displays, and share some activities in the classroom before taking you on a grand tour of the school, ending with a drink and biscuit in the dining hall. To avoid crowds each year group has a special time slot.

Year 3 and Nursery	9.15—10.15
Year 4 and Reception	9.45—10.45
Year 5 and Year 1	10.15—11.15
Year 6 and Year 2	10.45—11.45

This is a very special day for the children. We really hope EVERYONE has a special visitor. Please help us.