



# Grove Park Primary School



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## **FUN TIME CLUB**

### **FINALLY ON THE MOVE!**

Grove Park Primary School's after school club is moving to the Chiswick Methodist Church on Sutton Court Road for the new school year starting in September 2009.

All are welcome to pop in and see them.

There will be three opportunities for the children currently at the club to come down after school and see the new space and resources for the afternoon instead of being at school. They are asked to let us know what they think!

These afternoons are also 'taster sessions' for anyone to sign up for a drop-in session and join them for the afternoon or for parents and children to come along together and see it all at work. Here you can ask questions about how it will all work and how the team ensure all the children are safe en-route.

If you have any questions, please speak to Jyoti or telephone Carol on 020 8742 1658

Jyoti will continue to run the Fun Time Club in September and will be joined by Selene, a new TA who will also be joining the Grove Park School staff in September. Selene has a level 4 NVQ in child care. Reena (who has been helping us on Fridays) and Carol will be relief staff and help with travel to the new site when needed. Travel to the site will either be a 'walking bus' or—if the weather is wet, a mini-bus.

## **TASTER SESSIONS**

**Thursday, 2nd July—1st visit to the new premises: Activities include—exploring the new space, toys/games—paint and craft area for younger ones+ book area, home corner and more. For older children—pool, table tennis, computer games, board games, arts and craft Tea: pizza and your own 'designer' ice cream sundae**

**Monday, 6th July—Open day from 12.00—2.00pm For everyone interested in the Play-group, wraparound or after school club. ALL WELCOME**

**Thursday, 9th July 2nd visit: Cooking, junk modeling and table tennis + loads of activities Tea: come along and be surprised!**

## **OPEN MORNING: MONDAY, 6 JULY**

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, parents, 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 groups has a special time slot.

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

**This is a very special day for the children and we really hope EVERYONE has a special visitor.**

**Please help us**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

We are very proud of our Year 6 children. They are currently working on the 'Oliver' production after working really hard on their SATs assessments in May. The SATs results are not through yet as the papers are externally marked. However, we do know how well the children got on with choosing a secondary school. Eleven children have chosen to go to Chiswick Community School. This is the local secondary school with which we have the greatest number of links. I am sure the children will have a great time there.

The others are going to a wide variety of schools including: The Green School, Brentford School for Girls, Notting Hill and Ealing School, Twyford, Hampton Community College, St Catherine's, Hershall Grammar, Ibstock, Christ's, Putney Park and Latymer.

Many independent schools are already advertising their open days. You might like to look round as follows: Latymer 12th September and 7th November (please ring 0845 638 5978 for tickets)

Westminster School Open morning for boys on Saturday, 10th October. Bursary places are available for boys in September 2010 along with music scholarships (Tel. 020 7963 1003)

Emmanuel School Open days Tuesday, 22nd September from 2.30—4.30 and on Saturday, 3rd October 9.30 -12.30 (Tel: 020 8870 4171) Places for scholarships available.

Hampton School 7th September / 10th September 2.30—4.30 and Saturday 10.00—1.00 (Tel: 020 8783 4026)

There are many other independent schools who have not yet sent information to our school. Their flyers will be available when they arrive in our foyer.

## SUMMER FAIR

Amazing news! The PTA raised just short of £4,000 last Saturday. A big thank you to everyone who ran a stall, spent their money, provided the prizes and especially to those who organised the whole thing. Thank you to Juliet, Wells, Carmel Bignall and to Rebecca Singer, among many other PTA organisers.

## A NOTE FROM THE PTA

An enormous thank you to everyone involved with the summer fair. It was a great day, we raised nearly £4000 for the school libraries, and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

The winner of the hotly contested Best Decorated Stall was the Book Stall, lovingly turned into a library area, so congratulations and thanks to Edda Amon and all her helpers.

Optimal Spine: The fair finished with a rather dramatic mini tornado which ripped through it, taking down all the gazebos and whirling all sorts of things high into the air. Amongst the items that went whisking off were the details of the people who had signed up for Optimal Spine - so if you were one of those, please get in touch with Sebastian Lenain on 07795 548915 so he can sort out the documentation again.

## MILK BOTTLE TOPS

We had a thank you letter from our neighbour who asked us to collect the plastic bottle tops to say thank you for the collection: "I was amazed and delighted at the amount you had saved for me. I could hardly carry the bag! We are so very grateful to you and will keep you informed of progress". Please keep collecting the bottle tops, they go towards saving for a wheelchair for a local disabled person. There is a collection box in the foyer.

## PARKING SCHEME CONSULTATION

We have been sent information about a preliminary consultation on a parking scheme to cover the Grove Park and Strand-on-the-Green area. The consultation is an opportunity for you to make your views known, whether you are pro or against the idea of controlled parking. Copies of the consultation document are available from the foyer and all questionnaires need to be back at the council by 10th July when the consultation period is up.

## PROVIDING MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN CHISWICK

The council is also holding consultations on providing more primary school places in Chiswick. The proposals are to expand the William Hogarth Primary School from 30 Reception places to 60 from September 2011 and to expand St Mary's Catholic Primary from 30 Reception places to 60 from September 2012. The consultation period runs from 15th June to 24th July. There are booklets in the foyer to explain the process and how you can share your views.

## USEFUL DATES

Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Urban Pedal Pros Part 1 – school based cycling training (day 5)
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee & Learning Through Play workshop
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reports home to parents
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Children meet their new teacher for next year
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	KS1 assembly
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Morning – parents and relatives invited to visit the school
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary School induction day for Year 6
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Forum 9.00am in the dining hall
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 to Chiswick Community School for Technology Day
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July	No assembly
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 End of Year Production at 6.00pm
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 End of Year Production at 6.00pm
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers' assembly – parents welcome
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School and Staff Leavers' Assembly
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT 2.30 PM</b>
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET DAY - staff training day: school closed for children</b>
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL – Remember; be on time at five to nine!</b>



## TERM DATES 2009 - 2010

### AUTUMN TERM 2009

TERM DATES	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2009 – Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
HALF TERM	<b>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009</b>
* Inset Day	Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2009
* Inset Day	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2009
* Inset Day	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2009
* Occasional Day	Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2009

### SPRING TERM 2010

TERM DATES	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2010 – Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010
HALF TERM	<b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010</b>
* Inset Day	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2010

### SUMMER TERM 2010

TERM DATES	Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2010 – Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2010
HALF TERM	<b>Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010</b>
* Inset Day	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2010
* Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2010

\* = school is closed for children.

Please also note an additional day's holiday (occasional day) has been added on Friday, 4th December.