

Grove Park Primary School

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HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY, 2nd OCTOBER 2009



Next Friday, 2nd October we will be having our

Harvest Festival celebrations. We would like everyone to bring in non-perishable harvest donations the day before, on the Thursday. We have invited our elderly neighbours to join us for assembly and coffee afterwards and they will be given harvest goody bags to take home.

The remainder of the harvest goodies are being donated to 'The Upper Room'. The Upper Room is a local charity that supports homeless, vulnerable and socially disadvantaged people. They are particularly keen to have tinned goods (especially soup). Your generosity will make all the difference to them and those that they support. Thank you.

We will also be holding a **Bread Competition!** All the children will be asked to bake some bread and bring it into school on Friday morning (not before, please). Please wrap the bread in clear plastic and clearly label it with the child's name and class. After assembly we will be judging the



bread and their will be prizes for each year group and an overall winner. We have decided that, because there is so much illness going round at the moment, the bread will be judged on appearance only. The children will then be able to collect their bread to take home and share with their family at the end of the day.



Speaking of delicious food ...

On Thursday, 15th October, parents are invited to come to school at 2.45 pm, when there will be an opportunity to sample the kinds of dishes that are provided for school lunches. There will be a taster menu including samples of the various options available including vegetarian choices, meat courses and puddings. Please come along, whether or not your child currently has school lunches, and find out what they are really like! This term's menu is printed on the reverse of this newsletter.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPTIONS

If you have a child in Year Six, now is the time that you should be making your decisions about which secondary school to apply for. You will have already received a pre-printed application form and guidance notes and hope that you were able to attend the *General Advice Meeting* at the Civic Centre last week. Secondary schools will be holding their open days from now until the end of October, and you are recommended to visit any school you are considering applying for (but please remember to tell us if you are planning to take your child out of school for any of these visits). The deadline for returning your application to Grove Park Primary School is **20th October 2009—and don't forget, you must provide proof of address in the form of a recent council tax bill.** Please remember to inform the office if you are making your application on-line or delivering the form yourself to the civic centre. Please refer to the guidance notes from Hounslow, 'Transfer to Secondary School in 2010' for further information regarding deadlines, open days, how to apply etc. (Don't forget, if you are not a Hounslow resident, you will need to apply through your own borough). If you are unsure about any aspect of the procedure, please feel free to come in and ask or contact the admissions department at Hounslow on 020 8583 2721.

Parent Consultations—Thursday, 15th October 2009

We will be holding this term's parent consultation meetings on Thursday, 15th October. You and your child will be invited to come in to discuss with their class teacher how they have found the beginning of the year.

Timetables will be put up outside each classroom the week before the meetings, on Thursday, 8th, so that you may sign up for your preferred slot. Appointments run from 2.40 until 7.50 pm and are for ten minutes only. Should you wish to discuss anything in more depth, you are always welcome to make a further appointment with the teacher.

TRIPS AND SLIPS!

Next week both Year Five and Year Three are going out on class trips. Year Five are visiting Shakespeare's Globe Theatre as part of their studies on Romeo and Juliet, and Year Three are very excited to be going to the London Aquarium to support their topic on Pirates! Both these trips promise to be extremely enjoyable days out.

Could I please plead with you to all to return all permission slips and payments as soon as you get the letters home. The office staff spend an awful lot of time sending out reminders and chasing parents for their permissions.

At the moment we are not only waiting for slips back for both these trips, but also for the KS2 pantomime trip (which we have to pay for this month) and even for swimming (which started last week!). Your prompt response to these requests makes all the difference.

Thank you!



BOOK FAIR—Thursday, 1st—Wednesday, 7th October

We will be holding a book fair in the school foyer from Thursday, 1st October at the end of the day, again on Friday, 2nd after the Harvest Assembly and then again at the end of the day from then until Wednesday, 7th. Come and browse through the great selection on offer.

TERM DATES 2009—2010

AUTUMN TERM 2009

TERM DATES	Thursday, 3rd September 2009 - Friday, 18 th December 2009
HALF TERM	Monday, 26th October - Friday, 30th October 2009
* Inset Day	Wednesday, 2 nd September 2009 (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING)
* Inset Day	Thursday, 19 th November 2009 (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING)
* Inset Day	Friday, 20 th November 2009 (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING)
* Occasional Day	Friday, 4 th December 2009 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

SPRING TERM 2010

TERM DATES	Monday, 4 th January 2010 - Thursday, 1 st April 2010
HALF TERM	Monday, 15th February 2010 - Friday, 19th February 2010
* Inset Day	Friday, 22 nd January 2010 (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING)

SUMMER TERM 2010

TERM DATES	Monday, 19 th April 2010 - Thursday, 22 nd July 2010
HALF TERM	Monday, 31st May 2010 - Friday, 4th June 2010
* Inset Day	Monday, 7 th June 2010 (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING)
* Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 rd May 2010 (SCHOOL CLOSED)