



Friday 10th January 2020

The Grove Valer

Keeping our children safe at Grove Vale

As we move into a new term, we would like to remind you of our strict safeguarding procedures. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Connop with Mrs Bunch and Mrs Pickett as deputy designated safeguarding leads. Grove Vale is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, we require all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment. If you are concerned about the safety of any child in our school, you must report this to the DSL or deputy DSL without hesitation. Please find attached our school visitor safeguarding guide that we distribute to visitors that are in contact with children for your information.

We strictly adhere to the Keeping Children Safe in Education document and all staff and governors are trained accordingly.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/836144/

[Keeping children safe in education part 1 2019.pdf](#)

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play.

No single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances. If children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.

(Keeping children safe in education 2019)

Remember... if in doubt...ask

Staff News

We would like to welcome Miss Maloney to Grove Vale, she is our new school administrator and is based in the school office.

Promoting positive Communication

School are dedicated to promoting an ethos of positive and purposeful communication between home and school. If you have any compliments or concerns about school, we would like the opportunity to deal with them swiftly and effectively. We urge all parents to contact the school directly to discuss how to resolve concerns rather than creating a possible culture of rumour, fabrication or misunderstanding through social media or verbally. School cannot make our provision improve if we do not have direct awareness of any issues.

Meal time supervisor vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime meal supervisor. Please contact the office for more information if you are interested.

Lunchboxes



Can we remind all parents who send their child with a lunchbox for dinner time, to consider what they are including. As a school we try to promote and teach the children about healthy eating. We have noticed that some children are bringing lots of unhealthy food, multiple chocolate bars and sweets to eat at lunchtime.

According to [NHS choices](#) a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>

If you would like any support regarding what to send your child for lunch please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Spring After school club

A letter has been sent via parent pay listing all the after school clubs that are on offer in spring term. All bookings for clubs will be done through parent pay. The clubs on offer are:

Multi-sports—Reception—Friday -Mr Dodd (SOLD OUT)

Art club—Years 1&2—Thursday—Mrs Mansur

Art Club—years 3 &4—Thursday—Mrs Hennessy

Forest school—year 6—Thursday—Mr Dodd (limited availability)

Drama club—years 5 & 6—Monday—Mr Ahearn

Book club—year 6—lunchtimes—Miss Cotterill & Mrs Howell

Kitting club—to book contact Deb Fogarty 07798 833561

Lunchtime Spanish club—to book contact Clare Fennell 07900 823 863

Toilet Refurb

As part of our ongoing school improvements to our school site, we are pleased to inform you that the refurbishments to all the pupils toilets in key stage 2 will begin on Monday. Year 3 toilets will be the first ones to be completed, with a completion date of Easter for the rest.



Monday 13th January	Reception to visit the library
Tuesday 14th January	Reception to visit the library
Friday 17th January	Valuing ourselves and others day.
Monday 20th January	Yr 5&6 football competition at WBA dome.
Tuesday 21st January	Yr 4 trip to Red House park (GV passport)
Tuesday 21st January	Fit 4 Kids workshop
Thursday 23rd January	Year 6 CPR and bleed control workshop
Friday 24th January	Launch of school bank
28th —31st January	ECO bus in school
Wednesday 5th February	Reception hands and teeth talk
Wednesday 5th February	Year 6 heights and weights
Tuesday 11th February	Safer internet day
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher training day.
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 6 trip to RAF Cosford
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief
Thursday 19th March 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Friday 20th March@2pm	Mother's Day workshop for reception parents
Tuesday 31s March @ 2.30pm	Year 2 India showcase for parents
Thursday 2nd April	Break up for Easter
Friday 3rd April	INSET DAY—school closed
Monday 20th April	Return to school after Easter holiday

