



Friday 7th September 2018

The Grove Valer

New School year

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you had a very enjoyable summer and that you and your children are ready for the exciting year ahead. A very special welcome to all the children and families joining Grove Vale Primary School this term. Our new Reception and Pre-School children are starting over the first two weeks.

We had our first 2 reception intakes this week and all the children looked wonderful in their new uniforms and settled in really well. The pre-school staff have been completing home visits ready to welcome the new children at Little Valers next week. We look forward to getting to know our new pupils and families over the coming weeks.

School Developments

Mr Thomas has been very busy over the summer holidays managing all the work that has been taking place. The two mobile huts have been demolished and removed; we have had a whole new heating system fitted throughout the school; the pre-school roof has been fixed; new cupboards fitted in the junior hall; new UPVC windows fitted replacing the last wooden ones; a new perimeter fence and gate has been installed around the school ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff and finally the swimming pool boiler has been repaired and we are currently filtering the water ready for use, you will be informed as soon as swimming lessons are due to resume.

A Few reminders

- ◆ Thank you to all parents for ensuring that all our children have the correct uniform and shoes for the start of the new year adhering to the uniform policy.
- ◆ All school uniform, including P.E. kit, coats and shoes must be named.
- ◆ PE kits should have been sent into school and should remain in school for the half term just in case PE day changes.
- ◆ Please ensure that your child has a water bottle (containing water only) in school every day. Pupils in Juniors are permitted to bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack for morning break time. **No biscuits, sweets or crisps please.**
- ◆ No dogs or pets apart from guide dogs are allowed onto the school grounds.
- ◆ Please ensure emergency contact details are kept updated. If you have changed your home, work or mobile numbers please inform the school office as soon as possible.
- ◆ Please take care when parking. Do not park on zigzag lines, corners, the pavement or across neighbours' drives.

Attendance and Punctuality

Can we remind you that the juniors start at 8.45 a.m. and the infants at 8.50am every day. The playground gates are open from 8.30am and children need to be ready to line up at 8.45 am in the juniors and 8.50am in the infants, this is so lessons can start promptly.

Please remember that if your child is absent from school you must phone school before 9.30 a.m. to let us know.

School Meals

A reminder that ALL Infant pupils are entitled to a free school meal. There is a charge for all pupils in Juniors. Payments need to be made via Parent Pay. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please speak to Mrs Farley in the school office.

Year 4 Trip to the Sea-life Centre

Next Wednesday, 12th September, the year 4 pupils will be visiting the sea-life Centre in Birmingham to launch their topic 'The Blue Abyss'.

Children need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch and drink.

Secondary School Open Days

Q3 ACADEMY - GREAT BARR

29TH SEPTEMBER 9AM-12PM AND

W/B 24TH 9.15-11.15

GEORGE SALTER ACADEMY

27TH SEPTEMBER FROM 5-8PM

PHOENIX COLLEGIATE

18TH SEPTEMBER FROM 4-7.30PM

SANDWELL ACADEMY

20TH SEPTEMBER AND 9TH

OCTOBER CHOICE OF 3 SESSIONS, 4.00PM, 5.30PM AND 7.00PM FOR SANDWELL ACADEMY'S OPEN EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE ACADEMY DIRECT TO BOOK A PLACE.

HOLLY LODGE HIGH SCHOOL

27TH SEPTEMBER FROM 6-8PM AND 28TH SEPTEMBER 9.30-11.30

IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER SCHOOLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE OPEN DAYS OF PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Medication in School

Please can all parents make sure that all medication (inhalers, epi-pens, medicines). Some medication has been sent home as it is out of date, please send new medication back to school as soon as possible. These medications should stay in school at all time. Any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Modern Foreign Languages

This year the pupils in the juniors will be learning Spanish. Class teachers along with Mrs Bunch will be delivering weekly sessions.

Football

Girls football training—Monday 3-3.30-4.30pm
Boys football training—Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 26th September Girls Friendly match at Handbury Primary

Tuesday 11th September	Time Zone Year 2 Medieval
Tuesday 11th September 9-10.30am	Year 1 walk to Red House Park
Wednesday 12th September	Time Zone Year 5 Tudors
Wednesday 12th September	Year 4 Trip to the Sea life Centre.
Friday 14th September	Homework sent out
Tuesday 25th September @ 8.50am	Reception e-safety drop in
Wednesday 26th September @ 3pm	Reception e-safety drop in
Wednesday 26th September 3.15-4.30pm	Girls friendly football match GV vs. Handbury primary
Thursday 27th September	Individual photos
Friday 28th September @3pm	Reception e-safety drop in
Thursday 11th October	Yr 6 heights and weights
Monday 15th October—19th October	Black History Week
Tuesday 16th October	Flu vaccinations Rec-Yr 5
Friday 19th October	Homework due in
Thursday 25th October 3.45—6.45pm	Parents evening
Monday 22nd -Friday 26th October	Edgmond Hall residential trip
Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November	October half term
Monday 5th November-9th November	WW1 celebration week
Wednesday 7th November @ 9.15am	Yr 2 Diwali Assembly
Thursday 8th November	Timezone Yr 3 Greeks
Friday 9th November	Homework out
Friday 9th November @ 2.30pm	Yr 6 parent workshop 'Blood Heart'
Thursday 20th December @ 3.30pm	Break up for Christmas

