



19th March 2024

Dear parents/carers

As we finally start to see the first signs of Spring, we are coming to the end of a very busy (but short) term here at Grove. It has been a long winter, so it has been great to see the sun shining (albeit briefly) this week.

This term has been packed again, with loads of amazing learning taking place every day. On top of this we had a Year 2 Poetry competition, Year 4 went to do Geography field work at Carding Mill valley, Rock Steady came to do an assembly, and it was World Number Day in February. We all wore red to raise money for the Air Ambulance, and EYFS have been watching their newly hatched chicks grow. We have had BBC Newsround in to film our amazing Year 6 children, Dan the music man has been to give workshops, EYFS had a visit from the farm on wheels and Year 3 went to the Gurdwara. We loved dressing up for World book day and this week Year 2 are all going to the seaside! We have loads more planned for Summer, which will be incredibly busy as we also have Year 6 SATs, Year 4 multiplication tests and Year 1 phonics to assess.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you about a couple of things in school. Firstly, can you be aware of what jewellery your children wear. We ask children to take all jewellery off for PE, but some can also cause safety issues in the classroom and on the playground. We don't have a strict policy on jewellery, but we rely on you to think about the practicalities in school. The same goes for anything of value; if the children don't need them, then please ask your child to keep them at home. We have had a couple of children lose things they have brought from home, and they get very distressed about something that is completely avoidable. My advice is always to keep these things at home. Finally, just another important reminder about attendance. We have been very clear about our policy regarding term time absences, and I am glad to report our attendance is improving. Being in school is VITAL for your child, so please try to keep absences to a minimum as we want this improvement to continue.

It just remains for me to say that I hope you have a wonderful break and if there is anything you would like to discuss about your child, or their education, please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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