



Newsletter

November

2018

Update on Autism Provision

The proposed to open a provision for children with Autism went to Council Members in late October and they agreed for it to open in April 2019.

Currently County are selecting the contractors who will complete the building work and the budget for this.

The building work will take place during Term 3 and Term 4 with completion date in April.

The building work should not create too much disruption within the school.

At the moment we are finalising the job descriptions to appoint the staff who will work in this provision.

I will keep you updated when I have more information.

Jon Goulding

Headteacher

Forthcoming dates

7th December – Frog Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5.00pm

11th December- Nursery and Reception Christmas performance to parents/carers – no tickets needed.

13th and 14th December- Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance to parents/carers – Tickets go on sale 3rd December.

14th December- FROG Christmas Disco and Christmas Jumper day in aid of St Wilfrid's.

18th December- Christmas School Dinner (Please remember to order your child's meal by 30th Novemebr)

19th December- Christmas Parties in school

3rd January 2019 – start of term 3

7th January – Year 4 start swimming lessons

GOODBYE AND HELLO

Thank you and goodbye to:

Sally Edwards –Teaching Assistant who is leaving us after a year and a bit after supporting several children in Year 6.

Cathy Taylor – Teaching Assistant who is leaving us after 18 years working at the school.

Thank you for all your hard work and we wish you both success and happiness in the future.

Hello and welcome to:

Jacqueline Spiers and Claire Ward who are joining us as Early Years Teaching Assistants.

Please note the school office will be closing at 3.30 pm between the 26th -30th November

E-Safety at Grovelands

This year, all year groups (Years 1 – 6) have been learning about e-safety. Years 1 and 2 have been learning about technology and identifying which ones can be used to communicate with others, with Year 2 also learning about email. The focus has been on the importance of not sharing personal information with strangers (such as your name, address, school, phone numbers, etc).

In Years 3-6, the children have been learning the following SMART rules for staying e-safe:

S – Safe: Keep personal information safe

M – Meet: Never arrange to meet up with someone you only know online.

A – Accepting: Be careful about accepting messages or attachments, especially when from strangers.

R – Reliable: Is the content of a website reliable and correct? Are other people online reliable?

T – Tell: Always tell a trusted adult if you have any concerns or worries when using technology or while online.

A number of year groups have also produced work, such as posters using different software, to give advice to help others stay e-safe.

This term, we will be sending home the most recent copy of the Digital Parenting magazine, which is produced by Vodafone. These magazines are packed with information, guidance and advice about different aspects of e-safety.

Lastly, we recently held our first parent workshops about e-safety. We discussed different topics about online safety, offered advice about apps, games, social media and parental control, and gave suggestions of websites for further information. Copies of the information discussed can be requested from the school office.

Mr Williams, Computing Teacher





FROGS News & Update

A **big thank you** to all parents, carers and grandparents for the tea towel orders. We will update you on the amount made in the new year. There are a limited number of additional tea towels for each year which we will sell at the Christmas Fair for those who missed them.

The **Grovelands School Christmas Fair** is on Friday 7th December 3.20-5.15pm and we look forward to seeing you there. Keep an eye on school newsletters, posters around the school and our facebook page for more information over the next couple of weeks.

We have a **new facebook page** so please follow it @grovelandsfrogspage where you can keep up to date on events and fundraising initiatives.

And lastly we wanted to let you know that in January we will be holding an **open meeting** at the school where any PTA members (that includes all parents, carers and grandparents) are welcome to come along and input ideas into how we can raise money. Come along and take part. We look forward to meeting you.

The FROGS Committee

frogs@grovelands.e-sussex.sch.uk

Job Vacancies

Teaching Assistant 2 Vacancy:

Hours of work: 17.5 hours per week

Working pattern: Part-time, Term-time

(As the position is part-time/term-time only, the above salary will be pro rata)

Closing date: Friday 30 November 2018 at noon

Individual Needs Assistant:

Hours of work: 17.5 hours per week

Working pattern: Part-time, Term-time

(As the position is part-time/term-time only, the above salary will be pro rata)

Closing date: Friday 30 November 2018 at noon

Look on East Sussex County Council website for more information.



Congratulations to Tia Peterson in Class 4SW who will be leading out the Brighton & Hove Albion FC Team along with their captain against Arsenal on Boxing Day this year.

Even more exciting for Tia - the game will be shown live on Sky Sports so if you see her on the telly give her a wave!



Like our Facebook page



We are pleased to inform you that Grovelands has an official Facebook page which we will be sharing news, updates and reminders on.

Please like our page Grovelands Community Primary School to keep updated.

Please note we will not be sharing photos of the children on this page unless we have requested your permission prior to posting.

If you would like to be kept up to date with the latest news and events check out our website:

<http://www.grovelands-school.co.uk/>



Grovelands Forest School Update



Forest School Thank you

Mrs Dawson would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have been involved so far, Parent, Grandparents and outside Volunteers. The progress that has been made wouldn't have been possible without their support. It has taken several weeks of hard work to open up the space by clearing Black Thorn and Brambles, not an easy task. An old broken fence has been removed and the entrance cleared.



Before starting the work.

After clearing the woods



Fund Raising

The longer term plan is to raise money for a fence and an application is being made to Tesco Bags. Please share other funding raising ideas you may have with Mrs Dawson.

After School Club Fun

Years Three and Four children, at the Forest School Afterschool Club, have enjoyed sessions in the woods. They have had fun playing games, making bird feeders out of pine cones, bug hotels and are learning how to use tools safely.



What Next?

There is still more work to be done preparing the site and making it safe. Sussex Wild Trust have visited and everyone involved has been learning about woodland management at each stage. We have received several donations of logs to create a fire circle and money towards funding the skip. Children will help clear the litter and keep the site tidy. They will learn about how to care for the woodland and the positive influence they can have on their environment.

How can you help?

After Christmas the Forest School will be introduced to children lower down the school. If you would like to help with the Forest School as a volunteer and are DBS checked, please contact Mrs Dawson by leaving a message with the school office.

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GROVELANDS ACTIVE CHRISTMAS FUN DAY!

Thursday 20th December 2018
9.00am – 3.00pm

Grovelands School, Hailsham

Children 5-11 years welcome

SPECIAL OFFER! Only £10.00!

Christmas Party Games and lots of FUN!!

Book via www.kidsactivezone.co.uk

Limited Spaces - Book now to avoid disappointment



Enjoy Sadie's... KS1 Free
KS2 £2.10

18/12/18

Festive Menu

Choose a Main Meal...

Roast Turkey with Pigs In Blanket
or
Quorn Roast (v)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Ball & Gravy

On the Side...

Garden Peas
Fresh Carrots
Sprouts

For Dessert...

Festive Shortbread
or
Chocolate Crispie Cake
or
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Please contact your Catering Manager for more information.




EAT LEARN LIVE

Parking

There have been several reports of inconsiderate parking – please think of the local residents and each other. We don't want any accidents or complaints.

Contact Details

Please could you make sure that the school has your contact details and that they are up to date – including email addresses.

No dogs

Please remember we have a no dogs in school grounds policy – this includes dogs being held.

No Nuts

Please remember that we have a no nuts in school policy – this includes sandwich spreads, muesli and chocolate bars.



Hailsham Tennis Club Junior programme

Tuesdays and Thursdays

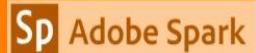
4pm red squads

4.45pm orange squads

Tuesdays 6.30pm green/yellow squad

Thursdays 5.30pm green/yellow squad

Saturdays 10.15am orange squad / 11am tots / 11.30am red squad



Chichester Starlight Trail

Thursday 29 November, 4–8pm

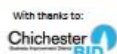


An evening of creative star themed activities, including making a Christmas lantern to guide you between the Cathedral, the Novium Museum and Pallant House Gallery.

All ages welcome. Join at any venue. Tickets £3.

Available online at Chichester Box Office or at every venue on the night.
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