



Newsletter

September

2018

Welcome back to all the members of our school community. I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday, which seem a long time ago. The children have returned back to school full of energy and enthusiasm. Every year group has settled back extremely well with a really focus on their learning and behaviour. They have a great year ahead of them with home and school working in partnership so that they can achieve to their potential.

New staff that have joined our team:

Paula Symonds- EYFS Phase Leader
Rob Smith – Year 4 class teacher
Rob Williams- Computing teacher
Stefi Petridi- Music Teacher
Carol Williams-School Secretary
Sarah Coates- Pastoral Admin
Natalie Evans- Lead MDSA
Stacey- Lee Wright- MDSA
Hazel Dumbleton- MDSA
Amanda Smith- MDSA
Harriet Linford-Jones-School Cleaner

Forthcoming dates

Year group Curriculum Meetings

19.9.18- Year 4 at 9am in hall 1
20.9.18- Year 2 at 9.05 am in Y2 classrooms
25.9.18- Year 1 at 9.05am in Y1 classrooms
26.9.18- Year 3 at 9am in hall 1
3.10.18- Year 6 at 9am in hall 1
4.10.18- Year 5 at 9am in hall 1
Please come along to find out about the exciting curriculum that you child will be engaged in this year and ways you can support at home.

School photographs of children on 4/10/18

Keeping Children Safe Online meeting for parents/carers on 16th October at 9-9.30am or 2.45-3.15pm in Hall 1

Parents Evening dates

8.10.18 Parents evening 4-6pm for children in Reception. More detail to follow.

10.10.18 Parents evening 4-6pm for children in Reception. More detail to follow.

12.11.18 Parents evening for children in Y1 to Y6

14.11.18 Parents evening for pupils in Y1 to Y6

18.10.18 Year 3 production to Year 3 parents/carers at 2.15pm in the main school hall. More information to follow just book date in your diary.

Further updates on website.

New School Website

Our new school website launched this week and looks fabulous with some great photographs of our wonderful children.

The website includes all the information you would want to know about the school. The majority of the sections are nearly complete with just a few to finalise. It is now more streamlined and easy to navigate to find the information you require.

There are some new sections which will help us to communicate with you more successfully such as key information on home page e.g. forthcoming events, social news which will show you what the children have been up to in school and a links section so that you can easily access other websites that you may need to use.

Please take time to have a look.

House Captains, Vice House Captains and Prefects

At the end of last academic year we had several children who were going to be in Year 6 who applied to be a House Captain, Vice House Captain or prefect role within the school. The children applied and were interviewed and the following children selected for these roles. I would like to say congratulations to all of them. During the academic year they will be supporting and leading assemblies in the school, attending meetings with senior staff and governors, touring visitors around the school and representing the school upholding our school aims and values.

	OAK	ASH	BEECH
House Captain	Liam Burton	Harrison Keeys	Dylan Hendley
House captain	Evie Squires	Chloe Spashett	Xanthia Master
Vice House Captain	Martha Starnes	Sam Andrews	Mary Sungaro
Vice House Captain	Ashleigh Marshman	Millie Crane	Kyran Haffenden
Prefect	Elodie Spicer	Paul Edwards	Franki Matthews
Prefect	Evie Simpson	Isabella Wright	Caleb Burgess

Harvest Assembly

The House Captains and Vice House Captains are leading our harvest assembly this year. The assembly will be for staff and pupils to attend. The assembly will take place on Monday 1st October. To celebrate harvest and support a charity in our local community we are asking for donations from families which will be displayed on the school stage. The charity that we are supporting is the **Hailsham Food Bank**.

They have requested the following food:

- Tea
- Coffee
- Tinned vegetables or fruit
- Tinned meat
- Tinned tuna
- Cereals
- Dried pasta
- Rice

If you could give a donation it would be really appreciated. Please get your child to put all contributions in the labelled box that is their year group shared area.

Flu Jabs

Complete consent forms by and return by 5/10/18 and immunisation will take place on

Attendance at Grovelands

Did you know that across the year there are just 190 school days?

That means there are already 175 days set aside for weekends, holidays, family visits and rewarding days out.

We believe every school day counts to give your child the greatest opportunity of attaining a good education and to support a happy and healthy future. By your child attending school every day it will support your child with:

- Achieving their best academically
- Developing and maintaining friendships
- Becoming an active member of the school community
- Building their confidence and self-esteem
- Establishing a good work ethic

With 175 days already marked out as 'non-school-days', you should have an exceptional reason to withdraw your child from school. The following are considered illegitimate reasons and will be recorded as unauthorised absence:

- Trips to visit family/friends
- Your child's birthday
- Cheaper family holidays
- Tickets to sports/culture events

The governing board of Grovelands does not authorise holidays during term time and families that do take holidays could be fined.

By working together I am sure we can

31/10/18

maximise your child's attendance and learning at school.
Our target this year for attendance is 97%.
Last year we achieved 95.6% which is below national performance.

School Car Park

Can all parents/carers who use their car to drop off and pick up their child(ren) from school please show respect and consideration to other members of the school community.

This means:

- only park in the allocated bays
- please leave disabled bays for holders of blue badges
- be observant and watch out for pedestrians
- if a member of staff indicates your parking is causing a problem please re-park safely without challenging their request
- do not park on double yellow lines
- do not park behind other vehicles
- do not park on the grass verges
- do not park where there are cones

I know the car park gets busy. This could be eased if parents considered walking to school in the morning and after school particularly those parents/carers that live very close to the school. It is great exercise and gets the children ready for a day of learning.

School dates for this Academic Year

Term 1 :5th September to 19th October
Half term 22nd-26th October

Term 2
29th October to 19th December
Christmas Holidays 20th December until 2nd January 2019

Term 3
3rd January to 15th February
Half term 18th February until 22nd February

Term 4
25th February to 4th April
School closed on 5th April-INSET day
Easter Holidays 8th April until 22nd April

Term 5
23rd April to 24th May
Half term 27th May until 31st May

Term 6
3rd June to 19th July
Summer Holidays start on 20th July until 4th September 2019

Congratulations

George Fingerneissl (Year 4) completed the Seaford 5km run in torrential rain on 29th July 2018. He completed the race in under 35 minutes and came 14th in his category. George ran with his Mum and together they raised over £1000 for Glasgow Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House in memory of George's baby cousin, Alex who sadly passed away at 3 weeks old.

Thank you for everyone at Grovelands who very kindly sponsored George!

School lunches

A big thank you to all these parents/carers who are regularly using PARENTPAY to pay for their child's school dinner. This is just a reminder after the summer break to encourage everyone to use it. The problem we have at the moment is that parents/carers are not putting enough credit on the system so lunches are going unpaid. If you could remember to do this, it will help the system run more smoothly. The link for PARENTPAY is now on the home page of the new website for quick access.

Sadie's enjoying...

KS1 Free
KS2 £2.10

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Halloween



Choose a Main Meal...

Stewed Eyeballs Turkey Meatballs in
Tomato Sauce with Petrifying Pasta

Witches Cauldron Smoky Mac N Cheese
with Gory Garlic Bread (v)

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese

On the Side...

Ghostly Green Peas

Cackling Carrots

For Dessert...

Strawberry Jelly Slime & Vanilla Eye-Scream

Freakishly Fresh Fruit



Please contact your Catering Manager for
more information.


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Parenting Advice Line



What? Free advice line. Speak to a trained parenting practitioner about any issues or questions you have relating to parenting your child or teenager.

Call 01424 725800

When? 11am-1pm
Every Thursday

Email: info@openfomarents.com.uk

Visit: www.openfomarents.com.uk




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WEDNESDAYS DURING TERM TIME
HAILSHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

YEARS 1-6: 6PM-7.20PM

YEARS 7-11: 6PM-7.30PM

JUNIOR HOCKEY

FIRST SESSION FREE

BOYS & GIRLS - AGES 6 TO 16
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
BASIC EQUIPMENT PROVIDED



Hallsham Hockey Club

COACHED HOCKEY WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY MATCHES ON SATURDAYS.
JUST TURN UP FOR THE START OF THE SESSION.
BRING WATER & A GUM SHIELD.
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