

Open Day

Our open day is on Thursday 13th December from 2:00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. If you know of anyone who is considering applying for a place at The Grove commencing in September 2019, please tell them about this event. Please also note that there are notices in our porch giving dates of open nights at local primary schools. You may be interested in visiting some of these before making a choice for your child.

**Forms can be completed on line from EA website-
From Wednesday 2nd Jan. to Thursday 31st Jan. 2019.**

www.eani.org.uk

Follow links to 'Admissions'

More Information will be available on line from Friday 14th December.
If anyone needs help please speak to Mrs Thompson or Janette in the office, who will attempt to guide you through this new process.

On behalf of the staff, can I thank you all for your support, encouragement and positive feedback which we receive from you, our parents, at recent parents' meetings.

It was lovely to hear how happy the children are, for after all, that is most important to us all! I can assure you that we have great fun and enjoyment in all our learning (as you are probably aware).

We recently, as a staff, attended training for Nursery practitioners and realized that their examples of 'quality practice' were common place and regarded as 'everyday' happenings in our school. We were delighted. Thank you all for allowing us the opportunity to play a part in the lives of all your lovely children.

Wishing every boy, girl and family in The Grove a
Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year xx



Grove News December 2018

Santa is on his way and there's great excitement already in Nursery! This month we'll be thinking about all the 'preparations' for Christmas, cards, presents, decorations, cooking, shopping etc and learning about 'The First Christmas'. We'll be busy practising our songs - do join in at home!

- To help with our 'creative' activities in the New Year, please keep any interesting or exciting 'junk' materials, scrap paper, bows, ribbons, small boxes, etc that you accumulate during the holiday season.
- To cut down on expense and inconvenience, we ask that each child (if they wish) send only one card to all their friends in nursery. These will be displayed on a board in each story room.
- We have arranged a special 'Collection' from The Royal Mail who have promised to deliver our letters directly to Santa. These can be posted in our special letter box by Friday 14th December.
Thank you Georgia May's mum! She has connections !!

December Events...What a busy month!!

We all walked to Davidson's Nursery to select our 'real' Christmas tree. (We already had your permission for this walk.) Some 'very strong' teachers carried it home! Everyone really enjoyed working together to decorate our tree. If you have any spare baubles at home, we would appreciate one as ours sometimes get knocked off in the crowded hall.

Thursday 13th December - Our 'Open Afternoon' for children starting nursery in September 2019. Dinner will be served as normal but school ends at 1.00 p.m sharp, to allow staff the opportunity to get tidied up in preparation for our new intakes. Remember your visit last year!
Please let all 'collectors' e.g. grandparents and minders, know about this early closure.

Thursday 6th December - Our presentation of our Nativity
'Whoops A Daisy Angel'

Parents should bring children (in costume) to school at the normal time and remain. The presentation will commence about 9:15am and finish by 10:00am. Children will be dismissed immediately after the performance. Due to limited space, we ask that each child only brings two guests to the presentation.

No babies or buggies please.

Costumes should be angels, shepherds or any character/animal from the Nativity story. (without wands or crooks please!)

There will be a 'special' performance for grandparents on Friday, 7th December at 12.30. We respectfully ask that guests only attend one presentation! Children will be taken home after the Nativity.

Monday 10th December - Children are attending the Pantomime at the Marketplace Theatre, 'Aladdin'. Children should be left at the Marketplace Theatre (inside the foyer) by 9:45am and collected again at 11.45p.m. School will not be open. £3 is required to cover the cost.

Monday, 17th December - Instead of having a visit by Santa to school, we are visiting him at the Orchard Leisure Centre. We will walk as a school, up through The Folly, meet the elves and visit Santa and Mrs. Claus in their own little cottage. There is an opportunity to 'write' letters to Santa, and visit Gulliver's Island Adventure playground. Santa has also agreed to collect any 'dummies' that are no longer required- so please send them along in a sealed envelope! This visit will take all morning but our cook Mrs. Huston will serve us a late lunch. We ask for a donation of £5 for admission charge and present. Please ensure that all children wear warm waterproof clothes

Thursday 13th December. We have been invited to attend the annual Christmas production in the Drelincourt Primary. We will walk over at 10.00 a.m. and be back in time for lunch.

Friday 21st December - School will end at 11:30 am (No dinners but a charge of the normal £2.50 to cover party food supplied by the kitchen) and recommence on Monday, 7th January 2019.

We also have several other 'surprises' planned during our normal classroom activities during December. Check the daily whiteboard to keep-up-to-date.

Our rhyme sheets for 'Christmas' are available, if you haven't already got one. Please collect these from the reception area.

Mylsey -our naughty 'new boy' is hiding on this news sheet. Can your child find him? He gets everywhere!!

Thank You Parents!

For your enthusiasm and encouragement throughout the year. We love hearing about what the children say at home, the stories, visits and how what we do in school is being built on at home. Keep up the good work!

We are seeking old saucepans, teapots and utensils for our outdoor play- so have a clear out over the holidays.

Thank you to all who supported us at the recent Parents' Meeting, facilitated by RISE, about helping 'anxious' children. This was really beneficial and notes are available for those who were unable to attend. Please speak to Mrs Gervais if you would like to receive them.

Reminders

*We depend on parental contributions to our School Fund for lots of 'extras'. Please ensure your £10 is paid at the beginning of each month (if not already paid termly or annually).

Although December is a short month, we do not ask for any contribution in June.

*We still have coats unnamed! Please check as Jack has lost his school coat.