

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week – here at Grove we have continued our strong start to the term inside and outside of lessons. In spite of the cold weather, there has been some really warming conversations that your children, our students, have had with me regarding their ambitions for Grove and our place in the community. I have managed to visit every classroom and have spoken to more and more students about their learning, which has been a real pleasure. The attention now moves to hearing some further parental voice via our open events, I would really like to hear your thoughts and opinions on how we can make our new era truly successful.

If you are able to make one of these events, then please click the link detailed below. It would be brilliant to meet you.

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Emergency closure information

We would like to advise parents and carers to tune into BBC Radio Shropshire or look at the council's website, our website or Facebook for updates on school closures.

Cold weather

Here in Market Drayton the temperature has been dropping considerably. We would like to encourage our students to wrap up warm and bring coats to wear during their breaktimes.

Coming Soon

Our website is getting an update, we are working hard to get our new look website ready. So watch this space!

Message from Public Health

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK including the West Midlands. Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending fifteen minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance.

Library News

During our 'Meet the Author' sessions, Year 7 will be meeting Olivier-Award winning writer and actor, Robert Goodale (penname Daniel Turnpike). He will be visiting Grove on Friday 2nd February where he will be carrying out workshops based on his book. Students will have the option to purchase a personalised, signed copy of 'Felix Featherstone and the way of The Wolveraffes' (via Wisepay for £5.50).

FELIX FEATHERSTONE and The Way of The Wolveraffes
BY
DANIEL TURNPIKE



Year 7 Netball

Our year 7 Netball team went to Oswestry school and participated in a tournament where they played their first tournament for The Grove. The team showed some great netball and represented the school well. Overall, the team came joint third with Lakelands. A fantastic achievement, well done to you all.



Year 7 North Shropshire Football

The year 7s were involved in a 6 a-side North Shropshire football tournament at Oswestry school on Monday 15th January. Conditions were difficult, with snow still on the ground and it was very cold. Although we didn't progress out of the group stages, we are very proud of all the boys for showing great determination and sportsmanship. Here's to many more tournaments to come.



Year 9 Bronze D of E Award

Thank you to pupils, parents and carers for a great response to the offer for Year 9 to enrol on the D of E Bronze Award - with over 60 participants enrolling, this is our biggest group ever. Wow!

Mr Gilmore, Mrs Moore and Miss Blank are very much looking forward to getting you all started on an exciting programme, training for a summer expedition in Cannock Chase.



Coffee Morning

We are holding some meet and greet sessions with Mr. Allsopp and the senior leadership team. This will be a wonderful opportunity to discuss the changes happening at The Grove. Our meetings are being held on Tuesday 23rd January at 9am, 3:15pm and Wednesday 24th January at 10am. All parents and carers are welcome. To sign up please click on this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/hEQEsxiaEJ>.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- 23rd - 24th January Coffee mornings
- 25th January Progress day
- 8th February Break up for half term
- 19th February PD Day- no pupils in school
- 20th February All pupils return to school

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

Click [here](#) to view our latest news articles.

Why not also follow us on Facebook [@GroveSchoolShropshire](#) for a wealth of content, from student, staff and school celebrations, to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts!

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