



GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 26TH JANUARY 2024



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Once again, we have had an amazing week at Grove Road, I have thoroughly spending time across school.

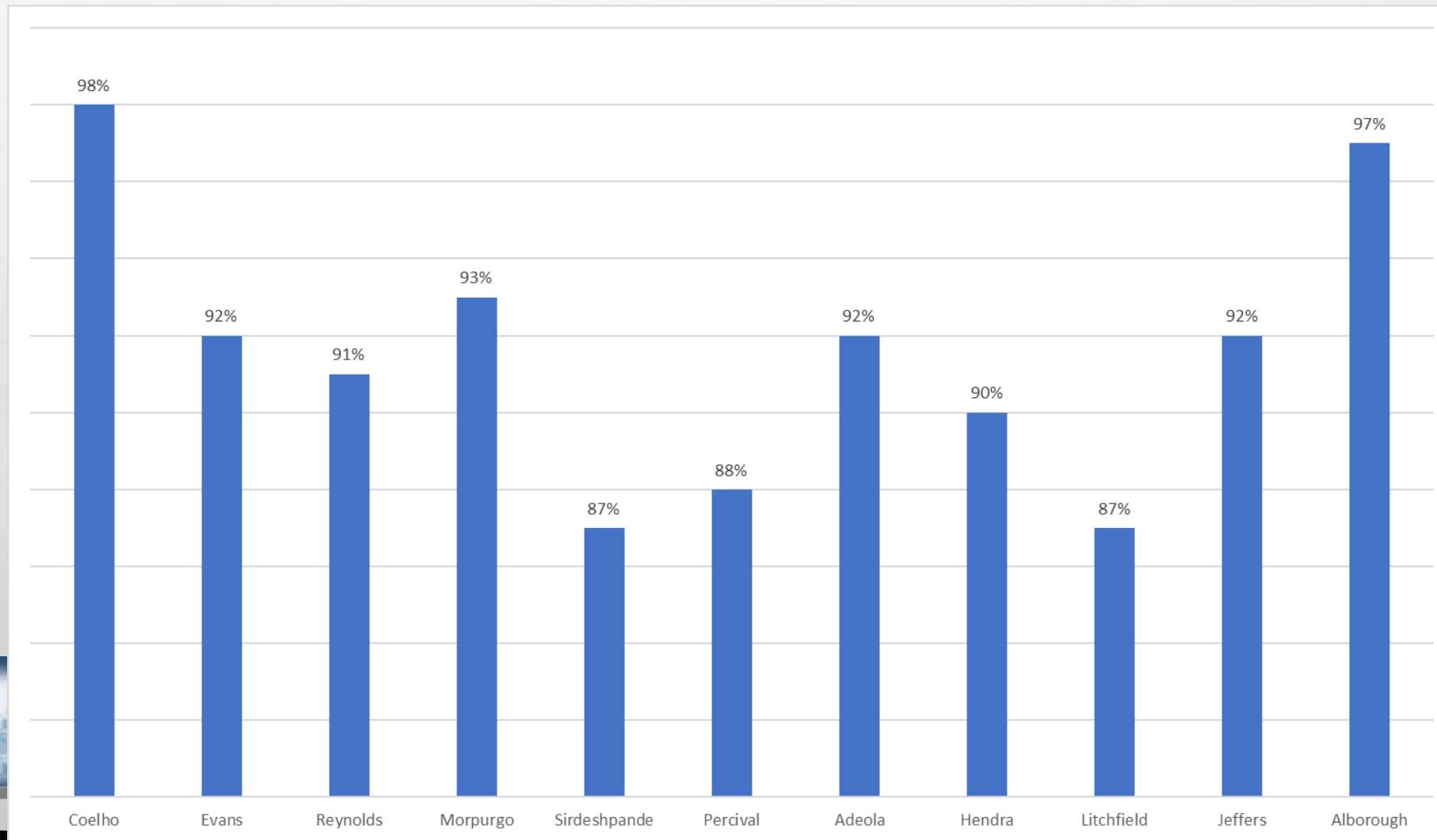
We've welcomed several new families into school recently and it has been a privilege to see the children welcome them into their classes and our school community.

As always, the learning has been creative and fun, this week years 3 & 4 have enjoyed crafting Canopic Jars and making a little piece of history.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance totals for each class – Monday 22nd January to Friday 26th January



SAFEGUARDING



Grove Road Community Primary School Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead
James Grayston - Headteacher



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Dawn Winkley – Deputy Head
& SENDCo



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Sue McGrogan – Parent
Support Adviser

Lead Governor for Safeguarding – Margaret Beagle

For further advice / referral information, please contact:
North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk>

- Please visit our school website for more information and links to safeguarding websites.
- [Grove Road Safeguarding Page](#)
- For more information about keeping children safe please click here:
- [NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online](#)
- These websites have wonderful advice about children keeping safe on Instagram and other social media sites
- [NSPCC – Share Aware](#)
- [CEOP Police Safety Centre](#)



STARS OF THE WEEK



JEFFERS	-	Melody
LITCHFIELD	-	Edith
HENDRA	-	Finlay
ADEOLA	-	Arthur T
PERCIVAL	-	Charles
SIRDESH-PANDE	-	Finley
MORPURGO	-	Lola
REYNOLDS	-	Amelia
EVANS	-	Farrah
COELHO	-	Lily

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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.



ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sulterford is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools, she has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and posting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



DFE ADVICE RELATING TO MEASLES CASES

You might have seen reports in the media this week relating to the rising number of cases of measles in England.

The Department of Education has created the following advice for parents, schools and nurseries.

[DfE guidance and advice - Measles](#)

Most children will have been vaccinated with two doses of the MMR vaccine during their early childhood, but if a dose has been missed it is not too late to catch up. Vaccines can be arranged for free through your GP.

Additional information about measles can be found on the NHS website.

[Measles - NHS \(www.NHS.uk\)](http://www.NHS.uk)



You could be a governor

Hi, I'm Alex, a parent-governor at grove road. In the new year, the school will send out a message asking for people to put themselves forward to be a parent-governor to fill some vacancies. You will almost certainly want to ignore that message. But please don't. Please take a few minutes to understand what a school governor is, and why you might want to be one.

- **What is a school governor?**

Basically, a school governor is a regular person, often a parent or carer, who supports the headteacher and leadership team to run the school. We do this by acting as a critical friend to the leadership team, supporting them in their work and challenging them to ensure their decisions are strong and well thought out so the children of grove road receive the best education possible.

- **What does it involve?**

There are meetings, I won't deny it, but they are really interesting meetings where you learn more about the running of the school, and can ask questions of the leadership team. And there are a variety of other ways of getting involved too, depending on your interests and your experience.

Governors play an important role in improving children's education. If this is something that you'd like to be part of, email me at a.tomlin@groveroad.n-yorks.sch.uk and ask any questions you might have.

Thank you.

Alex





What do we do?
We run fundraising events to raise funds to support the school

- School discos
- Bake sales
- Xmas Fair
- Summer Fair

Who are we?
FOGR is a group of parents/guardians with children who attend Grove Road

Want to get involved?
We would welcome any help you can give e.g.

- event preparation
- Set-up
- Running events

So we can run these fun events for our children

It's also a great way to meet other parents!

Get in touch for more information

Email us at Friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com

or find us on facebook
Friends of Grove Road C.P School



Friends of Grove Road are a group of Parent/Carer volunteers associated with Grove Road Primary School. We raise funds to support the school and enhance the education of the children

Please support FOGR raise vital funds for the school by signing up to the following online initiatives

Easy Fundraising

Sign up to support us
Shop with your favourite brands
We get a bonus £5 donation
It's not magic, it's easyfundraising!

@easyfundraising

Friends of Grove Road Fundraising Ideas
Help Friends of Grove Road raise free funds today by shopping online via easyfundraising.org.uk. Shop at no extra cost and raise free donations for Friends of Grove Road!



Your School Lottery

Email us at Friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com

or find us on facebook
Friends of Grove Road C.P School



PARENTPAY

Feedback about our new system ParentPay has so far been overwhelmingly positive. We are aware that there are some technical issues with booking for Sammy's den and we appreciate your patience while we iron these out.

Reminder - School Meals should now be paid for using ParentPay not



What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7

The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind

Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint

Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

More information, including your activation/login information has been sent out via email if you have not received this, please contact the school office

What are the benefits to our school?

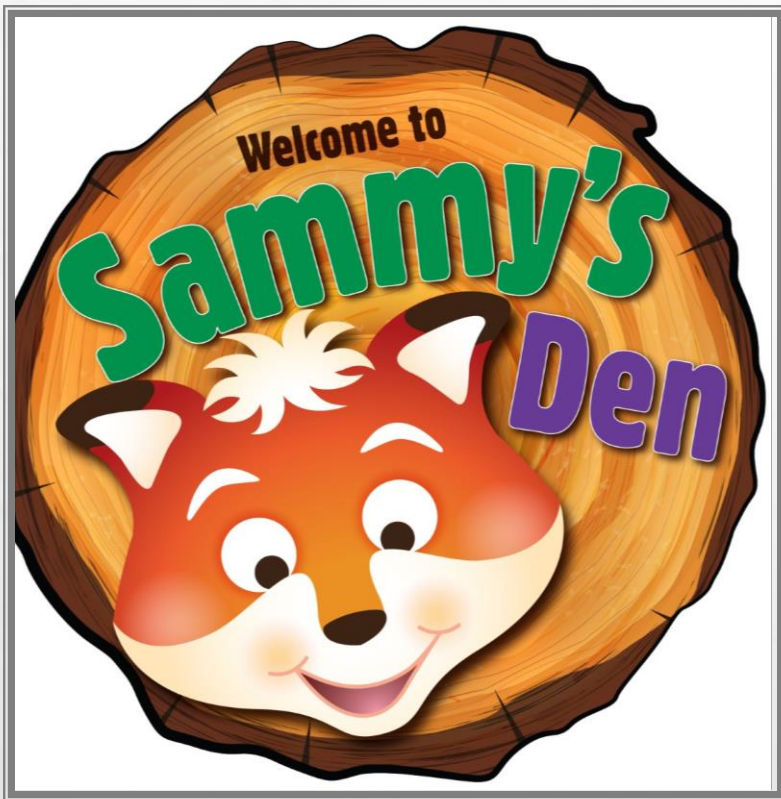
You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services

Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school

Improves school security

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.



Reminder - Please Book Sammy's Den Sessions In Advance via ParentPay



- Breakfast club is very popular, and we are full most mornings which is lovely, however it does mean that it's extra important to make sure that you have booked a space in advance of attending.
- To help us with planning and so that we know which children will be joining us, bookings close 2 days before the session takes place. (If you need a short notice booking, please call the office and we will try to help)
- If the club is full, we might not be able to accept children who are dropped off without a booking.
- The same applies for afterschool club. All children attending must be booked through ParentPay.
- If you are having any problems booking spaces, please contact the school office