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# Newsletter



## End Of Term!

What a month it has been! We have only been at school for 3 weeks of July, but we have certainly packed lots in!

We had a wonderful sequence of events for Gold Class to mark the end of their time at Grove Road, including a fantastic production of 'Go For Gold', an exciting party and an emotional prize-giving ceremony. For myself, it is extra emotional, as I remember many of the children starting at Grove Road, whether that be as Nursery children, or just this year. Some, I even remember collecting siblings when they were still in buggies; some children I remember being born! As ever, all of our Gold Class children, and any other children we have leaving us this term, will always be part of our Grove Road family.

As ever, the staff are all totally grateful for the cards, gifts and well-wishes bestowed upon us. Working with such wonderful children is truly enough reward for all of the team.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September!

With thanks,

Mrs Grace Beckford  
Acting Headteacher

*"Our family school where all are equally valued"*

## Goodbyes

Along with Gold Class, we have some other goodbyes amongst the staff. We wish Mrs Withanachchi well in her retirement – Mrs Withanachchi has worked with many children throughout her 7 years at Grove Road and we are very grateful for all of her hard work.

Miss Boufersaoui has been part of the Grove Road family for 2 years, we wish her lots of luck as she makes strides into a career in languages.

Mr Farnell will be moving to a school closer to home as he finishes this year with us. We thank him for his hard work in Gold Class.

Also moving closer to home is Mrs Garces, who has been a wonderful part of the school for the past 2 years, supporting lots of children in Green Class.

Miss Baxter will be leaving us after 5 years to follow her dream of being a PE teacher. She will be very much missed by all of the children and staff!

Miss Morley will also be leaving us after 4 years. Miss Morley has taught many of the children at Grove Road, and I know that she will also be missed by so many staff and pupils.

We also thank Miss Adams and Mrs Arani who have been working at Grove Road this year for supporting children so well.

## Hellos!

We have some wonderful new staff joining us in September. In Reception, we welcome Mrs Griffiths as EYFS leader. Supporting her is Miss Maguire who will be supporting Reception children as the class teaching assistant.

We also welcome Miss Musa as a teaching assistant in Yellow Class and Mrs Cheeseman as a teaching assistant in Violet Class.

Lastly, we welcome Miss Glenister as Gold Class teacher and KS2 Phase Leader and Miss McGarrity as Green Class teacher.

## Communications

As our staff take a well-earned rest over the summer, class email inboxes will not be monitored. Periodically, the office inbox will be checked for any emergencies. We will be reopening emails and inboxes as usual on 2<sup>nd</sup> September

## PE Kits & Uniform

This year, we have trialed children wearing their PE kits to school on PE days and found that this works very well. We would like to continue this next year. There will be no PE in the first week of school, you will be sent a letter in the first week confirming your child's 2 PE days for the year.

Please remember that children must be in winter uniform again in September.

## Coming up in September

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET Day – school closed for children
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Start of school for Y1 – Y6
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Reception Group 1 start
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Reception Group 2 start
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Reception Group 3 start
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Group 1 start
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Group 2 start



## All aboard the Toilet Train

Did you know that one in four children in England and Wales are starting school not toilet trained? To help reduce that number and support families who might be struggling, ERIC is launching a summer campaign, All Aboard the Toilet Train, that aims to help more children get ready to use the toilets independently at school.

Parents/carers and children are invited to 'board the Toilet Train' by signing up to our online challenge that will help them prepare for school. They'll receive information, advice and support throughout the summer to support them in their journey.

We'll also be supplying resources through preschools, nurseries and libraries. Our friendly mascots, Wee and Poo, will be out on the road at select locations throughout the summer, along with our expert 'poo nursers' to speak directly with children and their carers about potty training journeys.

## Want to board the Toilet Train?

If you're a parent or carer and want to join the fun, sign up below to receive more information.

Or if you're a healthcare or education professional feel free to share with the families you support, colleagues and communities so that we can help more families prepare for starting school. If you'd like to find out more, please email [web@eric.org.uk](mailto:web@eric.org.uk).

[Sign up here](#)



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