



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last day of school is this Friday and we are back on Monday 28th February.

School day times from today

Based on the imminent dropping of almost all restrictions we will revert to the school finish time of 3:15pm, children may appear from 3:10 on the field from EYFS and KS1 classes so that we can still make visual clocks of parents. Can we still ask for you to stay at the second half of the field and nicely spaced at the front of the school as it is much easier to see you when there is some space between the children and the parents. Gates will close at 3:25pm, anyone later than this, then the children will wait at the front of the school with Rebecca but punctuality is appreciated.

Of course, this doesn't mean Covid has gone for us and we are still struggling to keep staff numbers up – we have 6 staff absences this week caused by Covid – another good reason for maintaining some social distancing- as we need staff well and in school to teach affectively! Thank you for your support and understanding over the last two years – this half term since Christmas has been our most challenging and worst affected Covid-wise as yet. We have had so many staff contracting Covid that has been a juggle in itself to keep classes open, but also it's been like a rolling register for the children that it is almost impossible for all the children to have learnt all the curriculum set. There will be gaps in knowledge that will take considerable time to fill.

Nits

Amazingly nits have survived the pandemic! Could you please ensure you check your child's hair regularly to ensure they don't have any visitors that will spread through the class, particularly Flame Tree Class please!

Parent Consultations

An email has been sent from Eschools saying that Parents Evening bookings can now be made.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday March the 3rd this year and we will be celebrating with a theme of Fairy Tales! It would be fantastic to see the children come dressed up as a fairy tale character or a character linked to a favourite book.

Book Swap!

We aren't collecting mufti money for this year, but if you would like to donate a preloved, good quality book from your family, then we will be collecting these in from Monday the 28th February. There will be a Y5/6, Y3/4, YR and Y1/2 and pre-school box at the front entrance to put your donations in. (Please can we request that you don't donate annuals, colouring books etc). On World Book Day, these boxes will be available at the end of the

day for the children to choose a book from. This will be on a first come first served basis. We can't guarantee that every child will receive a book as this depends on the amount of books donated.

Competition

We'd like to invite the children to join in with our competition linked to World Book Day by making an egg or potato character! We are hoping The East Gate Bookshop will judge these for us and they have kindly agreed to provide a prize for the winner, so get making over half term! Entries can be brought in from Monday 28th February and need to be in by March 3rd in order to be entered into the competition.



Governor update

We have had both our Teaching, Learning and Resources committee meetings in the last week, covering curriculum development, Covid impacts and budget monitoring. As Mrs Priest has mentioned in recent newsletters, there have been Covid impacts across the school but I couldn't be more appreciative of how staff have risen to these challenges and supported each other throughout. The children have also shown amazing resilience in adapting to any changes superbly. We should be very proud of them all, Team Grove at its best!

The development of the curriculum continues and it is great to hear how this is being brought to life in classrooms. As governors we are looking forward to joining staff in April to discuss the subjects first hand, and all being well, resume some learning walks in the summer term.

Finally, the budget ... I don't need to say a lot here other than thanks to the hard work of Sandie and all involved it remains healthy and really demonstrates our commitment to invest in the children at The Grove in the here and now, as well as looking at ways to continue improving the school for those not yet here.

Have a lovely half term, Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

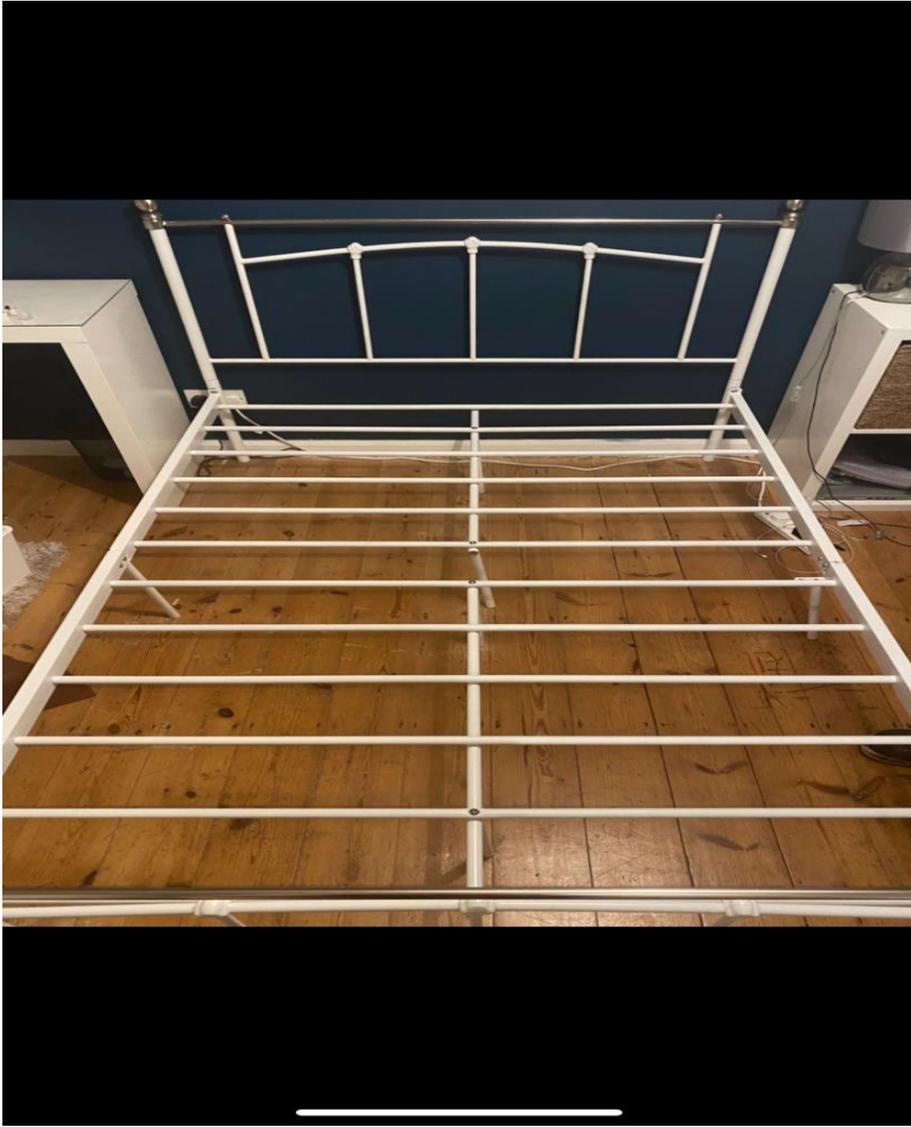
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