



# Grove House School

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## Newsletter

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### POPPIES

A small group of pupils accompanied by Mrs Newton and Mrs Spinks walked to the Brentwood War Memorial to observe the Royal British Legion's service of remembrance. Along with other local schools we were welcomed by Father Colin who led the service. Pupils listened to The Exhortation and the Last Post Kohmia Epitah. A wreath was laid on behalf of the school by Bailey Griffiths. After the service the children were really pleased to be personally welcomed by the Mayor of Brentwood who went on to speak with serving members of the Army Reserve Corp based in Warley. We were extremely proud of the exemplary attitude and behaviour of all the pupils.



Those pupils who remained in school very respectfully acknowledged the 2 minute silence in time with the events at Trafalgar Square.



### SCHOOL CLOSURES

Should the school have to close due to bad weather, we will communicate the decision as quickly as possible to parents via a notice on our school website; [www.grovehouseschool.co.uk](http://www.grovehouseschool.co.uk) and also the Essex County Council website: [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

We will also notify the local radio stations Heart Essex 96.3FM and BBC Essex 95.3FM who will display a list of schools on their websites who have confirmed as being closed that day.

In the event of a school closure, we will notify the taxi company on your behalf.

### CHESS

We have recently installed an outdoor chess set on our playground and the children are enjoying playing giant chess.



### PHOTOGRAPHS

Parent orders for the individual photos are due to be delivered to the school very soon. We have also sent home the proofs for your child's class and whole school photographs.



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## 'NEW' GROVE HOUSE PTFA

Following the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November, the Grove House School Parent, Teacher and Friends Association has been formed, of which everyone is a member!

The following have kindly volunteered to take up the key positions on the committee:

Chair: Anita Griffiths

Vice Chair: Lisa Philips

Treasurer: Sally Lockyer

Secretary: Karen Low

The PTFA are asking for donations of 'Luxury' food items (without nuts) for the Xmas Raffle. If you would like to donate anything please send it in to the School Office.

They have also asked parents if they could use the following site when doing their Christmas Shopping as another great way of raising money for the School:

[Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk)

## HUGE THANK YOU

A great big thank you to all of the friends, parents and Trustees who have so generously donated construction games, books and board games to the school. We have the makings of a fantastic library.

## FOOD BANK

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Newton is taking representatives from the school to the local Food Bank with our donations of food.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas lunch for staff and children

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December:** 11.30 am, Christmas Assembly with parents

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Children return after the Christmas break

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to make the school look as festive as possible. If you have any decorations that you are not using and would be happy to donate them to the school, please send them via the school office – thank you.



## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

If any families have any old wool or fabric that they are able to donate to our Design & Technology Team, please send these items via the school office – thank you.

## CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please can you let the school office know if you change your contact telephone number so we can update our records.

Thank you

School office: 01277 361498

[admin@grovehouse.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grovehouse.essex.sch.uk)



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council met with Mr Southgate. They discussed numerous items including a friendship bench and chalk games area.



We would value your comments on any matters relating to your child's education at Grove House School. Please address these to Miss Christodoulides, Head Teacher