



# Grands Vaux Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Maria McCool

Friday, 14 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting both the PTA and the school at the Christmas Fair on the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The event was a huge success. Almost all families attended and there was a lovely community feel to the event. Thank you and well done to the PTA and staff who supported, for such an event to run smoothly there is a lot of hard work behind the scenes.



## Christmas Grotto:



The Christmas Grotto is fabulous again this year – thank you to all those who supported with its installation – a big task! The children have been accessing the grotto during curriculum time for literacy sessions – please see the website for some photos. (<http://www.grandsvaux.sch.je/>)  
The Christmas Fair raised £1357.24 in profit with £57.50 profit from the Christmas Eve boxes – thank you for your generosity.



## Christmas Performances:

Well done to Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) for a fantastic performance of 'Shine Star, Shine'. It was truly a lovely event and we were so pleased to see so many families attend to support.

KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2) were not to be outdone by the FS performance as their performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action' was such an enjoyable event, terrific characters that the children were able to bring to life – and we discovered we have a pupil with an inner Rock Star!

KS2 (yr3-6) told the adventurous tale of the 'Five Gold Rings'. It was evident that a lot of hard work had gone into the performance, I was very proud of how well the children did, the efforts paid off as the show was tremendous. Despite some nerves everyone pulled together to produce a wonderful event.

## Caring Cooks:

A reminder below about the Caring Cooks timetable, it is the turn of the yr 3 children, I think the first dish to be made is sweet potato muffins. Please can yr3 parents return consent letters informing us of any allergies. If this is not returned the children will be unable to take part. Please do check out the Caring Cooks display board near the community room for other information on dishes the children have made.

Scheduled start date	Year Group
Friday 21st Sept	1
Friday 9th Nov	2
Friday 11th Jan	3

Scheduled start date	Year group
Friday 1st March	4
Friday 26th April	5
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	6

## Parents Evening Numbers:

Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent's evening this term. This is such an important link and is a great opportunity to share children's progress. Below is some data showing the percentage attendance across the school.

Attendance at Parent's Evening Nov. 2018:

Class	%age attendance parents/carers
Nursery	93%
Reception	84%
1	100%
2	83%

Class	%age attendance parents/carers
3	96%
4	80%
5	65%
6	80%

## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

In assembly this morning our two new Anti-Bullying Ambassadors were announced and issued each with a certificate, an Anti-Bullying wrist band and an Anti-Bullying pin badge. Well done to them both. Photos can be seen on the school website.

**Professional Partner Visit:**

Mrs Maggie Eldridge-Mrotzek, our professional partner, has scheduled her next visit for 9<sup>th</sup> January. She is our link to the department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills (CYPES). Her role is to support and guide the school but also to evaluate, scrutinize and ensure we are compliant with Department policy. If you see her please say hello. A request was received for a photo of Mrs Maggie Eldridge-Mrotzek so that she can be identified on her next visit:

**Dental Forms:**

Please can all forms for the dental visit in January be returned as soon as possible, this is for children in Reception up to yr 6. Several copies have been sent but we are still outstanding some returns. If you need another copy please contact Mrs Meyer in the office.

**After school PE club dates:**

There are no sessions on Mon 17<sup>th</sup>, Tues 18<sup>th</sup> or Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December. The first session on return from the Christmas break will be in the week of 14<sup>th</sup> January. Details to follow.

**Scooters and bicycles:**

As you will be aware it is the law for children under the age of 13 to wear a cycle helmet when on a bicycle. At Grands Vaux I want to extend this to scooters that are ridden to and from school. If your child is using a scooter to get to and from school please insist they wear a helmet. As you know traffic in this area can be extremely busy at the start and end of the day. Some access roads do not have pavements, this is an added risk. I want the children to be safe. If children are travelling to and from school on a bicycle or a scooter without a helmet I will stipulate that the scooter/bicycle needs to be left at home and not on school grounds.



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**Coats:**

As the weather is getting colder and we will experience more rain showers – please can you make sure your child has a coat.

**FS playground:**

A gentle reminder that children are requested not to play in the Foundation Stage Playground at the end of the school day. The staff will have tidied resources away and want to make sure things are stored securely. As previously mentioned we have had visitors to the site, the latest visit has resulted in some vandalism, this has been reported to the police. I ask for your support in this matter, the school does have to pay for any damages caused which effects what is available to spend elsewhere. Please help us to be vigilant and look after our school site, if you have any concerns please report them, your support with this is much appreciated.

**Drop off arrangements reminder:**

Traffic congestion at the entrance to the school drive continues to be a concern. Most drivers do follow the Stop and Drop arrangements, using the allocated spaces for this system. Cars must exit via the mini roundabout. Please do not double park, the road is not wide enough to allow cars to continue to circulate and this has recently caused a backlog onto the main road.

Thank you very much for your support with parking, I know this can be a very stressful time, if we work together and use the system correctly the start and end of day will run smoothly.

We would encourage as many families as possible to walk to school and ask that if you do need to park, please park in the car park and not in the 'stop and drop' zone.

**Communication:**

Please continue to access our Facebook page and website to keep up to date, both of these platforms are updated regularly.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life. All at Grands Vaux Primary School are committed to the well-being of your child/ren so if we can help please let us know.

And finally I wanted to wish you all health and happiness over the Christmas period and I look forward to seeing you all back to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind regards

Miss Maria McCool – Headteacher

