The Grove Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Next Friday 13th November, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes, with a fun theme of spots and stripes if they would like to take part.

We would be very grateful for any donations to support this fantastic charity, which helps improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

Donations can be made via the JustGiving link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/the-grove-junior-school-7?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

We would also like to apologise for the incorrect date published in the diary section previously. Please note that the event will take place on Friday 13th November.

Friendship Boxes

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our Friendship Boxes Appeal. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness shown by our school community.

Our new Groverneers have spent time sorting through all of the donations and, thanks to your support, have filled 16 boxes of gifts for the children of Ukraine. These boxes will help bring comfort, joy and a reminder that people are thinking of them during incredibly challenging times.

We are incredibly proud of the compassion shown by our pupils, families and wider school community. Thank you for helping us support this worthwhile cause and make a positive difference to the lives of others.

Poppy Appeal.

Next week, we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Children will have the opportunity to donate money in exchange for a poppy, as well as a range of other remembrance-themed items.

The Poppy Appeal provides valuable support to serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families. By taking part, the children can help others while also reflecting on the importance of remembrance and gratitude. The Groverneers will be coming around the classes throughout the week.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. Every donation, no matter how small, will help make a difference.

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

We will be kicking off Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 16th November by taking part in Odd Socks Day.

Children are invited to come to school wearing a pair of odd, colourful or mismatched socks with their usual school uniform. The day is a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique and to remind us that everyone is different and should be treated with kindness, respect and inclusion.

There is no cost to take part; simply wear your odd socks and join us in spreading the important message that we should all be proud of who we are. We look forward to seeing some wonderfully creative sock combinations as we begin a week of activities focused on friendship, respect and standing up against bullying.

PTA News
If you've not seen it yet, take a look at our newsletter attached, containing lots of information on our festive fundraising.

Accounts review
We are seeking someone to perform an independent examination of the PTA accounts, this is part of the Charity Commission framework that a charity requires an independent scrutiny of the accounts. It is a limited check rather than a full audit and you don't need to be a qualified accountant, but understanding basic accounting is required to complete a review. If you think you could do this (it can be done in the first quarter of next year there is no immediate rush) please email us.

School Diary Dates

November
Friday 13th November – Children in Need Non-Uniform Day
Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day
Monday 16th November – Anti-Bullying Week – workshops for children
Tuesday 24th November – Year 6 Heights and Weights
Friday 27th November – Southdown Lights Up
Saturday 28th November – PTA Christmas Fayre – 2pm-4pm
Monday 30th November – Year 5 Bikeability week
December
Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 15th December – Year 3 Performance to parents in the afternoon
Wednesday 16th December – Year 3 Performance to parents in the morning
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December – Carol Service at St John's for the children.
Friday 18th December – End of Term finish at 2pm

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards



Miss Lorna Urquhart