

THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18th November

SHOUT OUTS TO ....

Dove Tree Class – Bonnie Rose, Learning, for having such a great attitude to all areas of her learning. Eden, Happiness, always approaching everything with a smile on her face.

Willow Tree Class – Noor, Learning, you have built such a love of reading, it is wonderful to see you engrossed in a book. Nola, Learning, excellent focus in phonics and always trying so hard in everything you do.

Lilac Tree Class – Addie, Happiness, bringing a smile to everyone's face. JJ, Learning, showing great listening and engaging with class discussions.

Tea Tree Class, Florence, Learning, for being such an enthusiastic reader - well done! Mia Rose, Happiness, for being such a lovely member of the class.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Bella, Happiness, for being a very kind friend. Ferial, Love, always so kind and caring.

Holly Tree Class, Emily P, Happiness, always having an 'I can' attitude and a smile on her face. Nell, Learning, working so hard in everything, especially literacy.

Ginkgo Tree Class - Maisy, Learning, for your amazing letter writing skills and incredible maths work. Iggy, Happiness, for puzzling out what the stars meant in our maths challenge - it made me very happy!

Whitebeam Tree Class, Iris, Love, for always being such a kind, compassionate and fun friend to others (no matter what age!) Elsha, Learning, no matter the subject you always give 100% - what a star!

Flame Tree Class, Rami, Happiness, we are so proud of you for tackling everything one handed with a smile and being helpful. Tiago, Happiness, thank you for working on every task with a smile and enthusiasm - you are a star.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

☺ After school club notice
☺ Choir performance dates
☺ Grove Diversity Group meeting tomorrow
☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events – preparations for the Christmas Fair

More info on all these below or ask at the front desk



After school club

We currently offer three sessions as part of our after-school club provision:

- 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- 4:15pm - 5:00pm
- 5:00pm - 5:30pm

The final session (5:00pm - 5:30pm) was introduced in response to requests from a number of parents. However, uptake has remained low and the session is currently operating at a financial loss due to the additional staffing costs required.

While we appreciate that this later collection time is valuable for some families, we must ensure that our provision remains financially sustainable. We will continue to offer the session until Christmas and monitor attendance closely. If numbers do not increase, we may need to withdraw this final session from January.

We wanted to make families aware of this situation in advance and will provide a further update before any final decision is made.

Choir Performance Dates

Light switch on event- Civic Hall 3pm Tuesday 24th November
Singing outside St Marys Church- Tuesday 8th December 7pm start singing (Arrive for 6:45pm)
Choir Showcase - Tuesday 8th December 7:30pm
School Assembly – Friday 11th December (school pupils only)
Family Performance – School Hall - Friday 11th December 3:15pm- All welcome!



Food Bank

Totnes has a great food bank and we can do referrals if you need a bit extra. Cost of living is very tough at the moment. Email me at head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Grove Diversity Group

Open to parents and carers from The Grove and St John's, the Diversity Group meets twice each term with the aim of supporting children from all backgrounds to feel recognised and included within our school communities.

We welcome all parents and carers who would like to contribute, and particularly value perspectives and experiences relating to diverse cultures and faiths, LGBTQ+ identities, adoption, fostering and care experience.

Our next meeting is tomorrow at The Grove School, after drop-off



Benevolent Fund

Please support our families in need if you are able. On ParentPay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips and pay for some school meals. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences or a hot healthy meal at lunchtime so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.

The Grove School Whatsapp Community
If you would like me to add you to the community, please send me an email with your number.
helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Register your interest to help us.
We have a list of people with skills we could call on if we need some help – tradespeople, therapists, handy people, - pretty much anything. Please let us know if you could volunteer with your services or do us a mates rates deal. Please send your details to Jo Counter at jcounter@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA NEWS



We have a super exciting year ahead, jammed packed with events - old and new!
Please put these dates in your diary and watch this space for further information!

Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Cake Sale
This week is Ginkgo's Tree's Cake Sale

Next bake sale will be Acorns and KS1 for the Christmas fair.
Cake sales will return in January.

Friday 27th is Non-Uniform Day

Please bring items for the Christmas Fair:

Acorns/KS1 – cakes, biscuits, mince pies.
KS2 – bottles, chocolates, candles, toiletries, new toys, unwanted gifts

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 27TH Nov 5pm – 8pm

PLEASE DONATE – 1 WEEK TO GO!

Raffle Prizes
It's that time of the year again! If you are a business or know anyone who could donate a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair, please let me or Helen Fernyhough know. Thanks, Jenni.

Christmas jumpers/clothes
If you are having a clear out, we would love donations!

Teddies and soft toys
We would love donations of clean teddies and soft toys.

Year 6 Stall
Year 6 would like any good condition toys books puzzles or games. Please no bric-a-brac or household items.

Tombola Mystery Bag Stalls
Unwanted gifts, candles, toiletries, bottles, chocolates, stationery etc. Please drop to the front entrance to give to a member of staff on the field.

Thank you for your support!



<u>Raffle Tickets</u>
Raffle Tickets will be sent home on Friday with the oldest sibling, could they be returned by next Friday morning 27th November with the money.

Also could any books you don't want please be returned.

Christmas Wreath Making – ONLY 3 SPACES LEFT!
Saturday 28th November
The Grove School Hall
£25 pp
6pm arrival for 6:30 pm start.
Everything supplied, including a glass of mulled wine and mince pie.
Please book by Friday 6th November; please find a form at the front desk. Payment by cash, card or ParentPay.
Limited places.



Pre Loved School Uniform
Lots of sizes available for sale in the front entrance.

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page
The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events - e.g. discos, fundraisers, bake sales etc.

Dates for your diary http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154
Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December, 2.15pm in the hall
Year 3/4 Christmas Performance at KEVICC Aerial centre – Tuesday 15th December, 1pm and 6pm
Reception Nativity – Wednesday 16th December, 2pm in the hall
Last day of term – Friday 18th December
First day of Spring term – Monday 4th January

Kind regards,

Hilary Priest

Adverts – please note that the school is neither recommending nor supporting the adverts below. If you wish to advertise in our newsletter then please contact the school for details.



Our Saturday morning table tennis club is now up and running. The first session is free!
More info here: https://eequ.org/book/table-tennis-club-saturday-mornings-with-kaleidoscope-clubs-and-courses-32163


CHARM BAR
THE CHARM BAR
CHRISTMAS EVENINGS
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 4PM – 9PM
TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER 4PM – 9PM
STUDIO 16
16 LEECHWELL STREET, TOTNES, TQ95SX
CHARM BRACELETS
KEYRINGS
& OTHER ACCESSORIES
PRICES START FROM £8
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED, JUST TURN UP!
A cute girly evening with friends or make the perfect Christmas gift

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for items for the Christmas Fair!



Reception & KS1

Cakes, Christmas Biscuits,
Mince Pies
For the Cake Stall



KS2

Toiletries, Bottles,
Stationary, Chocolates,
Candles, Unwanted Gifts
for the Tombola
and Mystery bag stall.

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5pm - 8pm
Hot food, Mulled wine
TOMBOLA
Raffle
Santas Grotto
Christmas jumpers
ELFRIDGES
Mystery Bag
Lots of Christmas Games
Come along for festive fun!

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?



Apply online at: devon.cc/admissionsonline or scan the QR code below. Applications open from **15 November 2026** to the **15 January 2027**

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing **transferadmissions@devon.gov.uk** or call our Education Helpline on:
0345 155 1019

You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

Devon County Council



WE NEED MUSIC CIC

Playground Arts

Life on the Edge

Family Movement and Music Workshops

A series of exciting creative workshops for children aged 2–12, and their adults. Inspired by the beautiful bugs that keep South Devon buzzing with wildlife.



A programme of three sessions:

- **Sun 15th Nov @ Totnes Civic Hall, Market Sq, TQ9 5SF**
- **Sun 22nd Nov @ Totnes Civic Hall, Market Sq, TQ9 5SF**
- **Sun 29th Nov @ Studio 6, The Space, Dartington Hall Estate**



What to expect...

- A playful exploration of sound and movement which celebrates the wonders of nature on our doorstep.
- Join us for an imaginary journey through our coastal landscape as we create beautiful moving soundscapes.
- We encourage you to come to all three sessions if you're able.
- As parents and carers, your active participation in the workshops is just as important as that of the children.
- Bring loose/comfortable clothing and a water bottle.
- Light refreshments provided.



Just £3 per child (per session), accompanying adults are free.
Book your place by scanning the QR code or visiting:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-devon-national-landscape

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