



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

**From Dove Tree Class, Kit BW for Learning in maths and phonics and Emily P for Learning in spelling and phonics.**

**From Lime Tree Class, Zoe for communication and sharing ideas for our learning and Melina for Communication and being so honest.**

**From Lilac Tree Class, Bella for Communication and sharing amazing ideas and Zen for Love and trying his best in everything.**

**From Willow Tree Class, Nia for Learning and always being enthusiastic and on task and Sebby for Love and being kind and considerate.**

**From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Theo K for Learning – awesome maths and Cyra for Love and her lovely positive attitude in class.**

**From Juniper Tree Class, Remi for Learning and smashing his maths and Taim for Happiness and bringing such a big smile.**

**From Ginkgo Tree Class, Alesha for Learning and trying so hard and Ruby G for Happiness and her positivity.**

**From Trumpet Tree Class, Ash for Communication and listening to advice to make his maths more accurate and Jamie for Learning and his progress in maths.**

**From Flame Tree Class, Bea G for Love and being such a lovely member of Flame and Hugo for Learning and smashing his maths!!**

## Happy Halloween at The Grove



### PLAY AT THE GROVE



Play is any “child-led behaviour.”

Play is essential for confidence, self-esteem, resilience, interaction, social skills, independence, curiosity and coping with challenging situations. If children are regularly engaged in quality play, they are far more likely to become happy, well rounded, confident and successful adults.

At The Grove, we want all our children to be happy, well rounded, confident and successful and have the best chances in life. We want to give our children as many opportunities for quality play experiences as possible. Primary school children spend nearly one and a half years of their time in school on their playground (or inside during wet play). We want to transform our playground from the concrete jungle that it is, into an environment which helps to facilitate play where children are in charge of themselves and play that is self-directed, intrinsically motivated and freely chosen.

We are also transforming our ways of thinking about play and want to maximise the use of this, almost wasted, time.

“Play is what I do when everyone else has stopped telling me what to do!”

This transformation will obviously cost money.

Here is a listing of the planned costs.

If you feel able to support us with any part of this huge undertaking, we would love to advertise that in the playground, in the newsletter and on our social media. We would be very grateful for either a financial or physical or second hand donation.

Please contact [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Many thanks,

From,

The Children of The Grove School

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COMBINATORY PLAY	
Complete tyres and loose parts play set	£584.95 (x3)
Sensory pump and play station	£377.60
Sand	£280
Easel	£270.04
Wall mounted Easel	£216.52
Sandpit	£345.69
Outdoor stage	£794.56
Building materials	£200
Domestic materials	£200
Tuff trays	£79.75 each (x6)
Set of wooden blocks	£201.32
Dressing up tabards	£80
Dressing up clothes	£200
Lego	£500
Small world play – set of: insects, farm animals, zoo animals, sea creatures, dinosaurs, British wildlife, vehicles, furniture, people, wooden train set, helpers.	About £70 for each set Therefore x11
Den making kit	£136.10
SOCIAL SPACE	
Mobile Arks and planting	£1440 each
Prickly Pear Stretch Tent	
Tyre ring	Hopefully donated
Log ring	Hopefully donated
Outdoor cushion sets	£144.06 each (x2)
Blankets	Hopefully donated
Tee pees	Hopefully donated
Picnic tables	Already in place
Games	Hopefully donated
NATURE	
Bird feeders	£23.99
Bird boxes	£20.99
Bug house	£262.25
Mini beast farm viewer	£390.79
Binoculars	£54.99
Magnifying glasses	£22.99
Specimen jars	£12.99 (x3)
PHYSICAL	
New astro	£45000
Playground markings	

Balls and goals	Already in place
Skipping ropes	Already in place
Table Tennis	Already in place
Hanging bars	£299.99 (x2)
<b>STORAGE</b>	
12 box storage unit	£576.16 (x2)
Activity storage table	£154.61 (x2)
Wellie racks	£143.95 (x?)



### **Grove Diversity Meeting Tomorrow**

October 17th from 9am - 10.30am (come along for as much as you can!)  
School Studio

In July we had a great parent meet up with lots of ideas proposed, now it's time for action! Please come along to help us prioritise the activities we can organise and actions we can take this year. There's lots of room for people to take the lead and we welcome anyone to attend, in particular those with ideas or questions based on their own lived experience. You can see the write up from the last meeting [here](#) with the proposed activities and actions. You can also join the Diversity WhatsApp group in the Grove Community.



### **The Grove School Cookbook**

For everyone that sent in a recipe- thank you. We now have over 50 for our recipe book. Please just check your emails and get back to me (even if no changes are needed) as I'm waiting for them to be checked so that we can start making them into the actual book!

I can still accept recipes until half term if you want to get one in that your children love to eat.

### **Year 6 transferring to secondary school in September 2025 – Message from DCC**

We are now over halfway through the application window for Secondary school admissions into Year 7 next September. We understand that parents and children are still visiting schools and weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming. Within the admissions portal there is the facility to identify whether your Year 6 pupils have made their application for Secondary School.

We would be grateful you could send a reminder email to Year 6 parents, and/or include information on your weekly newsletter, with a link to our application webpages [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

**The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.**

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Please note that children with EHCP's have been invited to apply through the admissions team this year for their mainstream school preference only, they cannot apply for a Special or Independent School through the Admissions Team. These families will have been contacted separately by the 0-25 SEN Team regarding the application process for Special / Independent Schools. If any of your children live outside of Devon County Council's boundary, they have to make an application to their home Local Authority, so there is a chance they will have applied to a neighbouring Authority, such as Plymouth or Torbay. Please be mindful of this if your school is close to a neighbouring authority.

### **Tempest Photography – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Unfortunately Tempest had a software failure last week so they could not take all the photos. They will be back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to take all the individual photos. The pre school children photos are ok so families do not need to come again.



### **KS2 Cross Country**

The rain didn't spoil our fun last week!! 259 competitive runners and 28 additional fun runners braved the rain storms for the partnership KS2 Cross Country event. The children had an absolute blast and although totally soaked, there were lots of smiling faces! Well done to all the children for running with such determination and resilience.....the conditions that day were definitely character building!

Year 3 and 4 came 3rd

Year 5 and 6 came 5th



### **Dartmoor School Sports Partnership - PE Festival**

White Rock Primary joined us last week for a P.E Festival, the children had great fun trying new activities and working as a team. Thank you to our Yr 6 leaders who helped out so brilliantly!



## UPCOMING PTA EVENTS



### Tomorrows Bake Sale 50p a cake

It is MOUNTAIN ASH CLASS'S turn to organise the bake sale after school. Please can children from Mountain Ash bring in delicious treats to sell. We do need help to man the stalls, maybe you could help when it's your child's class to bake? Any help would be amazing, please see Jenni or email [jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Cakes will be sold on the field and at the front entrance after school.

Next week it will be Willow Class on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

7<sup>th</sup> November: Lime Class

15<sup>th</sup> November: Lilac Class (Friday)

21<sup>st</sup> November: Dove Class

28<sup>th</sup> November: Acorns

### Halloween Disco – This Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

A bit of Halloween fun! Children can wear mufti or Halloween clothes to school as it is a non-uniform day. Please no scary masks/face paint, no swords or scissorhands etc...

Please can all permission slips come in by Friday morning. Just a reminder that children need to be signed in and out. This does take some time but it's really important that we ensure children get home safely. We really appreciate your patience with this.

### Christmas Jumpers

If you have any Christmas jumpers to donate, toddlers, childrens, adults for the Christmas fair, please could you drop them off at the front desk. Thank you.

### Christmas Fair

If you are having a clear out over half term, we would be grateful for:

- ▶ Good quality children's toys, books, games etc (Sorry no bric-a-brac – only children's item please)
- ▶ Tombola – unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, stationery etc...
- ▶ Teddies – any pre-loved teddies needing a new home
- ▶ Lucky Dip – any small items that can be used for the lucky dip – see picture below to give you some ideas



### **Christmas Quiz – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

After the success of the last quiz, we will be doing a Christmas quiz on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. Lots of festive fun, bar and raffle.

Book in your teams now (max 6 in a team) £5 per person. Email [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:**

HALLOWEEN DISCO: This Friday

MUFTI DAY (bring sweets contributions for the Christmas Fair): 8<sup>th</sup> November

MOVIE NIGHT: 15<sup>th</sup> November

MUFTI (bring cakes for the Christmas Fair): 6<sup>th</sup> December

CHRISTMAS FAIR: FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> December: 5 - 8 pm

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: 13<sup>th</sup> December 7pm for a 7:30pm start

### **The Grove School PTA Facebook Page**

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

### **Dates for your diary this term** <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Year 6 Residential to Okehampton Adventure – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 4 nights

Year 3 / 4 Visit to Kent's Cavern - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Mountain Ash & Yr 4 Juniper

Year 3 / 4 Visit to Kent's Cavern - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Willow & Yr 3 Juniper

Half term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

First day back – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Tempest Photos Individual photos only – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 and 6 Non Swimmers – Starts Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Parent – teacher consultations - week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Fair – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas productions - week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December

Kind regards,

Hilary Priest

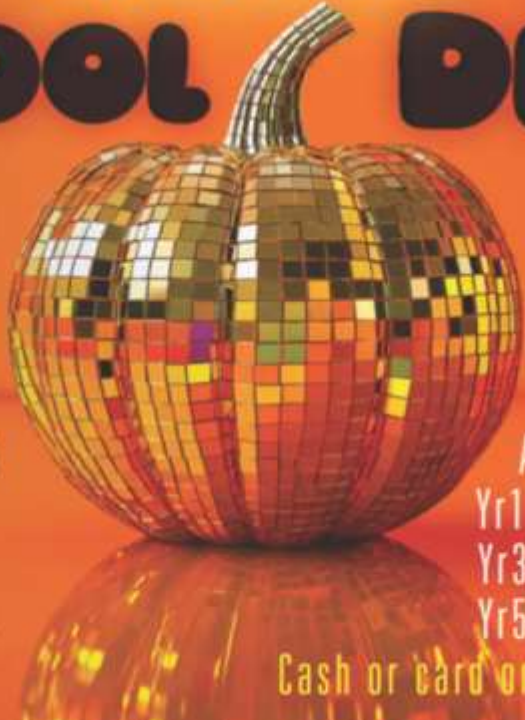
*Adverts – please note that the school is neither recommending nor supporting the adverts below. If you wish to advertise in our newsletter then please contact the school for details.*



THE GROVE PTA PRESENTS

# HALLOWEEN

# SCHOOL DISCO



Friday 18 October 2024

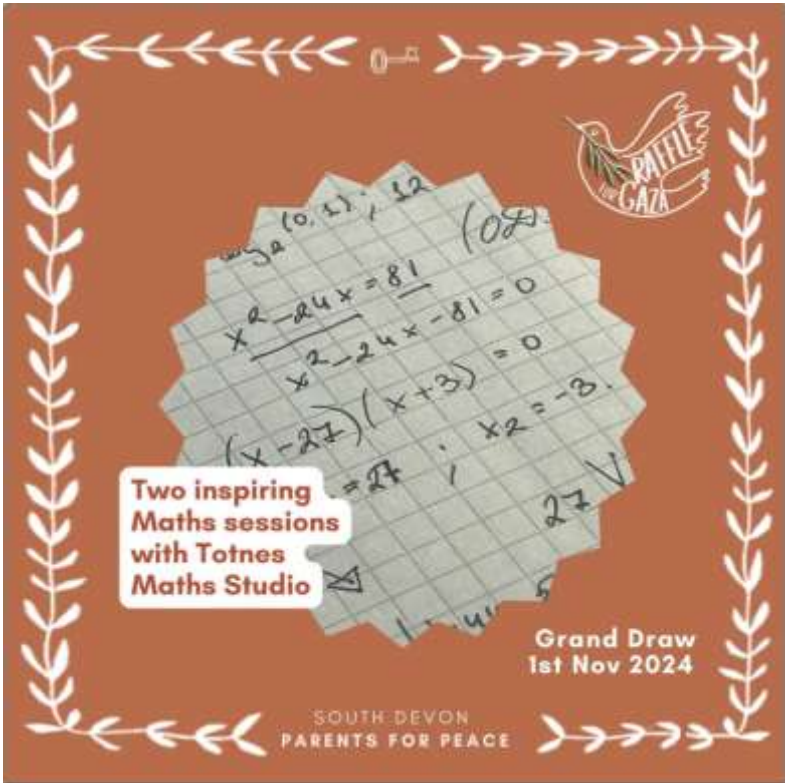
100% Vinyl DJ set from  
*The Vanden Plas*

Acorns: 14:30-15.00	£1
Yr1 & Yr2: 15:30-16.15	£3
Yr3 & Yr4: 16.30-17.30	£4
Yr5 & Yr6: 17.45-18.45	£4

Cash or card on the school hall door

Raffle for Gaza - There are so many incredible prizes available.

Tickets available at [https://Bit.ly/sdpfp\\_gazaraffle](https://Bit.ly/sdpfp_gazaraffle) - The draw will be held on Nov 1st.



RAFFLE FOR GAZA

Two inspiring Maths sessions with Totnes Maths Studio

Grand Draw 1st Nov 2024

SOUTH DEVON PARENTS FOR PEACE

# BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Brought to you in partnership with  
**TQ9: Together We Care Programme**

All donations will go to the 'TQ9: Together We Care' programme organised by Caring Town Totnes. Bouncy Fun is funded by Totnes Town Council and South Hams District Council.



**Sessions available between 1pm - 4pm on:**

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

The sessions are on a pay-what-you-can basis (free if that is what you can afford). A collection tin will be on the reception desk and 100% of all donations will support the programme.

- No need to book but limited capacity.
  - The sessions are parent supervised.
  - The sessions are for families with children up to the age of 8.
  - Sessions are in the Sports Hall at Totnes Leisure Centre.
- What's available at the centre:**
- Bouncy castle
  - Soft play
  - Music
  - Warm space
  - Seating area
  - Tea and coffee, plus fruit for the kids
  - Free wifi and charging points

Totnes Leisure Centre  
Borough Park Road  
Totnes TQ9 5XW  
01803 862992



# SEND Bouncy Fun in Warm Spaces

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Brought to you in partnership with  
**TQ9: Together We Care Programme**  
and **South Hams Family Hub**

All donations will go to the 'TQ9: Together We Care' programme organised by Caring Town Totnes. SEND Bouncy Fun is funded by Devon County Council.



**Sessions available between 10:30am - 12:30pm on:**

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

The sessions are on a pay-what-you-can basis (free if that is what you can afford). A collection tin will be on the reception desk and 100% of all donations will support the programme.

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Totnes Leisure Centre Borough Park Road, Totnes TQ9 5XW. Call 01803 862992



# RIVERSCHOOL

Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide



## HOLIDAY CLUB

28th, 29th & 30th October '24  
from £40 / £45 per day

Sibling Rate / Benefits Price £40/day  
Ofsted registered for universal credits.



- Travel by Canoe to our woodland basecamp
- Experience Kayaks and Paddleboards
- Bushcraft
- Nature art and craft
- Raft building
- Archery
- Wild swimming
- Fishing
- Campfire cooking
- Story telling
- Wildlife and River care

Activities may include



Where are we?

From the quayside  
Stoke Gabriel

## RIVERSCHOOL

Our provision is delivered by Canoe Adventures Ltd, operating since 1999 with a proven, accredited safety track record.

We are a registered child care provider with Ofsted (Reg. No. 2731749).

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TEL:

07706 343744



[www.facebook.com/riverschool.org](https://www.facebook.com/riverschool.org)



TO BOOK:

[www.canoeadventures.co.uk](http://www.canoeadventures.co.uk)

Places are limited so please book early



Canoe Adventures





## Dear parents and carers of children in Totnes and Dartington,

We are a group of parents who for all sorts of reasons are choosing to send our children to KEVICC. Many of us already have children at the school and so have first-hand experience of its benefits, others have children who are currently in years five and six and below and are considering our children's educational futures.

KEVICC is a **good, supportive and aspirational** secondary school. We are excited by what KEVICC has to offer across both the traditionally "**academic**" subjects as well as in areas such as PE, art, music and drama. We have seen numerous pupils from the school go on to **top universities** in the UK as well as into a wide range of **thriving career** paths.

KEVICC prides itself on the core value of **kindness** and this is reflected by the exceptionally nurturing relationships that staff engender and consequently in the **positive behaviour** of its pupils: it currently has some of the lowest exclusion rates in the county.

Together our children can build upon **connections and friendships** at school which support both their **wellbeing** and their **educational attainment**. Because it is located in our local community we also have **links with other parents** and feel that our children are **safe** in their local community. Through school activities children are part of building our community – so take pride in our local area. We love that our children can **walk to school, develop independence** and have plenty of time in the day to engage in fun **extra-curricular activities**.

We know that the hype of the equally excellent local grammar schools can get in the way of people fully trusting the value of what is on their doorsteps. There can feel to be a huge social pressure around finding "the best" route.

We would welcome hearing from parents who would like to know more about what KEVICC has to offer or who would like to feel part of a community of parents who are considering the benefits of staying local. Our aim is to build a positive and supportive community around our amazing community school. **Please get in touch** by emailing us at [together4ourcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:together4ourcommunity@gmail.com)