



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headlice – are very prevalent in school currently – all classes all year groups

All schools suffer from nits, please don't be embarrassed if your child gets nits, we have all had them! The recommendation from the NHS is to use wet combing or chemical treatments to clear an infestation. **Our strong recommendation is to check your child's hair and then use conditioner and a metal nit comb on a weekly basis.**

Please see this website for more info: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Writing for Pleasure

We are launching a Christmas Poem writing competition in school for all of the children who wish to enter. We will find someone VERY important to judge it - perhaps we can get the big man himself to do it (Father Christmas!). Any child who would like to enter could write it at home or in school and it will need to be in by Friday 8th December at 12 noon either on paper or via email to head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk! Name and class and age on the back of the page or noted in an email.

If you or anyone in your family are inspired you can also enter, name and age (roughly!) and school child connection on the back please or in an email. Winning poems will be published in the school newsletter and on our website.

Calling on artists

The applications are nearly open for Royal Academy of Arts Young Artist competition – please see this link for more details – it could be a little Christmas project at home. Entries can be sent from 8th January 2024.

https://tracking.wordfly.com/view?sid=MTYzNF82NTM3Ni8xMTk3NzgyXzY5MTQ&utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MC_GENERAL_YASS24ComingSoon_d_PastEntrants%26Signups_21.11.23&utm_content=version_A&sourceNumber=

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are currently organising our three activities to bring happiness to our community.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be litter-picking in our local area.

Year 3 and 4 will be organising a coffee morning for the elderly members of our community.

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Residential Homes to play games.

If there is anyone out there who feels they can support The School Council and The Children of The Grove with these projects, please get in touch. Please email Miss Fernyhough: helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Many thanks.

The School Council (on behalf of The Children of The Grove School).

Grove Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December 10am-1pm

Planning for this year's Christmas Fair is already under way and as always, we need our fantastic parent volunteers! Have you got an hour to spare to help make this fun event run smoothly? Please email pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk if you can help. To keep costs and environmental impact low, we ask our Grove families to donate unwanted toys as prizes for the Fair. Please have a clear out and send in any outgrown or unloved toys and games. We would like anything, from teddy bears and board games, down to small bits of party bag loot.

Y1/2 Victorian School Showcase

In the last week of term, Y1/2 will be showcasing their knowledge of Victorian schools by acting out a Victorian lesson. Please can the children come to school dressed in Victorian style clothing on Tuesday 12th December ready to take part in our role play. A simple black skirt/trousers and a white shirt will do, with any additional things such as a cap for the boys and shawls for the girls. We will then share their lessons with you on Seesaw!

PTA Facebook Page:

Did you know the Grove PTA have a Facebook page? It has lots of handy information and reminders about upcoming events. Search for 'The Grove School PTA', and when you join up as a member please add a note saying what your connection with the school is.

School praise awards

Congratulations to the following children who earned praise and mention for their efforts in school. We recognise children for their efforts every 2 weeks in assembly:

Dove Tree Class: lyla-Rose, for a great new start and Laurie for persevering with his writing

Lime Tree Class: Marlowe and Arthur for fantastic behaviour, being ready to learn and great role models

Lilac Tree Class: Seth for being a very kind friend to everyone and Charlie for fantastic reading at home and in school

Mountain Ash Tree Class: Freddy and Phoebe for writing fantastic fables

Willow Tree Class: Bella for her amazing progress in Maths and Khaled for generally being completely awesome

Juniper Tree Class: Elsie for commitment to her fable writing – even completing it when poorly, and Iris L for great Maths progress

Trumpet Tree Class: Aggy for her continual determination to do well in Maths and Isaac for his hard work and beautiful art work on his Kevicc Sound of Music poster

Flame Tree Class: For Leilani for working hard to be a Flame team member, Rory for his amazing contributions to class and Alfie for all the extra effort put into his learning

Ginkgo Tree Class: For lyla for super participation in every lesson and Alesha for an amazing and bubbly start at The Grove!

Class of the week is Flame Tree Class for being super welcoming to new children, being focused and hardworking and showing commitment to all of our 5 new school values –

Together, we are on an adventure that
has **LOVE**, **HAPPINESS**, **INDIVIDUALITY**,
COMMUNICATION and **LEARNING** at its core.

Governor update

This is my first update since the Ofsted visit, so I want to start by briefly mentioning that. The process is designed to be rigorous and one in which the school and staff are given the chance to demonstrate the quality of education for all children. It is an intense two days, designed to challenge, and as a board of governors we could not be more proud of how everyone took it in their stride and embraced the chance to showcase their skills, your amazing children and engage in deep dives into the subject areas. The depth of experience and knowledge we have among the staff is such a strong characteristic of this school. I look forward to the final report being available in the New Year.

This links nicely with the Teaching & Learning meeting we had earlier this week, where we were able to spend time looking through assessment data and pupil progress. The highlights are that pupil achievement and progress are fantastic for all children, and in almost every area are comfortably above the national average. This really does reflect the quality of teaching I mentioned above, but also the enjoyment the children have at school and the inclusive nature of our curriculum. The teachers assess all foundation subjects and so having this data and insight into how the children progress from Reception to Year 6 really supports the school's aim of having children very well prepared for their transition to secondary, as well as through the key stages while with us. I will work with Hilary to find a more visual way to show this than a table of percentages, as this is something that you indicated you would like to see more of in the parent survey.

Thank you, Ian.

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

PTA Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December 10am until 1pm

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 5th December at 2.15

Lilac Tree Christmas performance – Wednesday 6th December at 2.15pm

Dove Tree Christmas performance – Thursday 7th December at 2.15pm

Lime Tree Christmas performance – Friday 8th December time at 2.15pm

Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance at KEVICC - Tuesday 12th December - 2 performances 1pm and 6pm
(Rehearsal all day at Kevicc day before) – All information has been sent out

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 detail.

LEARN TO PLAY

tennis

We now have spaces available for juniors to join our coaching programme.

TIMES	DAY	AGE / LEVEL
3.45 - 4.30pm	Monday & Wednesday	BEGINNERS / 4-8 years - approx
4.30 - 5.15pm	Wednesday	IMPROVER / 8-12 years
4.15 - 5pm	Friday	BEGINNERS / 4-8 years
10 - 10.45am	Saturday	BEGINNERS / 4-11 years



Please email or call Tonia!

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FREE

RIVERSCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY & SUMMER CANOE TRIP VOUCHER

A Grant funded
event for
7 to 14 year olds
in receipt of free
school meals
or an EHCP



19th | 20th | 21st December 2023

A three day program with individual day bookings available

- * Cook a Christmas feast
- * Go crabbing in the Mill Pond and explore the nearby woods and riverbank
- * Christmas Quiz
- * Festive games and crafts
- * Indoor and fireside activities (weather permitting)
- * Receive a free voucher worth £80 to try out Canoeing, Kayaking or Paddleboarding in the summer



RIVERSCHOOL

Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide



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Where

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Stoke Gabriel
10.30am - 2.30pm**

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