



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's been happening this week and next?

Sports: We have had a sports impact day for all of KS2 today learning netball skills – this is run by our sports partnership group who help us to facilitate a number of our sporting events and competitions.

Sports: Juniper Tree are currently having weekly swimming lessons.

Sports: Year 5 Invasion Games Festival Event next Monday 2nd October - all of the Year 5's will be heading to South Brent Primary to take part in an Invasion Games Festival event, with children from other schools in the Dartmoor School Sports Partnership.

Sports: Congratulations Team Grove at the Cross country cycling event last night. We had lots of children participate in the multi-school competition. The grass was long and the going was hard but our Team Grove made us proud.

Y3 and 4 girls Cerys R came in 1st, Bea S 6th, Iris FW 13th and Iris M 16th

Y3 and 4 boys Seth came in 5th, Elliot D 14th, Sam 24th, Barnaby 25th, Ben 29th, Ewan 30th and Fergus 33rd.

Y5 and 6 girls Ava M came in 3rd, Hazel R 5th, Jemima 10th, Aggy 11th, Martha 16th, Lily-Mai 18th, Brooke 19th and Kelly 21st.

Y5 and 6 boys Edison came in 3rd and Brandon 13th

Many thanks for parents organising transport – we couldn't run these sporting events without you.

Visits and experiences:

Y1 and 2 are off to celebrate 100 years of Paignton zoo today.

Y3 and 4 went to Exeter yesterday to see the cathedral and to look at flood defences

Y5 and 6 had a Victorian day in school, linking with their curriculum studies.

ParentPay and Consent

A big thank you to everyone who is using ParentPay. We would like to mention that if you have not consented (using ParentPay) to your child going on a trip, unfortunately, they will not be able to go. Children will stay in school with another class. We do make every effort to chase parents but there is only so much chasing we can do.

Harvest

It is at this time of year that we think about harvest in school and talk to the children about how lucky we are to have food, clothing and family support, as well as thinking about those who are less fortunate. After talking to the children in singing assembly last week, they felt they would like to collect some donations for the local food bank. If you would like to contribute, please send in a food donation on **Thursday 19th October**.

All food will be donated to Stepping Stones Totnes CiC Foodbank. Please see a list of items below that local foodbanks often run low on and consider donating something from the list – they have plenty of baked beans! Thank you.

In-date Items such as:

Tinned fruit, Tinned soup, Tinned meat, Tinned ham, Tinned potatoes
Tinned tomatoes, Stock cubes/pots, Pot noodles, Mayonnaise, Pasta sauces, Cooking sauces, Pasta packets (microwavable), Cup-a-soups, Gravy granules, Instant mash, Cooking Oil, Powdered milk, Long life milk, Sugar 500g, Long life fruit juice (cartons)

Tea, Coffee, Tinned rice pudding, Jam, Biscuits, Chocolate, Any toiletries and cleaning products for example: Hair shampoo, Toilet rolls, Shower gel

Washing up liquid, Washing powder, Flash (or similar products)

Parent governor vacancy

We have a vacancy on the governing board for a parent governor as Joel McIlven has stepped down. On behalf of the board I'd like to thank Joel for his time and contributions. Being a governor is an opportunity to help the school continue to be a place where our children can flourish, and become a key part of the community. *There is more information in the letter attached alongside this newsletter*, and also a nomination form if you would like to put yourself forward, to be complete by 11th October. If you'd like more information in a less formal way, please drop me an email via chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk or find me for a chat at drop-off/pick-up. Thank you! Ian.

PTA AGM Tuesday 3rd October 7pm in the School Hall

I would like to welcome you all to attend the PTA AGM. The Grove School PTA is a registered charity run by volunteers. Our PTA Committee consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurers, these are a legal requirement of our charity status. To support these roles we have a core team of parents/carers and staff. This amazing team do incredible work to support fundraising activities with their primary focus to enrich the children's time whilst at school. Our aim is to support the school and the children to learn and thrive, whilst raising funds and strengthening the school community. Money is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover. Last year we supported the equipment for the school growing project and supplied individual classes with resources.

Being a part of the PTA is a good opportunity to get involved in the school and meet other parents whilst helping to raise much needed funds that make a difference to the children. This also gives the opportunity for you to help make decisions on how and where funds are spent. Please email me if you would like more information or to let me know if you can attend the AGM (so I can make sure there's enough yummy nibbles!).

I am stepping down as Chair of the PTA at this AGM after 4 years. I've really enjoyed the opportunities that I have had within this role and the relationships with other parents and staff at the school. There is also a vacancy for the Vice Chair. We would really welcome current members who would like to take on these roles or new members with ideas and enthusiasm to develop projects and ideas. Please email me or come along. Many thanks, Emily Rowley (pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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

Tempest Photos Individual and siblings – Thursday 12th October

Year 6 Residential to Okehampton Adventure – Monday 16th October 4 nights

Food donations for Totnes Food bank – Thursday 19th October

Half term – Monday 23rd October

First day back – Monday 30th October

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 2nd November

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2024

6.30PM - 8.30PM

**WELCOME SPEECH FOLLOWED BY GUIDED TOURS
- NO BOOKING REQUIRED -**

