



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 20th March

SHOUT OUTS TO

Laurie for Learning in Maths and Eve for Love in Friendships in Dove Tree Class.

Sofia for happiness and a positive attitude and Meadow for Learning in reading in Lilac Tree Class.

Rose for individuality and a positive attitude and Atticus for Learning in reading in Lime Tree Class.

Taim for Learning enthusiastically and Bridget for Individuality in her artwork in Willow Tree Class.

Bea T for Happiness and enthusiasm and Ruby for Communication of her feelings in Mountain Ash Tree Class.

Fergus for Learning in maths and Winnie for Love of learning in Juniper Tree Class.

Matilda for Happiness and her smile and Brooke for learning in maths in Flame Tree Class.

Claude for Learning in maths and Theo for Individuality for strength in character in Gingko Tree Class

Harry for Individuality and maturity and Cerys for Learning in maths in Trumpet Tree Class.



and



The Grove School Parents and Teachers (staff) Association Update (PTA registered charity)

All of our fundraising is in joint work with school and is purely to benefit the children. This year's targets are to raise money for the new astro-turf, keep the school's book stock up to date and help provide classes with some extra-curriculum resources.

So far on the gofundme page we have raised a fab £250. Please share if you can <https://gofund.me/b1dbf5b9>

School Disco This Friday – children can wear their Disco outfits all day if they wish to (even if they can't make it to the actual disco!)

Preparations are well under way for this Friday's School Disco! Suggested donations are £4 for Years 3-6 and £3 for Acorns and Years 1-2 (because their disco is shorter). Please do pay this contribution if you are able, we are raising money towards replacing the school's aging artificial grass. Send your cash into school any day, or pay by cash or card on the door. Children do need a permission slip completed and signed by a carer or parent to attend. Please ask for a replacement if needed.

Acorns and Years 1-2 : 3.30-4.15 – *you don't need to collect your child until 4:15 so long as we know they will be going to the disco with the permission slip*

Years 3-4 : 4.30-5.30 – *will need collecting as usual at the end of the day and returning for the disco – they must be collected by an adult at the end.*

Years 5-6 : 5.45-6.45 – *will also need collecting or making their usual way home and then returning for the disco – they must be collected by an adult at the end.*

Miss Fernyhough and Mrs Priest will be in attendance but we also need parent helpers for the evening, please get in touch if you can help!

Bake Sale

Don't forget Dove Tree's class bake sale, this Thursday after school. Cake donations should be dropped off on Thursday morning. Dove Tree carer/parent helpers would be very helpful!

PTA Committee

The PTA is looking for a new Treasurer. If you think you could take on this role either on a short-term basis or ongoing and you would like to learn more, please email me! pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Many thanks,
Natasha Buck, PTA Chair

A Huge Thank You!

Thank you so much to The PTA and to you all for giving £500 to each phase in the school (EYFS, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6). We are very grateful and it will make such a difference to your children.



Monday 3:30-5pm Open evening

Parents and their children are welcome to come into school to chat to staff and look at your child's learning and around school. We hold one of these a term. Would be lovely to see you if you can make it.

Please make sure your child stays with you whilst in school as your responsibility

Lime Tree Pasta making

Due to an unfortunate clash with a planned choir performance, Lime Tree class will now be hosting their pasta making workshop with Marco on Wednesday the 27th of March at 1:30pm.

All parents welcome, please come to reception to get signed in 5 minutes beforehand.

We apologise for any inconvenience but continue to look forward to our wonderful workshop!

Y1/2 Spring Concert

On Thursday 28th March Y1/2 will be having a Spring singalong/performance and would love to invite parents to join them. There will be 2 tickets available for each family and it will begin at 2.30pm. We hope you can join us.

Menu change for the last day of term – Thursday 28th March

Marco is changing the menu for the last day of term. He will be offering:-

Homemade Beef burger and chips

Or

Homemade Veggie burger and chips

If you have already pre-selected on ParentPay we will order the Beef burger if you have selected the Salmon and we will order the Veggie burger if you have selected the Jacket Potato. If you want to change your order then please login to ParentPay and amend your selections. You have until Thursday evening to do this.

Any queries please email Rebecca or Sarah admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



DARTMOOR DSSP GYMNASTICS FINALS

Congratulations to all our amazing gymnasts who competed in the virtual final this Tuesday. You were up against some other fantastic gymnasts and should feel VERY proud of yourselves. You are a real credit to The Grove.

Year 3 and 4:

Elsha - 3rd in Rookie

Bea - 5th in Silver

Hannah - 1st in Platinum Plus

Year 5 and 6:

Leilani - 3rd in Rookie

Loveday - 4th in Bronze

Ruby - 3rd in Platinum Plus

Immy - 5th in Platinum Plus

Amelia - 6th in Platinum Plus

Well done!

Children's University Gold Graduation

After unfortunately not being able to host the Gold Graduation event last summer, we are delighted to be bringing back this event for 2024! Welcome to the Devon & Cornwall Children's University - Gold Graduation Ceremony 2024! We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of our young graduates at the University of Plymouth. Join us for an event filled with excitement and pride as we honour the hard work and dedication of our students. It's a day to shine and be recognized for all the effort put into learning and growing. Let's make this graduation ceremony a truly special event for our Gold Graduates!

Please note: Devon & Cornwall Children's University Gold Graduation ceremonies are for students with Children's University passports, who have reached their first gold level (100 hours) or their next gold level since they last graduated (200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 & 1000).

We would love for you to join us, and booking is now live for these ceremonies, which are taking place on Thursday, May 9 at 16:30 and again at 18:30. Book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/852904810247?aff=oddtcreator>



and



Useful link from our Special Needs team:

Here are details about a free online NHS funded resource for 7-12 years old (access/register via CFHD website):

A therapeutic mobile game to help 7-12 year olds learn to self-manage their fears and worries.

Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage provides a fun, safe and engaging way for children and young people to tackle their worries head on so they can build resilience, gain confidence and thrive.

- Suitable for 7-12 year olds
- Facilitates exposure therapy – proven to be the most effective treatment for anxiety
- Compatible on iPhones, iPads and most Android devices*

<https://childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk/lumi-nova/>

Could you volunteer at school?

We are looking for a wide range of skills and life experiences that could enrich school life. We want children at The Grove to have rich, diverse and stimulating experiences whilst at school. We would love to know more about our Grove school community and what skills, experience and personal passions you could share with our children. By filling this Google Form out you are not committing to any specific volunteering or projects but we may contact you in the future.

WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU TOOK THE TIME TO FOLLOW THIS LINK AND FILL IN THE FORM.

<https://forms.gle/HvDHi5ijwPbWq2RIA>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Social, Emotional, Mental Health workshop - Monday 25th March 2-3pm

Year 5 One night residential – Wednesday 27th March

Yr 1/2 Spring singalong/performance at 2.30 - Thursday 28th March

Last day of term for Easter holidays - Thursday 28th March

First day of term – Monday 15th April

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

School Disco

Friday 22 March 2024

Vinyl only DJ set from
The Vander Plas

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

Cash on the school hall door



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a
Family Easter
Egg Hunt
@leechwellgarden

SAT 30TH MARCH, 11AM-12.30PM

£1 suggested donation per person
Donation based refreshment stall
available

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it
– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

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the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet





Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to
www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

EASTER SPECIAL



DAILY Football & Multi-Sport ACTIVITIES



FREE to ALL Children
aged 5-14 eligible for
Benefit Related Free School Meals
[£25 per day for pupils not eligible]

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**NUTRITIOUS
COOKED MEAL
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**ANIMAL
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