



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 26th February

SHOUT OUTS TO

From Dove Tree Class, Cillian for Love and being a kind friend and Nell for Happiness and positivity.

From Lime Tree Class, Zoe for Happiness and kindness and Rory for Learning and perseverance.

From Lilac Tree Class, Marlo and Jack both for Love of measuring everything in sight!

From Willow Tree Class, Lyddon for Learning and fantastic story telling skills and Tiago for real clarity in his Communication.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Ioan for Happiness and positivity and Aria for Learning with a fantastic attitude.

From Juniper Tree Class, Elizabeth for Learning with independence and focus and Bella for Learning and embracing new technology.

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Iddy for Learning in Maths and Barney for Happiness, jolly attitude and a great friend.

From Trumpet Tree Class, Dot for Learning and Happiness with such a positive attitude in maths and Dorothy for Communication in being able to ask for help when needed.

From Flame Tree Class, Matilda for Learning and always working hard and Ben for Learning in maths.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ World Book Day – Friday 7th March, includes dressing up as a book character or in PJs, a book swap, reading café with parents and a competition! Please donate cakes for the reading café.
- ☺ Parent consultations next week – make sure you have signed up.
- ☺ Speak up about racism and taking care not to use language in a homophobic manner.
- ☺ Author visit 12th March.
- ☺ PTA news and events and ways to help the school.

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



MP Visit Friday

Caroline Voaden MP is coming to visit us on Feb 28th. There will be a KS2 assembly at 10.15. This will not be a party political broadcast, but a more general assembly about democracy and what an MP does. There will be a Q&A so children can ask questions.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 7th March** and we have lots of fun things planned for the day. The children will be able to come to school dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas - second hand costumes are for sale in the reception area.

Book Swap!

We aren't collecting mufti money this time, but if you would like to donate a preloved, good quality book from your family, then we are collecting these in the reception area. (Please can we request that you don't donate annuals, colouring books etc) On World Book Day, we are hoping that these boxes will be available throughout the day for the children to choose a book from should they wish to, but this will depend upon the number of books donated.

Reading Café

During the afternoon of World Book Day (7th March) from 2pm until 5pm we will be running a reading café in the school hall, like we did last year, where parents/carers can come in and share books with their children. There will also be tea, coffee, squash and cakes for sale and parents/carers can come drop in at a time convenient for them.

Competition

We'd like to invite the children to join in with our competition linked to World Book Day by making a 3D book character/scene! Entries can be brought in from next Monday and need to be in by March 7th in order to be entered into the competition. More information about prizes/judging etc will be announced closer to the time.



Author Visit

We have an extremely exciting visitor coming into The Grove on Wednesday 12th March.

Anthea Simmons is a local author who has written a range of fantastic books. She will be sharing these with key stage 2 in addition to encouraging children at The Grove to share books they enjoy and start writing their own stories. KS2 will be sharing their stories and recommendations with KS1 and reception as part of Anthea's visit and continuing our celebration of books and story-writing after World Book Day the preceding week.

Anthea's biography is below along with some books which are available to buy, these are more appropriate for Key Stage 2, Anthea has written books for smaller children which are available second hand on Amazon but are no longer in print. If your child purchases a book they will have the opportunity to get it signed after Anthea has finished working with the children.



Anthea started writing books from about the age of seven but only took it up seriously in 2009 with her first picture book, 'Share', published by Andersen Press in 2010. Two more picture books followed - 'The Best, Best Baby' and 'I'm Big Now' and all have sold well and been translated into lots of languages. Her first children's novel, 'Lightning Mary' about the young Dorset fossil-finder, Mary Anning, won the STEAM Prize for middle-grade fiction. This book was followed by 'Burning Sunlight' a novel about young climate activists and a greenwashing scandal - and 'The Secret Garden Rewilded', a retelling of the classic with the location shifted to Dartmoor and a focus on biodiversity.

Anthea grew up in Cornwall, got a degree in English from Oxford and then worked for several years in financial services where she held senior management roles. She now lives on the edge of Dartmoor with two extremely naughty cats (Pixie and Percy) and a very feisty little chestnut thoroughbred former racehorse, known as Lion. She has one (lovely!) grown-up son.

When she isn't writing books, she is campaigning for social justice, democratic engagement and climate action. She is editor-in-chief for online paper, West Country Voices.



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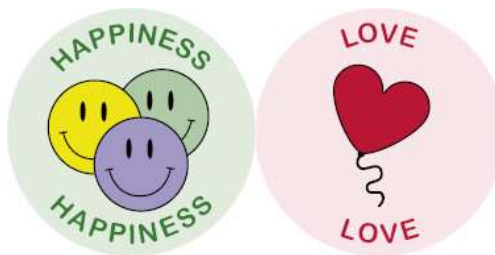


Speaking up against Racism

We have been continuing our anti-racism theme this term and talked about how to stand up and speak out against racism. We talked about how to politely challenge people who use racist words or express racist thoughts and we used this website to support how they might achieve that. It's an American website but it has some useful resources: <https://www.speakupagainstracism.org/>

Use of homophobic language in school

We have had a number of KS2 children using words like gay and lesbian as a derogatory term and we would appreciate you having a conversation with them about differences and that calling someone these words is not an insult and should never be used in that manner because it then becomes homophobic language.



Could you donate to our benevolent fund to support other families?

Our benevolent fund is running dry – if you could donate any small amount via parent pay it is a really beneficial service for our families who can't afford school trips etc.

Have you joined our School Lottery?

It's an easy way to support the school with some nice winnings available too.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/referral/1049834246/750386967?utm_source=manual

PTA News and Upcoming events

REMEMBER - if you can help in any way, please let us know

7th March: 2 - 5pm: World Book Day Reading Cafe and Cake Sale.

(Please note that this is the day after the National World Book Day for staffing reasons.)

7th March: Easter Hamper Tickets go on sale.

10th March: Mother's Day Gift order forms to be given out.

14th March: Lilac Tree Bake Sale

17th March: Closing date for Mother's Day gift orders.

21st March: Lime Tree Bake Sale



21st March: Easter Bingo Night in the school hall
27th and 28th March: Mother's Day gifts to be sent home.
28th March: Easter Disco
4th April: Easter Bonnet/Hat judging
4th April: Draw Easter Hamper



World Book Day cakes next Friday

If you could donate cakes for us to sell at The Reading Café and the cake stall after school (all will be in the hall) that would be amazing. Please bring into school in the morning with your child's name and class on any containers.

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Eyes down on Friday 21st March for Bingo Night in the school hall. Lots of prizes, refreshments and raffle tickets will be on sale. This is open to the wider community – please tell family and friends.



Books by the River

If you use Facebook please go onto 'Books by the River' page and vote for the Grove School. This will help us to win a bundle of amazing books for the school. Please ask friends and family to vote – thank you!

World Book Day Costumes

These are on sale in the main entrance for £2 each – come and grab yourself a bargain!

Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available – in the front entrance for a donation.

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

Parent consultations starting week commencing 3rd March – The Grove School website - parents evening tab

Year 5 one night residential Okehampton Adventure – Thursday 13th March

Reception and year 6 Heights and Weights National programme – Wednesday 26th March

SEND Meeting – Wednesday 26th March

Y1/2 Spring concert - Tuesday 1st April at 2.15pm

Y1/2 Spring concert - Thursday 3rd April at 2.15pm

Last day of term Friday 4th April

First day back is Tuesday 22nd 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.



Notebook found on Monday outside the wooden gate at back entrance





SUPPORT FOR SEPARATING PARENTS

Free
Webinars

Free
Resource
Pack



Friendship ● Support ● Direction

**NOTE: THESE SESSIONS ARE
NOT OFFERING LEGAL ADVICE,
WE OFFER PEER-TO-PEER
SUPPORT.**



"The Devon-based Social Enterprise, Only Mums & Dads with the support of Devon County Council is offering free on-line support to parents going through a divorce or separation. Group webinars are held fortnightly. They are completely free to attend. Any parent can also get the free Devon Separation Resource Pack.

Further information can be [found here](#)"

One to One piano lessons with Jaz.

Would your child like to come for a trial **piano** lesson?

In it they learn to play by ear, explore the instrument, how to read notes, and are introduced to music theory. I am currently teaching Piano to **ALL Year groups** and some **SPACES** have become available.

Duet lessons with Jaz. For those in Key stage 1, I am delighted to offer this special opportunity for children to explore **PIANO playing**. This learning programme is designed for **TWO PIANISTS ON TWO PIANOS** to have their lesson together and learn how to duet!!

Please get in touch for more info:

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