



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,



iBounce Vouchers (First come first served)

We have 87 iBounce vouchers to be given away. They are for the Newton Abbot iBounce. The vouchers need to be used online. If you would like some of these please email Rebecca on admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. Any age groups can use them and they do expire on 30th June 2023.

Rebecca will then email you a coupon code to enter when booking.

Coupon:

What is happening this week and next

Next week the children from Years 3 and 4 are going to start going on their exciting trip to Dynamic Adventures at Dartington. They will travel to and from Dynamic Adventures by coach organised by the school. The trips are being funded by The PE and Sports Funding Premium.

Local science superstar Dr Emily Grossman will be here on Wednesday 29th March to deliver a fun and interactive science quiz show based on her bestselling books, followed by a book signing. If you would like to pre-order any of Dr Emily's books for her to sign and dedicate on the day, please let the school office know by tomorrow <https://www.emilygrossman.co.uk/>

FLAME TREE'S CLOTHES SALE – Tomorrow after school in the Hall

The children of Flame Tree Class have decided that they would like to organise a SECOND HAND CLOTHES SALE to raise money for our kitchen.

If there are any Flame Tree parents who would be up for helping with the event and would be able to come into school earlier on the day (2pm) to help set up, please email helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Many thanks, Flame Trees Class

Lime Tree Class Cake, Cookie and Pizza Sale – This Friday after school

To raise money for the kitchen Lime Tree Class would like to invite you to their cake, cookie and pizza sale. There will be a stall at the front entrance and another one on the field, or undercover by Acorn Class if wet. If you would like to bake or make anything for our sale please label it (for allergies) and bring it in on the day.

WILLOW TREE FUNDRAISER! Monday

In Willow Tree Class we're all feeling a bit tired towards the end of term...

SO... our idea for the kitchen fundraiser is for everyone to come into school in their PJs on the last Monday of term (Monday 27th March!)

Come in your PJs/Onesies and if you'd like to bring a teddy too to keep our polar bears company then each child can bring in one soft toy.

We think that a donation of £1 would be just the job.

The Children's Kitchen

We have had a great initial response to our GO Fund Me page for The Children's Kitchen with a whopping £575 already! Thank you so much. Here is the link again if you would carry on sharing the word!!

Aim: We are working with the PTA to help fund gardening and cooking things for the children, but we also desperately need new equipment for our school kitchen and want to run family workshops.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/great-grub-at-the-grove?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

As well as this I have been busy applying for grants to help us aswell and are thrilled to receive a grant for £2,500 from The Norman Charitable Family Trust <https://nfct.org/> and this is for outdoor planters to get us growing our own veg! We are so grateful for all the support (and VERY excited to start buying things!!)

Seeds etc – also if you do have any seeds / veg seedlings we can plant we'd be grateful – though we need to be careful not to plant things that harvest in August!

WIN TICKETS TO EXETER CITY VS BOLTON WANDERERS

GINKGO class are offering you the chance to win two tickets to see Exeter take on Bolton at St James Park (Exeter) on Friday 7th April at 3pm.

Entry to the prize draw is £1 and tickets can be bought from Rebecca at Reception, from Ginkgo Class or from Ginkgo Children at the end of the school day. Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 28th March.

BUY A TICKET AND BE A WINNER*

* winning not guaranteed

Governor update

As is often the way, we've had a flurry of things to do in March, after a more sedate January and February. By far the most noteworthy is that Becky Nel joined us for the first time as a governor at our meeting yesterday (Tuesday), following her election earlier this year. It is great to have you on the team!

One of our priorities at this time of year is approving and submitting the end of year budget and future forecast. This might seem detached from the children and classrooms, but the opposite is true. We are all dealing with rising costs and reduced real terms incomes and the school is no different. The school continues to be nothing short of amazing at making sure money is available to benefit the children, and everyone across the school is maximising value. Financial pressure is tricky, but we have a clear vision and plan for every pound.

We also have a plan in place for our summer term visits to classrooms to chat informally to children and staff. For me this is the most privileged part of our role as governors. Being able to hear from staff how they implement the curriculum and the impact it has on the children is why we do what we do.

It's not quite the Easter holidays, but near enough for me to wish you a good break with friends and family.

Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors

Reception Children and Vision screening

The Vision Screener, Louise Godwin, from Torbay Hospital will be visiting the school on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March. She will conduct a routine Vision eye test. The UK National Screening Committee recommends that screening of children's eyes should be offered to all children aged 4 and 5 years.

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

Years 5/6 Non Swimmers every Monday until Easter

Reception Children – NHS Vision screening in school Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March

Last day of term is Friday 31st March and First day back is Tuesday 18th April

Reception and Year 6 National Childhood Measurement Programme (please opt out if you do not want to participate) – Wednesday 26th April

Class photos – Thursday 25th May (New date)

Extra Bank Holiday, School Closed for Kings Coronation – Monday 8th May 2023

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.

Earn money providing homestay for students

English in Totnes is the only year round English language school in Totnes, based in the Gatehouse at the top of Fore Street. We are very happy to support the Great Grubb at the Grove project. We are looking forward to a busy season and we are actively recruiting homestay hosts for our teenager students from April to August. We are particularly busy from 16th April for 2 weeks and in July. We use homestay for teenager students in Totnes and surrounding villages. We always try and host a minimum of two students together to minimize costs and make the experience especially worthwhile. All homestays are subject to enhanced DBS checks which we organize for you, and all students follow lessons and a full activities programme with us. Hosting 2 students a week in a twin room can earn you £350 per week.

For information and to register please contact us on info@englishintotnes.com, 01803 865722 or WhatsApp to 07930530254.

FLAME TREE CLASS

CLOTHES SALE

RAISING MONEY FOR THE GROVE SCHOOL KITCHEN



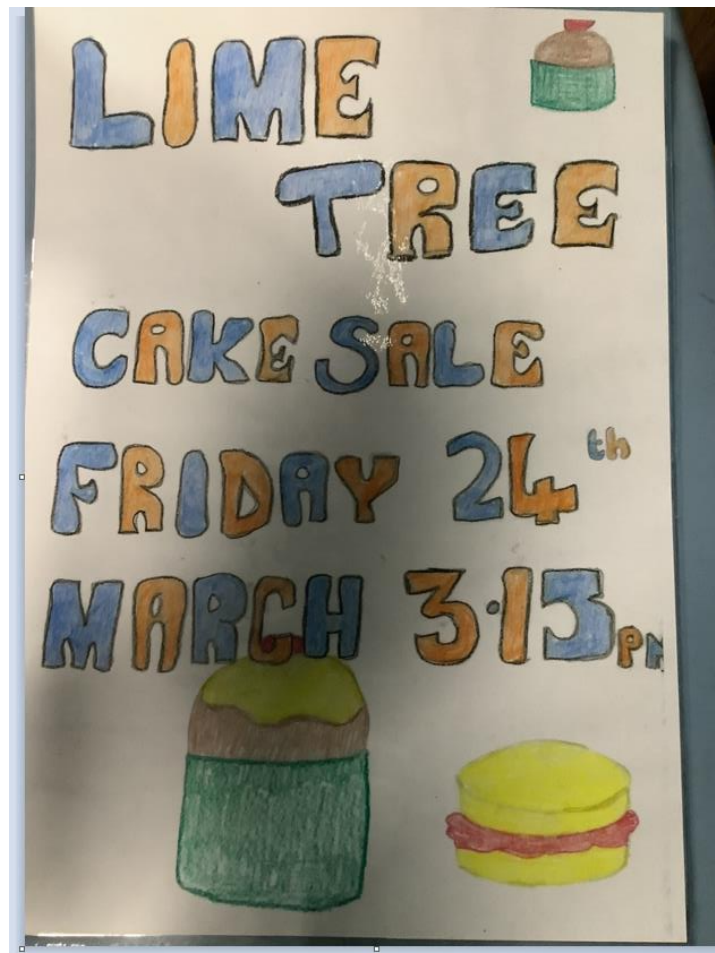
THURSDAY 23rd MARCH

3:15 – 4:40pm

PLEASE BRING ANY SECOND HAND CLOTHES TO SCHOOL BY

FRIDAY 17th MARCH

THANK YOU



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AGED 8-11 WHO IS STRUGGLING EMOTIONALLY?

Anxiety, depression, sleep and behavioural problems and other mental health struggles are on the rise in children. They often emerge in years 5 and 6 of primary school, and if unaddressed can worsen in secondary school.

You can support your child's emotional health at this crucial age.

THIS GROUP AIMS TO SUPPORT YOU TO:

- ✓ Learn strategies to help you support your child, with no judgement!
- ✓ Meet other parents who understand your situation for mutual support.
- ✓ Help you to prioritise your own well-being as a parent.

WHEN? Find out more at our **Information Session** for parents at 7:15pm on Monday 24th April 2023.

WHERE? Lovelace Room | The Mansion | 36 Fore Street | Totnes | TQ9 5RP

To attend register at www.calendly.com/ymhf/information-session-stjohns



To get more information contact:

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