



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

From Dove Tree Class, Taima for Learning and her fantastic reading and Esme for Communication and using her words to share her needs.

From Lime Tree Class, Max for Happiness and settling into Lime Tree Class so well and Sati for Learning and always being ready to learn.

From Lilac Tree Class, Marlie for Individuality in being so creative in gymnastics and Islay for Love and working well with peers to create a zoo role play area.

From Willow Tree Class, Imogen for Love and being so kind and Alfie for Happiness and such a positive approach.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Marlowe for Happiness and positive energy and Hannah for Love and being a great role model for kindness.

From Juniper Tree Class, Rami for Love of learning and knowledge and Aubrey for Happiness in joining our schools – and great art skills!

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Ava for Learning and super motivation and Iddy for Individuality in his humour, 'crazy mind' and lovely relationships.

From Trumpet Tree Class, Grace W and Merial for Learning in their non-chronological reports and Rosie for Learning in maths.

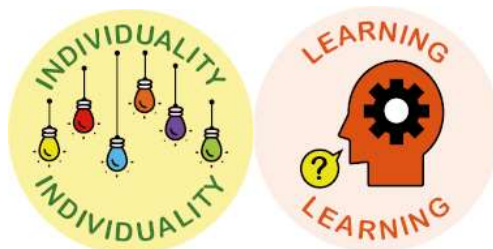
From Flame Tree Class, TT for Learning and a great start to the term and Lelani for Learning in arithmetic.

## Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

### Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Listen to the latest Headteacher Update Podcast: How to deliver high-quality school food on a budget
- ☺ Book to come dine with me
- ☺ Space available for Choir Club starting next Wednesday
- ☺ Play at the Grove – could you help with donations to make school playtimes amazing?
- ☺ PTA January Quiz – 24<sup>th</sup> January
- ☺ Movie Night – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

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

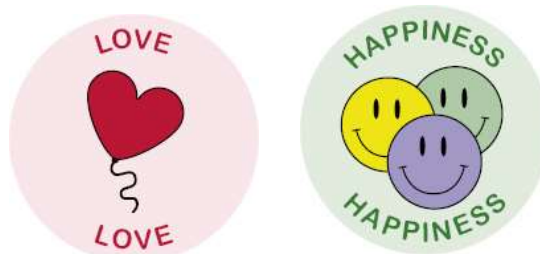


### **Podcast about food in schools**

More about Food in schools featuring The Grove School in the latest Headteacher Update Podcast: In this episode we discuss how to deliver high-quality school food on a budget, including quick wins for school lunches, improving free school meals take-up, breakfast clubs, food #education & more: <https://www.headteacher-update.com/content/podcasts/headteacher-update-podcast-school-food#school%20#food>

### **Anti-racism**

We shared this video with the children this week in assembly and talked about anti-racism and how to stand up should anyone say anything racist and politely tell them that 'what they said could be seen as racism and so isn't appropriate to say'. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_uz5BcMzqZs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_uz5BcMzqZs)



### **Come Dine with me**

We are delighted to offer an opportunity for parents to join their child for a school lunch. You are invited to join your child and have a school dinner with them at their lunch time. If you have more than one child it might be nice to book separate days for each child.

To book, please look at the menu and choose your date and let Rebecca / Sarah know at the front desk or by email.

Meals cost £2.50, please bring cash with you when you arrive.

Meal times:

Acorns – Reception class – 11:30am

Dove, Lime and Lilac – Year 1 and 2 – 12:00 midday

Juniper, Mountain Ash, Willow – Year 3 and 4 – 12:20pm

Flame, Ginkgo, Trumpet- Year 5 and 6 – 12:40pm



### **Choir Club**

Choir club starts next week on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and there are still some spaces available. Please contact Steph [scillysteph1@gmail.com](mailto:scillysteph1@gmail.com)

### **PLAY AT THE GROVE**

Although it might seem that nothing is happening, there is lots going on behind the scenes supporting the development of our playground and play at The Grove. We have been researching, taking part in training, involving the school council and all the children of The Grove in setting up a playground code, more orders have been placed, more money has been awarded and links with continuous provision across the school are being made. All VERY exciting.

We have some specific requests for donations.

1. Den making equipment - tarps, sheets, ropes, pegs
2. Small world play items/sets eg dinosaurs, cars, animals
3. Kitchen utensils and old pots and pans
4. Dressing up bits - not just set princess dresses but unusual items of clothing eg a waistcoat, different hats
5. Items that could be used as stage props.
6. Large wood rounds to make a log circle for children to sit on.
7. Bunting and flags
8. Strings of solar lights

Thank you so much for your support.

### **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](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/referral/1049834246/750386967?utm_source=manual)

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Quiz Night – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 7pm (7:30pm Start)**

Banish those January blues, get a team of friends together and have fun at the quiz next Friday!



Teams of 6 - £5 per person

Please book your team by next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> by emailing [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

There will be a bar and raffle.

### **Movie Night – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

After the fantastic success of the last movie night, we are doing another one on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. Details of movies, times and permission slips will be sent out soon.



### **Donations**

If you are having a clear out, why not gift us your unwanted gifts/bottles to be used in our upcoming events. Please drop your items into reception, thank you!

### **The Grove School PTA Facebook Page**

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

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

Juniper Class swimming – Mondays

Flame Tree Planting All Day at Sharpham - Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Quiz night – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Years 5 and 6 Plymouth Uni trip – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Please sign up on ParentPay

Ginkgo Tree Planting All Day at Sharpham - Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> February-

Trumpet Tree Planting All Day at Sharpham - Wed 5<sup>th</sup> February

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 poster features a dark blue background with a string of warm white lights at the top. On either side, there are stylized, cartoonish faces of people with large eyes and simple features. The main text is in a glowing, neon-like font.

# QUIZ NIGHT

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FRIDAY  
24TH  
JANUARY

Doors Open 7pm

Quiz Starts at 7.30pm

£5pp      Teams of 6

Book - [helenf@the-grove-  
primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Raffle & Refreshments

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The Grove School  
Hall.

**Totnes Pantomime - The Three Musketeers => Jan 22nd - Jan 25th 2025**

Yes! It is that time of year again when the Totnes pantomime will be on. This year, the pantomime is The Three Musketeers and will be running at the Civic Hall in Totnes from Wednesday 22nd January to Saturday 25th January.

Even better, Grove students and their parents can get a **25% discount** on the **Wednesday & Thursday** nights by using the code "**GROVE2025**" when booking.

Details of the pantomime can be found in the **attached flyer** and you can book tickets here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/taods/>.

We hope you'll attend and enjoy what should be a barrel of laughs to set us up for the rest of the year.



**FOR SALE**

Large tank & cage for small pets: Gerbils, mice, hamster etc (Tank 98x38x38cm) £70 inc cage  
Email [sjmorrison@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sjmorrison@hotmail.co.uk) or ask Sarah M



# U8 GOALKEEPER RECRUITMENT



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## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AGED 8-17 WHO IS STRUGGLING WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH?

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Anxiety, depression, self-harm and other mental health struggles are on the rise in children, particularly following the Covid-19 Pandemic. As parents, we can be left feeling overwhelmed and helpless, not knowing where to turn for help.

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### THIS GROUP AIMS TO SUPPORT YOU TO:


- ✓ Meet other parents who understand your situation for mutual support.
  - ✓ Learn strategies to help you support your child, with no judgement!
  - ✓ Help you to prioritise your own well-being as a parent.
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**IN-PERSON GROUP** Find out more about our group meeting at South Hams Family Hub by registering here:  
<https://calendly.com/ymhf/information-session-fh>

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**ZOOM GROUP** Find out more about our group meeting on Zoom by registering here:  
<https://calendly.com/ymhf/information-session-zoom>

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 **To get more information contact:**  
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