



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18th September

SHOUT OUTS TO

From Dove Tree Class, Aria and Emily G for Learning in writing a brilliant story together.

From Lime Tree Class, Arthur for Individuality in his amazing construction creations and Natasha for Individuality in being a great tidier-upper and looking after our classroom.

From Lilac Tree Class, Thelma for Learning excitement and Orla for Love and helping others.

From Willow Tree Class, Finlay for Learning and a great approach to all subjects and Claire for Love and being a great member of the class.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, April for Learning and such a great attitude and maths ability and Willow for Love, being so kind and caring.

From Juniper Tree Class, Aoife for happiness and becoming so independent and Alf for Learning and his focused hard work.

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Jonty for Love, creativity and maths brain and Olivia for Learning so proactively and confidently.

From Trumpet Tree Class. Juno for Learning with such high standards and Isaac for Happiness and embracing what it means to be a Year 6 with hard work and effort.

From Flame Tree Class, Lewis S for Learning and an amazing contribution to class discussions and Catalaya for Happiness and her big smile around school.



Pick up time on the field

We appreciate that it feels a little distanced to wait for your child on the half of the field nearest to the gate and we really don't want you to feel distanced – BUT it is really hard to match children to their adults when everyone crowds around. If you could get into a habit of waiting in the same spot each day and spreading yourselves out a bit, it makes it a lot easier to spot you and make sure you and your child are united safely and happily.

Once you have your child you can come to speak to staff if you need to let them know about something. We don't want you to feel that you can't approach staff just appreciate that our first priority is making sure the children all get home safely.

Please also remember to let us know if your child is going home with someone else as early in the day as possible, by email is easier or speak to a member of staff to pass on. Teachers can't check their emails when teaching but generally give them a quick scan at lunchtime with any messages from admin.



We are an allergy aware school

The approach advocated by Anaphylaxis UK is to not necessarily support a blanket ban on any particular allergen in any establishment, including in schools. This is because nuts, for example, are only one of many allergens that could affect pupils, and no school could guarantee a truly allergen free environment for a child living with food allergy. They advocate instead for schools to adopt a culture of allergy awareness and education.

A 'whole school awareness of allergies' is a much better approach, as it ensures teachers, pupils and all other staff are aware of what allergies are, the importance of avoiding the pupils' allergens, the signs & symptoms, how to deal with allergic reactions and to ensure policies and procedures are in place to minimise risk.

This means that children should not share food and if a member of the class has an airborne allergy then the teachers will let you know and it would be best practice for children to let staff know if they have any food items that contain this allergen so we can be extra careful.



The Grove School Cookery Book

We will be making our own Grove School cookbook this year with recipes from staff and hopefully from your homes too. If you could email me your favourite family dish as a recipe this would be amazing and we will credit it to you in the book. The more culturally diverse the recipes the better – but they do have to be something your children love to eat! We will also think about using them in our school meals menu. The children have also been supplied with a little worksheet to complete at home and return to school. This is a lovely fundraising project so it would be great for you to support it if you can.

Send recipes to head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Asda Cashpot for Schools

If you shop in Asda and use their rewards app, then would you kindly sign up for this scheme to help earn some money for the school. Please also ask friends and family to do this because the more who sign up the more money we will get. It doesn't cost you anything and you don't lose any of your rewards.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS



Tomorrows Bake Sale 50p a cake

It is FLAME TREE CLASS'S turn to organise the bake sale after school. Please can children from Flame bring in delicious treats to sell. If you can spare a bit of time to help out, that would be amazing - let us know. helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Cakes will be sold on the field and at the front entrance after school.

Next week it will be Ginkgo Tree class on 26th September.

- 3rd October: Trumpet Class
- 10th October: Juniper Class
- 17th October: Mountain Ash Class
- 24th October: Willow Class
- 7th November: Lime Class
- 14th November: Lilac Class
- 21st November: Dove Class
- 28th November: Acorns

QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 27th September - PLEASE BOOK YOUR TEAM IN ADVANCE (by this Friday) BY EMAILING helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Arrive at 7pm for a 7:30pm start
6 people per team (cheese board included in the price)
ENTRY PER PERSON: £5.
Bar available and raffle too!

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

HALLOWEEN DISCO: 18th October
MUFTI DAY (bring sweets contributions for the Christmas Fair): 8th November
MOVIE NIGHT: 15th November
MUFTI (bring cakes for the Christmas Fair): 5th December
CHRISTMAS FAIR: FRIDAY 6th December: 5 - 8 pm

ANY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE FRONT DESK ANY TIME THIS TERM.



ELIZABETHAN DANCING

Just to let you know that our Elizabethan Dancers will be dancing at the season's closing market on Tuesday 24th September at 11 am at The Civic Square.
Please come along and support. It would be great to see you.
(NB Please check that your child has opted to dance again - current Year 6 children).

The Grove School Whatsapp Community

I have tried to be in contact with Whatsapp for support re the old Whatsapp Community and spam. It is very tricky getting an answer. If you are still having problems with spam, please delete yourself from the groups and this should work.

I have now set up a new Community which I have to manually add numbers to, to prevent the groups being hacked. If you would like to be added, please let me know.

helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Many thanks for your patience.

After School Club

After school club is closed on Monday 30th September.

Grove School choir places still available

There are still places left for choir this term.

A fun term of music leading up to Christmas.

Email scillysteph1@gmail.com if your child is interested 🎵

P.E Kit Reminder for Year 1/2

Children in Year 1/2 need to come to school in their P.E kits and stay in them all day on Fridays. The school P.E kit is white t/shirt or polo shirt, black shorts/skort and trainers. In the colder months they can wear plain black jogging bottoms or leggings and their school fleece/jumper/cardigan.

Toys & Playing/Trading Cards

Please can we ask that children do not bring toys or trading cards to school, eg Pokemon, football cards etc. Toys are too precious to bring in and the nature of trading cards can cause upset when it comes to swapping. Many thanks.

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

Mountain Ash Class swimming every Monday until half term

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Tuesday 1st October

Year 6 Junior Life Skills, Packed Lunch needed – Thursday 10th October

Tempest Photos Individual and siblings – Friday 11th October

Year 6 Residential to Okehampton Adventure – Monday 21st October 4 nights

Half term – Monday 28th October

First day back – Monday 4th November

Year 5 and 6 Non Swimmers – Starts Monday 4th November

Parent – teacher consultations - week beginning 11th November

Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December

Christmas productions - week beginning 9th December

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.



**MIXED
FAMILIES
TOGETHER**

**SATURDAY 21ST SEP
FROM 10.30AM AT:
THE BOX, PLYMOUTH
PL4 8AX**

**FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY TOUR OF 'THE
TIME IS ALWAYS NOW' EXHIBITION**

**THEN FROM 12.30PM
JOIN US FOR A FREE BUFFET LUNCH AT:
JABULANI
80-84 UNION STREET,
PLYMOUTH PL1 3EZ**

**NO PARKING ON SITE BUT CLOSE PROXIMITY TO CITY CENTRE CAR
PARKS AND ON-STREET PARKING.**

PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS TO JOIN US USING THE EVENTBRITE LINK.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mixed-families-together-september-meet-up-tickets-1013566784537>

Reserve



Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night at The Grove School to raise funds for PTA. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition.

**FRIDAY 27TH
SEPTEMBER**

**7pm for a
7.30pm start**

**Teams of 6
£5 per person**

*BAR, RAFFLE, CHEESE BOARD PER TEAM.
TO BOOK A TEAM, PLEASE EMAIL
helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk*

KEVICC

Open Evening

Thursday 19th September 2024 6 - 8.30pm



Shakespeare Festival 2023



Battle of the Bands 2022



Year 7 Freshers Fair



Ten Tors Training 2024

We have seen **record applications** to our College in 2024. Come and see why so many students, parents and carers are making us their first choice school.



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Join us!

SWIM SCHOOL

STARTS APRIL 2024



LEARN TO SWIM

With fun, enjoyment and confidence, kids will follow our Swim England syllabus!



MONTHLY
MEMBERSHIP

£25

£15 joining fee

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 16:00-18:30
Stages 1-4 available • Age 4+ • Free goody bag available

Sign up today!

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devonhills-dolphins@haulfryn.co.uk