



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID

As we are coming near the end of lockdown we would just appreciate your continued support in maintaining social distance around school and not blocking the school exits for others. We really do appreciate the changes you have made to keep us safe and so far so good! Let's work together to keep it that way!.

Little People Big Dreams

In KS1 we are Little people with BIG DREAMS!! The children have been inspired by these amazing books for their current topic. They have been learning about many famous people who have followed their dreams, learning about the qualities they have and the struggles they have had to achieve them.

The children have been particularly inspired by Zaha Hadid, the first woman to be awarded the Pritzker Architecture prize; Pele, who scored 1,281 goals; Elton John; Dolly Parton; Mary Anning; Marie Curie; Jesse Owens and David Attenborough.

Look out for the children's own writing about people who inspire them on Seesaw and the website.



Warm clothing

We are trying to balance the warmth in the classroom with the ventilation and it does mean the classes are colder than usual. If your child feels the cold it might be worth putting a vest on them and giving them extra layers of clothing.

Art Competition

Reminder that the closing date is Monday 30th November for any positive Lockdown Art to be entered into our competition.

Updated school behaviour policy

We are updating the school behaviour policy in line with new guidance and would welcome any comments. Please see the policy on our website.

http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/policies_and_data_protection/138107

PTA Update

A very big thank you for all the wonderful Christmas card orders – they are being taken to the printers today and so you should receive them back soon.

I would also like to extend a very big thank you to staff at school. Prior to lockdown staff have opened up the staff car park at weekends and holidays to help raise money for the PTA. They also sold the 2nd hand uniform and generally been a huge help and support to all the other fundraising projects. We recently deposited nearly £350 into our fundraising efforts from the staff; thank you for all you do.

This weekend is the first draw for our School Lottery, we have made it to over 50 tickets sold and one of us will be in line to win every week with the chance of scooping the jackpot of £25,000 and the Nintendo Switch Bundle. Please click on the link if you would like to find out more and purchase a ticket

<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-grove-school-totnes>

Finally, we will be sending out raffle tickets soon and have already received some local support for prizes. If any parents would like to donate a prize (a bottle of wine, box of chocs, voucher etc) this would be really appreciated. Please drop any donations off at the front desk with Rebecca or email me at pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk . Tickets will be sent out with each child next week and are only £1 each.

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.

Cards Wanted for New Bookshop in town

“ We are aiming to open our new bookshop on Totnes high street in December and we are looking for lovely cards to sell in the shop.

We are hoping there maybe some parents who make or design cards we could sell.

They will need to come with envelopes and be a maximum of 169mm wide.

If you can help with the cards or if you make any other products that would compliment our range of books please send an email to info@eastgatebookshop.co.uk ”