



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th September

SHOUT OUTS TO

From Dove Tree Class, Cillian for Communication and great listening and Eddie for Learning with super reading and spelling.

From Lime Tree Class, Torr for individuality whilst being a team player and Jesse for Learning – super concentration in phonics.

From Lilac Tree Class, Arthur for Learning and amazing knowledge of phonics and Lennox for Love and being super helpful.

From Willow Tree Class, Arlo for Happiness and being so enthusiastic and Pancho for Communication in class.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Hermione for Love for showing such wonderful kindness to others and Riley for Learning with a great attitude and enthusiasm.

From Juniper Tree Class, Millie for Learning and facing challenges head on and Oskar B for Communication and sharing his fabulous knowledge so confidently.

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Dillon for Love for reading and Freddy for Learning and absolutely smashing the maths league.

From Trumpet Tree Class, Merla for Learning for working hard and participating well in discussions and Ewan for Happiness and setting a fantastic example in all the effort he puts in.

From Flame Tree Class, Harley for Love and being such a welcome new member of the class and Elsbeth for Communication and working so hard.



Breakfast buns made by Marco

Marco is hoping to start raising money for the school kitchen by baking some breakfast buns for sale on Tuesday 1st October before school.

Birthday cakes to order

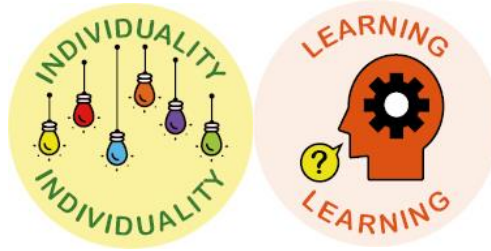
Marco's speciality as a chef is cakes and deserts if you would like to order a birthday cake for your child please get in touch with Marco at marco@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk to talk design and price.



ELIZABETHAN DANCING

Our wonderful children made us proud with their dancing yesterday when they helped to mark the end of the Elizabethan season in Totnes. Thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm learning all the dances and performing in public. You are all superstars.





Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) News

WHO CAN HELP ME & WHEN?

This 2024/5 Academic Year our team of SEND Coordinators (SENDCoS) will be working within school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The universal email address for the SENDCo Team is sendco@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk and emails will be monitored within school hours on the team's working days.

SENDCo Alison Caldwell-Heyes is generally working in her SENDCo role on Mondays and will mostly be supporting pupils, staff and parents in Years 1 and 2. Alison's direct email is alisonjcalldwell@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

SENDCo Jo Counter is generally working on Mondays and Tuesdays and will mostly be supporting pupils, staff and parents in Reception, Years 3 and 4. Jo's direct email is jcounter@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

SENDCo Tonya Stirrup is generally working on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will mostly be supporting pupils, staff and parents in Years 5 and 6. Tonya's direct email is ts.sendco@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

It should be noted that these days can be subject to change where necessary.

PARENT/CARER SEND MEETINGS FOR THIS YEAR

Specific details to follow closer to each date, but here are the proposed termly SEND school meetings for your diary:

*Monday 2nd December, 2-3pm

*Wednesday 26th March, 2-3pm

*Thursday 10th July, 2-3pm



No jewellery to be worn in school

Please can you ensure that your child doesn't wear any jewellery to school with the exception of stud earrings and watches.

Uniform

Please check our website if you are unsure of our school uniform rules. Socks, tights and now leggings can be any colour or pattern to allow for a touch of individuality, but no leggings without a skirt please. http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/school_uniform_guidance/273493

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 GINKGO 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 Trumpet Tree Class on 3rd October.

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: THIS FRIDAY

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.

Messages to school

Please when leaving a message on the answer machine give the full name of your child and their class so that admin can get messages to the teachers swiftly. If you are arranging for someone else to collect your child if you could let us know at least the day before this would be very helpful (unless it's an emergency). Teachers won't check their emails throughout the day as they are teaching.

Saltmarsh Seed Bombs

Make, Launch, Share, Observe

Ecologists, scientists, artists and designers are working together this autumn on a local project called **Living Dart: The Saltmarsh Project**. You might be surprised to hear that outside the Tropics saltmarshes bury carbon at a greater rate and store more carbon per unit area below ground than their forest counterparts on land. They absorb tidal and wave energy and help prevent flooding. They regulate water quality by absorbing excess phosphates and nitrates in river water as well as salt from the incoming tides. They are important places for wading birds to breed, spend the winter and stop off during migration. Muddy, grey and brown, the Dart's pockets of saltmarsh often go unnoticed—our project aims to help protect them.

Right now, the project team is planning a range of restoration techniques. **We are experimenting with 'seed bombing' as one way to help the saltmarshes become more diverse and more established. We would like to know if you—students and parents—would like to help us? We would like to do this in the next few weeks, one day after school or at the weekend.**

We would make small balls of mud (from the areas of saltmarsh) and native seeds. When the seed bombs are dry we'll head down to Long Marsh, launch them into the mud, and then—over time—see what grows. We might see more Sea Aster—a native herb, full of minerals, that doesn't mind getting its roots wet. If we are lucky, ecologist Nigel Mortimer will share with us everything he knows about the Dart's saltmarshes. And next March we will be having a big event to celebrate our work—and the future we have made brighter for these fragile ecosystems. You could be part of this project and could learn all about it... and, of course, be invited to the event, meet the team and see what the artists make. Every time you visit Long Marsh, you could see how the saltmarsh is doing.... we need people who live here to be stewards for these special places.

Please contact parent Ivan Grieve if you would like to join in and we will let you know the dates for bomb-making and walk to Long Marsh. ivanlgrieve@icloud.com

You can learn more on the Bioregional Learning Centre website; bioregion.org.uk, under 'Projects', The Saltmarsh Project.

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.

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.

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

SENDTASTIC AFTER SCHOOL

**COMING
SOON**

**STARTING
SEPTEMBER
17TH**

**A space for children and young
people age 4-11 years and their
families to meet, connect and play**



Totnes Family Hub,
Daisy Play Centre,
Pathfields,
TQ9 5TZ



Every Tuesday
3.00pm - 4.30pm



SIGN UP HERE!



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County Council



3rd Totnes Cubs

Cubs Car Wash



The Cubs at 3rd Totnes will wash your car to raise funds for improvements to the Scout Hut!

**Thursday 26th September
Steamer Quay Car Park
6.15- 7.40pm**