



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good start to 2023. It has been very exciting here around lunchtimes in particular with the new chef Marco and Chefs in School programme. Here are some photos of the food this week:

Monday: Tomato Pasta or Macaroni Cheese



Tuesday Taco Tuesday



Wednesday Pizza or soup



Dining hall help needed 11:30-1:30 on Mondays and Tuesdays

We desperately need an extra person helping with tables and making sure the children are having the best dining experience at lunchtimes – we are happy to employ or accept volunteers – let us know if you can help at all.

Foodbank donations

The foodbank were overwhelmed by the generosity of the donations you gave them at Christmas so thank you.

Parent consultations this term

Parent consultations will be in the week of 6th March. Responding to feedback, on Monday 6th we will offer face to face appointments in the school hall from 2pm to 5pm and an alternative second date that week for online consultations. Hopefully this will cater for both preferences. More details to come nearer the time but we thought it might be useful for your diary to have this info now.

Class celebrations with parents

Each class will have an opportunity to present a learning based performance to their parents and share classroom experiences between now and the end of the school year – more details to follow

Governor vacancy

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break. We have a vacancy on the board for a parent governor as Sam Gothard has now stepped down. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank you for your 3.5 years on the board, Sam. Your input and support has been valuable to both me and children during this time, especially the knowledge and passion you brought to SEND.

So if you are reading this having made a New Year's resolution to take on a new challenge, maybe joining the board and becoming involved in what we do is for you. There is some further information about the governor role, and who we are, [on the school website](http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk). If you would like to put your name forward, or have any questions, please let me know by the end of January via chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. Many thanks, Ian.

PTA Fundraising meeting in January

I would like to invite you all to a meeting on Thursday 26th January at 19.30 in the school. There will be drinks and nibbles and a chance to meet other parents but also an opportunity to contribute ideas and suggestions to our fundraising efforts and learn more about where the money raised could be spent. Please let me know if you're interested in coming.

This is my fourth year as chair and I have really enjoyed the chance to support our children's school experiences and work with such fun and kind parents and staff to achieve this. However, I would really like a new chair to take on this position and bring new ideas and energy to the role. Please email me if you would like more information (pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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

Year 5/6 Non Swimmers starts again on Monday 9th January

Year 5 and 6 Plymouth Ski Centre – Free – Tuesday 7th February

Year 1 and 2 Ibounce Newton Abbot – Free – Wednesday 8th February Lime and Chestnut and Thursday 9th February Dove Tree.

Year 5 Bikeability – Weeks commencing Monday 20th and Monday 27th February

Year 3 and 4, Dynamic Advantures – Free – 28th, 29th and 30th March. One class per day.

Year 5 One Night Residential – Thursday 30th March

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.

For Sale £800

Macbook Air (M1, 2020) Version 12.5

Chip Apple M1

Memory 8GB

It was purchased for my daughter for university and then no longer needed

Contact Rebecca on Reception

TOTNES AMATEUR OPERATIC
TAODS
AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY
presents
**Goldilocks
and the
Three Bears**
25th -28th January 2023
7.30pm, Matinee Saturday 2.30pm
Civic Hall, Market Square, Totnes TQ9 5SF
Adults £10 - Concessions £8
Wednesday night tickets all £8
Tickets available www.taods.com
Script - by TLC Creative
Director - Dave Waistridge
Musical Director - Dave Holland
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LET'S TALK PRE-TEENS



Dates:

- Tuesday 17 January
- Tuesday 24 January
- Tuesday 31 January

Free support sessions for parents and carers



Have you got a 9-12 year old? Join us online for a chat about some of the challenges young people are facing today, find out what tools you can use to support them.

We'll be running twilight sessions throughout January covering topics such as:

- **drugs and alcohol**
- **body image**
- **safety online**
- **mental health**
- **social risks**
- **peer pressure**



Weekly 90 minute sessions starting at 7.00pm



Visit saferdevon.co.uk/lets-talk-teenagers to find out more about each session and book your free place.

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