



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

From Dove Tree Class, Alicia for communicating her feelings in a calm way and Kit for becoming more independent in his learning.

From Lime Tree Class, Dylan for Happiness, always coming to school with a positive attitude, ready to learn and Malin for finishing all her rainbow tasks brilliantly.

From Lilac Tree Class, Laurie for Happiness, a fantastic friend to everyone, kind and thoughtful and Thelma for her amazing phonics knowledge and pride in her work.

From Willow Tree Class, Isabel for Learning – beautiful self portrait in art and Jack with Love, for being a total superstar and so kind.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Maizie for Learning, a fantastic effort on Charlie Mingus this week and Arthur for Love, always so kind to others, a fantastic role model.

From Juniper Tree Class, Seb for always coming into school with a smile and greeting everyone with a happy voice and Asher, for working so hard on all your learning this week – fabulous illustrations in History too.

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Bram for amazing progress in your learning – what a jump in your maths scores and Toby T, for being so happy and content in everything we do in school, we're so lucky to have you.

From Trumpet Tree Class, Dot, Learning, for producing a terrific letter this week in literacy and making a neat copy for our display and Hazel for making a great improvement in her 36 in 30 math paper

From Flame Tree Class, Elsie and Elliot for Love – thank you for your outstanding behaviour on both visits this week, showing how amazing The Grove pupils are.

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

### Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ PTA Meeting – This Friday at 3:30pm in the school hall
- ☺ Movie Night – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 5:30pm – 7:30pm - ParentPay
- ☺ Parent open session to visit class and chat to teachers – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3:30-5pm
- ☺ Internet Safety Day – 11<sup>th</sup> Feb
- ☺ Request for spare plants or plant donations for our outside play spaces

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



### Internet Safety day 11<sup>th</sup> February

We teach internet safety to all of our children all year round, however we all know that children are much more advanced with technology than we are and we always have to keep up with the latest advice. Staff thought you may find these websites useful to use at home:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv63d2p>

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/?\\_gl=1\\*15omb3\\*\\_up\\*MQ..\\*\\_gs\\*MQ..&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0uzY4vCLiwMV7KVQBh0R5BdHEAMYASAAEgIY0\\_D\\_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/?_gl=1*15omb3*_up*MQ..*_gs*MQ..&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0uzY4vCLiwMV7KVQBh0R5BdHEAMYASAAEgIY0_D_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)

### Plants wanted

We have very kindly been donated some of the planters which you will have seen previously around Totnes to use at school. We are going to use them to 'green-up' our playground enhancements. When you are tidying up your gardens for spring and find any spare plants that we could use or spot something reduced in the garden centre and don't mind buying it as a donation please think of us. We are looking for any plants (safe around children)– ideally that keep their green through the year (or most of the year) and would be happy in planters. Also if you come across anyone getting rid of some top soil or compost we would be very grateful too.

### 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



### **Parent open session– Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3:30-5pm**

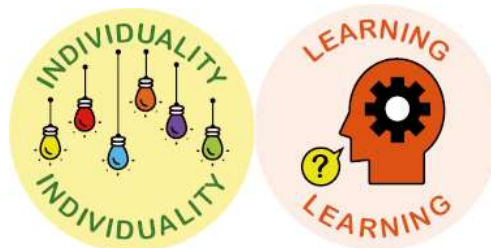
Take this opportunity to pop in and have a chat with the teachers to catch up this half term. Parent consultations will be next half term in the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **YEAR 5 and 6 TRIP TO PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY**

Last week, Year 5 and 6 had the amazing opportunity to visit Plymouth University. We had a campus tour, spent time in an invertebrates lab, experienced the wonders of the wave/renewable energy research lab and spent time in a lecture theatre creating our own degree course. Inspirational and aspirational.

### **TREE PLANTING**

Flame Tree Class were very excited to take part in a Tree Planting project at Sharpham as part of an Ambios Project. A very muddy and successful day was had by all - we ended up planting over 100 trees! Well done Flame Tree Class! Ginkgo and Trumpet have their turn soon.



### **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.yourschoolottery.co.uk/referral/1049834246/750386967?utm\\_source=manual](https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/referral/1049834246/750386967?utm_source=manual)

### **PTA News and Upcoming events**

REMEMBER - if you can help in any way, please let us know

7<sup>th</sup> February: Movie Night 5:30 - 7:30

7<sup>th</sup> March: 2 - 5pm: World Book Day Reading Cafe and Cake Sale. Please note that this is the day after the National World Book Day for staffing reasons.

7<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Hamper Tickets go on sale.

10<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day Gift order forms to be given out.

14<sup>th</sup> March: Lilac Tree Bake Sale

17<sup>th</sup> March: Closing date for Mother's Day gift orders.

21<sup>st</sup> March: Lime Tree Bake Sale

28<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day gifts to be sent home.

28<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Disco

4<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Bonnet/Hat judging

4<sup>th</sup> April: Draw Easter Hamper

### **Movie Night – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

After the fantastic success of the last movie night, we are doing another one on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Permission slips have been sent home. Please return by next Thursday with £5 – you can pay by cash, card or ParentPay.

### **World Book Day Costumes**

If your child has grown out of any dressing up costumes, we would love them to sell to parents for World Book Day to cut down the cost for everyone.

Please drop items in a bag marked PTA at the front desk. Thank you!



### **Pre Loved School Uniform**

Lots of sizes available – in the front entrance for a donation.

### **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!

**PTA MEETING – THIS FRIDAY at 3:30pm**  
**In the school hall. Children can come too.**



### **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>

PTA Meeting – This Friday at 3:30pm in school hall  
Ginkgo Tree Planting All Day at Sharpham - Mon 3rd February  
Trumpet Tree Planting All Day at Sharpham - Wed 5th February  
Movie night 7<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm – 7:30pm – On ParentPay  
Parent Open session – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Last day of half term – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
First day back – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Parent consultations week of 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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 Grove School

**7TH FEB** | **5.30 - 7.30 PM**

# MOVIE NIGHT

[ **ZOOTROPOLIS OR SHREK** ]

**£5 per Child**

Includes:  
Unlimited Juice, Biscuits & a Bag of Popcorn.

**WEAR YOUR PYJAMA'S,  
BRING A CUDDLY TOY,  
A BLANKET & ENJOY THE MOVIE.**

# HALF TERM FUN FOOTBALL DAY



**THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

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Thursday 30th January 8pm Online

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