



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 15th July

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ A thank you from the Governors
- ☺ Shear Soccer – sessions for Reception children
- ☺ Diversity meeting – Thursday 10th Sept
- ☺ Choir performance this Friday in school at 3:15pm
- ☺ Parent/carer questionnaire reminder
- ☺ Spaces for music lessons
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events

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



A Thank You to Our Staff

This has been one of the hardest years our school has faced. We lost Mr Tye far too suddenly, and supported Mrs Priest through her cancer treatment. Both were felt in every classroom, every staff meeting, and every quiet moment. Through it all, you have kept going, and proven how lucky we are to have you.

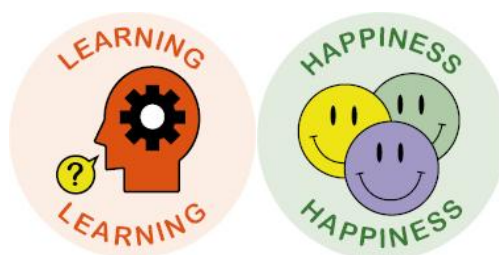
Miss Fernyhough deserves a specific mention, for the seamless leadership she provided when covering for Mrs Priest as Head. The loss of Mr Tye was different: it touched every one of you, whether as a colleague or as a friend. You all stepped up, filled in, and took on more responsibility, so that the children's wellbeing and education never missed a beat. You supported and cared for each other when it mattered most, showing how strong a team you are.

And yet, this has been another outstanding year of achievement throughout the school, with exciting opportunities for the children to flourish, thanks to top-quality teaching, an engaging curriculum, brilliant trips and memorable events. To call out a few things specifically, you have welcomed a new nursery class into the school, reshaped how the after-school club runs, made improvements to the playground equipment, and begun transforming the non-classroom spaces to strengthen the alternative provision the school is able to offer, with more to come in September. None of that happens by accident, especially against real terms funding cuts, a nationally broken SEND system, and increased pressures on teaching, support and admin staff. It happens because you choose, again and again, to go beyond what is asked of you.

I also want to thank the PTA, led by Jenni and her unwavering energy, for fundraising that pays for extras the school budget alone could never stretch to; the parents, carers and staff who give their time supporting class activities and school events; and my fellow governors, who work alongside school leadership for the ongoing benefit of the children.

So to every single one of you, thank you. This year asked a great deal of you, and you gave it. We see it, we appreciate it, and we could not be more grateful and proud.

Ian, Chair of Governors



Message from Shear Soccer - sessions for Reception children

We are holding an Introductory Football session on Tuesday July 21st for Reception children. This will be a taster for September when we will hold weekly sessions for Year 1 and Year 2. The time will be 15.15 to 16.30. We will supervise children from their classrooms immediately after school and collection will be from top gates at 16.30. The cost will be £5.

Please bring Trainers, PE kit/football kit, a drink and a warm top. Shinpads are not essential but you can wear them if you have them.

To Book your place, please click button/link below for Reception.

<https://www.shearsoccer.co.uk/after-school-club>

DIVERSITY MEETING

A date for your diary. The next DIVERSITY MEETING will be held in school on Thursday 10th September at 10 am. All are welcome.



Choir Performance

THIS FRIDAY

17th July

3:15pm in the Hall

Our Grove School Community Whatsapp

It appears that Our Grove School Whatsapp Community was deactivated. We are not sure how and by who? If you have any information regarding this, we would be very grateful. Please contact admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. Until it is reactivated, we are not able to post any information or reminders. Apologies for the inconvenience - we will keep you posted.

Guitar Lessons and Piano lessons

The school's guitar teacher Steve Dow will have vacancies for new guitar students from September 2026. For further information about lessons please contact Steve - stevedow@ymail.com

The school's piano teacher Neil Reed will have vacancies for new piano students from September 2026. For further information about lessons please contact Neil on teaching@reedmusic.uk



Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the questionnaire so far, and as a reminder you can [access it by following this link](#) before the end of term to share your views.

Register your interest to help us.

We were hoping to set up a list of people with skills we could call on if we need some help – tradespeople, therapists, handy people, - pretty much anything. Please let us know if you would volunteer with your services or do us a mates rates deal. Please send your details to Jo Counter at jcounter@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA NEWS

Please put these dates in your diary and watch this space for further information!

PTA dates for your diary

Friday 17th July – Lolly sale

Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Lolly Sale

This Friday after school on the field – just what's needed in this heat!

£1 a lolly - Card or cash

(Bake sales will resume in September)

Sports Afternoons

The PTA will be selling drinks and cakes at KS1 Sports Afternoon on Monday and KS2 Sports Afternoon on Tuesday. These events start at 1:30pm on the back field. Parent can arrive from 1pm.

Pre Loved Uniform

If you have any pre loved uniform that your children have grown out of, we would love it for our pre loved rails- especially yellow polo shirts, summer dresses, PE white T-shirts, fleeces etc. Please drop to the desk or give to staff on the field. Thank you.



The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events - e.g. discos, fundraisers, bake sales etc.

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

Wednesday 15th July – Year 5/6 show – evening show now at 5:30pm

Monday 20th July – KS1 Sports Day – 1:30pm, parents welcome to join on the back field from 1pm

Tuesday 21st July – KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm, parents welcome to join on the back field from 1pm

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.

FROZEN FRIDAY!

**We take
Cash or Card**

**11th and 18th
July**

£1 a Lolly!





Frazoo

Dear current Year 3 Parents (Year 4 in September)

I am offering Frazoo After School Club to Year 4 in September. Frazoo is an exciting, educational, animal experience with a variety of reptiles and invertebrates. I am a fully qualified primary school teacher with 35 years teaching experience. I am fully vaccinated, I hold an enhanced DBS check and have public liability insurance.

The club will begin on Tuesday 15th September and run for 5 weeks at a cost of £45. Depending on numbers, one more set of 5 weeks could be offered but after that they will have met all my animals. The group size is limited to 9 children to reduce stress on the animals and ensure a high-quality experience. If I get more than 9 children applying, I will do a new club with the extra children in November or January.

The sessions will include handling the animals, a species information sheet, an in-depth talk and discussion covering a range of topics eg Conservation, Latin names, Habitats, Food Chains, Zoo Ethics and Care of Exotics. However, they will be discouraged from buying/owning exotics. The children will also receive a participation certificate at the end of the course. The children will wash their hands before and after handling the animals and use anti-bacterial hand-foam sanitizer.

The club will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm in school. I will collect the children from class before the session and they must be collected on time afterwards.

An email explaining how to book and pay will go out at the beginning of term.

I am looking forward to sharing this exciting opportunity with the children!

Kind regards,

Mrs Frazie Hulbert. Please check out my website to find out all about Frazoo www.frazoo.co.uk



Kaleidoscope holiday activity camps are returning to The Grove this summer!

Themes & Dates

Camps run Monday to Thursday each week:

- **27–30 July:** 🐘 The Animal Lunch 🐿
- **3–6 August:** 🎭 Character Carnival 🧑
- **10–13 August:** 💧 Splish Splash! ☀
- **17–20 August:** 🕒 Time Travellers 🚶
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Special Offers

- **10% early bird discount:** Use code HJCUN66S (expires 10th July)
- **Sibling savings:** Contact us for a custom code
- **Hot lunch option** - prepared by Marco
- **Limited spaces:** Book early to avoid disappointment
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You can book your child's spot online today via the [Kaleidoscope Booking Portal](#) or ring/whatsapp us on 07733376528

Supporting Your School

Did you know that every single booking helps the school community? We operate a profit-sharing model with The Grove and a portion of your fee goes directly back to them.

See You at the Fair!

We'll be hosting a stall at the school fair so please drop by for fun activities and great prizes!

Young People's Theatre Playground Arts Holiday Clubs



2026 Stories & Puppets

6-10 yrs

17-19th Aug

10am - 3:30pm £105

Facilitated by Mandi Allin &
Sarah Veevers

4th Summer School

10-16 yrs

10-14th Aug

10am - 4pm £185

Facilitated by Mich Sanderson
& Sarah Veevers



To book or request info contact Sarah 07387553237
playgroundartstheatre@gmail.com

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SATURDAY 18TH JULY
ASHPRINGTON TRACTOR FEST

Great prizes to be won! Tractor Fest entry required

ASHPRINGTON TRACTOR FEST

Saturday 18th July

Gates Open 11:00 - 16:00

Exhibitors to arrive between 8:00 - 10:00

Tractors Old & New...
Classic Cars & Other Vehicles!

Tractor Parade, Live Music,
Food, Bar & Childrens Play Area



To reserve your exhibition pitch contact
Kevin Thompson, Robert Rogers or email
ashpringtontractorfest@gmail.com



Find us on Facebook

All profits to charity

Entrance Fees:
- Adult £5
- Child £2 (5's and under free)
- Exhibitors Pitch £10

Ash Meadow
Ashprington, TQ9 7UR
3 miles from Totnes



SPANISH CLUB at The Grove School

Bookings are now open



Learn Spanish through songs, games, role play and fun activities

THURSDAY 3:15pm-4:15pm

For years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Cost: £33.00 per child, per month

Free access to 250+ online games

Autumn term starts 17th September



Very limited spaces!

patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk To book a space please visit
www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/

Totnes Summer Book Hunt

This Summer, hundreds of book packs will be placed in and around Totnes for children to find as they explore the town!

Find & keep it!
Read & enjoy it!

We would love you to see a picture of you and your new book.
Scan the QR Codes for our socials so you can share these with us!



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Books by the River

New for this year...

Children's Book Swap and Puzzlemania!
Saturday 1st August 10am-2pm
The Scout Hut, Steamer Quay

...more info to come

A huge thank you to our sponsors for making these events possible along with Books by the River





Books by the River presents...



Children's Bookswap & Puzzlemania!



**Saturday 1st August
10am - 2pm**

**FREE
EVENT**

The Scout Hut, Steamer Quay

Children's Bookswap

Share the love of reading and help us to give your old children's book a new home! Bring one or two books that you would like to swap for another.

Puzzlemania

Join us for hours of Jigsaw Fun! There will be jigsaws of all sizes laid out for all to enjoy completing throughout the day.

**Colouring & Magic
Painting Tables**

Refreshments

**Why not bring
a packed lunch
to enjoy out by
the Pirate Ship**

