



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Marco's challenge

Running for Their Future - A Half Marathon Fundraiser to Provide Warm Meals for Children in Need

In the spirit of togetherness and empathy I invite you to join me in this endeavour. Together we can have an impact on the lives of these children ensuring they receive the warmth and nourishment for their growth and well-being. Your support goes beyond contributing to a fundraiser; it's an investment in the potential of each child and a gesture that reverberates beyond providing a single meal. Amidst the hectic pace of our lives, it's often overlooked that certain children confront a daily challenge surpassing the usual trials of growing up. In our very communities, numerous youngsters find themselves unable to meet a fundamental requirement – a warm meal. The realization of this harsh reality has kindled a sense of dedication within me. As I undertake the Exeter half marathon on the 10th of February, my purpose extends beyond personal achievement; I am committed to running to generate funds and awareness for these children, affording them an opportunity for a brighter, more nourished future.

Marco Pilloni – The Grove Chef Please donate: <https://gofund.me/b0eb27f2>

Year 6 Fundraising Bake Sales - Thursday 25th Jan

Flame Tree will be running a cake sale after school on Thursday 25th Jan to raise funds for the Year 6 Leaver's Party. Please pop by after school for a tasty treat!

After School Club

Just to make you all aware, after school club will be closed for staff training on the following Mondays this term:
15th & 22nd January / 5th & 26th February / 11th March

Many thanks for your understanding,
Sarah Allford

Year 6 End of Year Fundraiser – Clothes Swap, Friday 23rd February, 7-9.30 p.m.

Tickets cost £5, includes a small glass of prosecco/wine/soft drink. Please put £5 in a named envelope for your ticket and drop off at Reception. Ticket/s will soon be on their way to you. Bring 3 good quality items of clothes that you no longer wear. Drop these off at The Grove School reception during week beginning the 19th February. On the evening of 23rd February come to The Grove for the evening, you can then choose 3 items of clothing to take away!

We are doing our bit for the environment, having a social and fundraising. Please support this event by buying a ticket and coming along.

Finish This!

Juniper, Willow and Mountain Ash classes all received some intriguing post over the Christmas holidays. A mysterious letter was sent to each class from English National Opera, before we opened the letter we were given a web address and the instruction: WATCH THIS. So we watched a man entering the Coliseum in Covent Garden and be given a lanyard saying "COMPOSER" and he started to compose, his music was brought to life by ENO orchestral players and singers and amazing artwork. He composed the piece "Blue, Red, Yellow" but the piece was left unfinished. Over the course of this term we have been selected to complete this composition. We will create a libretto, graphic score, melodies and rhythms and then a final performance. After sending this back to ENO our work will be displayed on their website and possibly used as a soundtrack to a short cartoon. Wish us luck!

If you'd like to find out more then take a look at the link below:

<https://www.eno.org/discover-opera/learning/finish-this/>



[Finish This... | English National Opera](https://www.eno.org/discover-opera/learning/finish-this/)

With Finish This... ENO invites young people to take on the role of the composer, embracing their imagination and creativity to compose and record their own musical response in dialogue with the original works.

www.eno.org

Congratulations to these children for special commendations

Linked to our values, these children were awarded these stickers in the fortnightly whole school praise assembly (except Reception until the Summer term)

| Our school Value | Children's commendations |
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| Love | Orla in Dove for helping others and being so caring and loving Matilda in Mountain Ash for always being caring and kind Bea in Flame for being such a kind friend |
| Learning | Charlie in Dove for a super learning attitude Oscar in Lilac for sticking at his challenging maths Oskar B in Willow for amazing times tables learning Alfie in Juniper for his enthusiastic use of technology in his literacy Celia in Ginkgo for such a great improvement in her maths Brandon in Trumpet for a fantastic diary entry and his presentation Amelia in Trumpet for her fantastic participation and accent in Spanish |
| Communication | Arlo in Lilac for sharing how he was feeling and choosing next steps to feel better Aaron in Lime for talking to grown-ups about his feelings, his wants and his needs |
| Happiness | Bluebelle in Lime for always being cheerful and enthusiastic Rosie in Willow for cheering everyone up with her loveliness TT in Flame for his ongoing enthusiasm for everything |
| Individuality | Ella in Juniper for following her passions and interests and forging her own path Jonty in Mountain Ash in recognition of his great engineering brain Bram in Ginkgo for inspired lateral thinking especially when it comes to squares! |

And our class award went to Lime Tree Class for fantastic listening and being ready to learn.

We are very proud of you all.

Parent volunteers

Would you like to volunteer in school to help out and increase your experiences with working and looking after children? We welcome regular volunteers in school. We are also looking for regular volunteers for school trips so we have a bank of parents we could call on if we are short staffed. Also we would really value a list of parents possibly willing to drive children on short trips to save coach prices. If you are interested in either of these then please let us know at head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

We are happy to help to sort out your DBS forms (police checks) and character references with you as volunteers.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – information sessions for parents

Thank you to the 64 parents and families who completed the questionnaire we sent out just before Christmas. The feedback has been really helpful, thank you for letting us know that many working parents cannot make our information sessions. We aim to record the events (fingers crossed for the technology working or us working the technology!) and put the powerpoints onto the school website by the end of each week.

If you have not signed up to any of the events, please just drop us an email so we can add you to the numbers, stating which event/s you would like to come along to.

sendco@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Monday 29th January, 2-3 pm, Communication and Interaction, including Autism, an introduction.

Monday 19th February, 2-3pm, Cognition and Learning, including Dyslexia, an introduction

Monday 11th March, 2-3pm, Sensory and Physical, including ADHD, an introduction

Monday 25th March, 2-3pm, Social, Emotional, Mental Health

National Heights and Weights programme Reception and Year 6

The National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP) will be taking place on Friday 26th January for all children in Reception and Year 6. An email was sent out on the 13th October to all parents along with a link if you wanted your child to opt out of this programme.

Dates for your diary this term

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

Willow Tree class swimming – Monday 8th January for 5 weeks – On ParentPay

Reception and Year 6 National Heights and Weights programme – Friday 26th January

Last day of term – Friday 9th February

First day back – Monday 19th February

Mountain Ash class swimming – Monday 19th February for 6 weeks

Parent Consults – Week commencing Monday 4th March

World Book Day – Friday 7th March

Year 5 One night residential – Wednesday 27th March

Last day of term for Easter holidays - Thursday 28th March

First day of term – Monday 15th April

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 detail.

Swim School

NEW

SEND 1-2-1 swimming lessons

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY
BOOK A SPACE TODAY!**

Learn to swim in a safe, friendly & fun environment

We are excited to launch specialist individual swimming lessons for children with specialist educational needs and disabilities. Working in partnership with Devon County Council.

We will develop their swimming ability and water confidence through fun and sensory activities. The block of 6 lessons will be for 30 minutes each week and meet the needs of each individual child with teachers who have had specialist training. There will be the opportunity for parents/guardians to discuss best practice on how to support their child when swimming recreationally.

Dartmouth Leisure Centre

Wessex Way, Dartmouth
Devon TQ6 0JL

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Meadowlands Leisure Centre

The Wharf, Tavistock
Devon PL19 8SP

01822 617774

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meadowlandsleisurecentre.com

Quayside Leisure Centre

Ropewalk, Kingsbridge
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01548 857100

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Ivybridge Leisure Centre

Leonards Road, Ivybridge
Devon PL21 0SL

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Parklands Leisure Centre

Simmons Park, Okehampton
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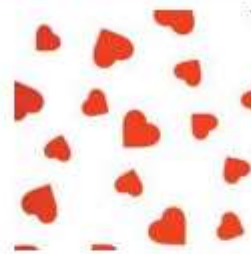
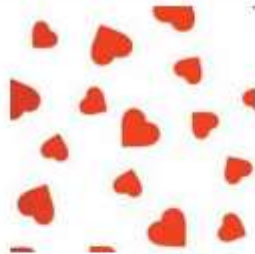
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THE GREAT TOTNES STITCH UP

VALENTINE ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

IN AID OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Saturday 10th February 2024

Methodist Church, Fore Street,
Totnes - 10am to 3pm



Poppy Café serving drinks,
breakfast, light snacks - and cake!

Lots of new Stalls and Crafters
Knit and Knatter

Prize Draw - lots of prizes to be won
Please come and support us!

We are on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Thegreattotnesstitchup) <https://www.facebook.com/Thegreattotnesstitchup>
contact louspencer9@outlook.com or 07725744529 for more details

Royal British Legion Charity Reg. Number 219279