



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope to see you on Monday from 3:30 until 5pm in our Open School Session. This closes at 5pm. Feel free to come at any time between then. It is a good chance for you to meet the new teacher and see the new classroom as well as connect with the current teacher and see the learning that your child has been doing. Please remember that you are responsible for your children and no child should be unattended or unaccompanied around school.

Parent Pay is active now

Thank you to everyone who has started using the new ParentPay system. Please could people activate their accounts and order children's lunches by tomorrow evening. Any problems please contact Rebecca on admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Just so you are aware the school is charged per transaction for the parentpay service. If at all possible we would appreciate it if you would pay as much as you can afford in one go.

No strike action 5th and 7th July

We don't anticipate teachers striking this time at The Grove so all classes are likely to be open and running as usual and attendance is expected. Should Kevicc close on 5th due to strike we would expect the Y6's who are meant to be there for transition to attend The Grove as usual. New Reception children transition sessions will still happen as will the Summer Fair on Friday 7th. If any of this changes, we will inform you without delay. Teachers will release a statement next week around their reasoning, but in short they want all the unions to be on the same path from now on and the other unions are still in their ballot phase.

Mrs Wilkinson

As I mentioned in a newsletter before, these are the last few weeks of having Mrs Wilkinson as part of our Grove team before she takes up her first headship as Headteacher of Wembury School in September. We are aware that she has taught many children and touched many families lives over the 22 years and so if you would like to contribute to a gift fund for her please send it to Rebecca on the front desk.

Sports Afternoon

We would like to invite you to our sports afternoons. The sports afternoons will be taking place on Tuesday 11th July for KS2 and Wednesday 12th July for Reception and KS1 (weather permitting). The children will be in cross-year group teams and will participate in a number of athletic activities, which have been planned by year 5 and 6. Siblings will be in the same teams. Teams accumulate points which add up towards a team taking 1st place. There are not individual competitive races for our sports days.

Your child will be bringing home a letter with details about the team they are in. They can wear their kit to school on the day. Two tickets per family will also be attached. If you do not need your tickets, please return

them to school. The sports afternoon will start at 1:30. Please arrive at 1:15 at the back gate entrance (Heathway) with your tickets.

Year 6 End of Year Show

What an exciting time of year. We have just started rehearsing for our Year 6 Leavers' show – Olivia. By the looks of things, it really is going to be fabulous. Thank you for all the hard work that's already been going on. Year 6s are involved in all the acting and solos. Year 5s are support singers. We feel that this prepares them for next year and allows them to be included as part of the team.

You should already have received a letter about the tickets. Please get your requests for tickets back to us as soon as possible.

We are going to do two performances, both at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC.

Wednesday 19th July: 1:30 pm (the school will be coming to watch this performance but there will probably be extra tickets for you too).

Wednesday 19th July: 5:30 pm

We are looking forward to a great event. The Year 5 and 6 Team.

Lime Tree class – Treat Day Friday 23rd June

Lime Tree Class have been continuing to work really hard to earn links to add to our class chain. Last week they had managed to complete the chain for the fourth time and have earned themselves another treat!

The class have decided they would like to have a 'Mufti day' and bring a teddy day. This will take place this Friday 23rd June and they will need to wear clothes of their choice to school (including pyjamas, if they want) and bring a small/medium sized teddy.

Willow Tree Fundraising has now been cancelled on Tuesday 27th June.

Year 5's Elizabethan Dancing

Elizabethan Dancing will be taking place in the Civic Square next Tuesday 27th June at 11am – weather permitting!!

SAVE THE DATE! The Summer PTA fete is on Friday 7th July after school

This is a great opportunity to have lots of fun and raise funds for the school. There is food and drink available, lots of games and stalls and most importantly an opportunity to spend time with friends, parents and staff.

We really need your generous donations:

Teddy bears and cuddly toys

Small toys and 'party bag' type toys for our lucky dip and prizes

Tombola prizes (unopened gifts, toiletries, bottles, games etc)

Good quality bric-a-brac and books We also need your help in preparing for the event and at the event itself.

Please email me if you can help (pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk).

PTA Summer Raffle

Raffle tickets have already been sent home. They are £1 per ticket. We've already got some fabulous prizes donated. The Bull Inn have donated a 3 course meal for 2, vouchers from Eastgate Bookshop, The Curator, Waterside Bistro and China Blue. Tickets from Plymouth Argyle. Skateboards and bottles of fizz. We'll keep you updated in the newsletter and on our Facebook page (The Grove School PTA). If you can donate a prize that would be brilliant- please email me and let me know- Thank you! (Emily pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch)

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

Lime Tree Treat day – Friday 23rd June

Cyclo-cross. Year 3 – 6. **Forches Cross TQ12 6QB (different venue from previously)** – Tuesday 27th June after school.

Open evening for parents – Monday 26th June at 3:30-5:00

Sharpham Seed day – Beech Tree class and half of Mountain Ash – Monday 26th June

Sharpham Seed day – Willow Tree class and half of Mountain Ash – Tuesday 27th June

Year 5 and 6 Puberty and Relationships talk – Wednesday 28th June

And Willow Tree Apricot Farm trip – Monday 3rd July

New Reception children Induction morning and all children's new class experience days - Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July

Beech Tree class Apricot Farm trip – Monday 10th July

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports afternoon - Tuesday 11th July Times

Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports afternoon - Wednesday 12th July Times

Year 6 Performance KEVICC – Wednesday 19th July 1.30 and 5.30 performances

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.

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8th July
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