



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mufti Day this Friday – donations please for new baking equipment for the Chef's cooking lessons with the children!

The year 5/6 news team: London, Darcey, Leela and Hazel

We are up to lots of fun activities such as; Year 5 one night residential, school trips, and experiments. As the arrival of the new cooks Marco and Roisin we need new equipment to improve our school food. Our food is very important to keep up our high energy for learning well.

Thank you for reading.

Y1/2 Wheelie Day - Monday 20th February

As part of our DT project we are going to have a 'Wheelie day' to explore how wheels and axles work. Your child is allowed to bring in their bike, scooter, skateboard, roller skates, toy car or any other objects that have wheels. They will also need to bring a helmet. The children can park their 'Wheelie' vehicles in their class outdoor area, bikes can be parked in the bike park. The children will also be making a wheeled object, please can they bring in boxes (shoe box or smaller) to use for this.

Books That Help Project Update

Last term we started fundraising for our 'Books That Help Project' and Chandra raised an amazing £820! We want to say a huge Thank You to Chandra for subjecting herself to the cold of the November sea and promoting the project. We also want to thank all of the parents who have donated books and money to the project so far, it is very much appreciated. Since then, Mrs Drew has met with Clare Welsh to discuss the next step of the project and has just submitted an order to East Gate Bookshop for lots of lovely books! We hope to launch the project in March when Clare will be visiting the school for the day. It's not too late to donate a book and we hope to continue adding to the collection over time. Follow the link below to make a donation or get in contact with Mrs Drew if you have any recommendations of further books that you think would be a good addition to the collection.

<https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/groveschool> You can purchase a book directly through the link by selecting the book you'd like to donate, ensuring you write FAO Vikki Drew and 'The Grove School' as the delivery address.

There is an additional charge for postage.

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<https://www.booksthathelp.co.uk/>

World Book Day

World Book Day is scheduled to take place on Thursday the 2nd of March. Unfortunately, this is also a planned teacher strike day, so we have made the decision to celebrate World Book Day on Friday the 3rd of March so

that all children can be involved. Children will be able to come to school dressed as a favourite book character or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. Book vouchers will be distributed on the 3rd of March and can be used to purchase a £1 book from the World Book Day books which have been published especially for the day, or they can be used as £1 towards a full priced book.

Author Visit

On Monday 13th March author, Clare Welsh, will be spending the day at the Grove sharing some of her books and the process she goes through as a writer when creating a book. The children will take part in a writing workshop and have the opportunity to explore Clare's travelling office van! We will also be running a competition throughout the week for Clare to judge. More details to follow after half term. If you'd like to find out more about Clare and her books, follow the link to her website: <https://clarehelenwelsh.com/>

Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception Year and Year 6

Parents of children in Reception and Year 6 were sent a letter on Tuesday about this programme. If you would like to opt out then there is a link in the letter for parents to use. As soon as we have a date we will let you know.

Governor update

I am very pleased to welcome Becky Nel to the board, to fill our recently advertised parent governor vacancy. Becky has written a short bio which is [on the website alongside the others](#), although I'm sure many of you may know her already. We are looking forward to working with you!

It has been a very busy and exciting start to the year in school, as previous newsletters have showcased. I hope you all have a lovely and well earned half term break.

Ian, Chair of Governors

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

Years 5/6 Non Swimmers every Monday until Easter

Half Term Monday 13th February. Last day of school is Friday 10th February and first day back is Monday 20th February.

Year 1 and 2 – Wheelie Day – Monday 20th February

Years 5 Bikeability – Week commencing Monday 20th and Monday 27th February – paperwork already sent out

Treecreepers and Robins – Torbay Gymnastics (Change of venue) – Free - Tuesday 14th March

Years 3 and 4, Dynamic Adventures – Free – Tuesday 28th March Mountain Ash, Wednesday 29th March Willow Tree and Thursday 30th March Beech Tree class

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.

ART + CRAFTS CLUB

at Grove Primary School

Mondays 3:15pm-4:30pm
Starting 20th February running for 6 weeks

Year Groups 1 + 2 (age 5 - 7 yrs)

Exploring a wide range of media, materials and techniques, including:

- Drawing skills
- Watercolour paints
- Creating collaging techniques
- Sgraffito methods
- Light and shadow
- Chalks and charcoal
- Build 3D constructions
- Use of acrylic paints and surface decoration
- Increase observational skills

The children will be able to bring home all of their outcomes and hopefully pass on the crafting bug!

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Future opportunities will come for other year groups in the forthcoming half terms.

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**Wednesday Bike Club;
Starting February 22nd
3.45-4.30**

A friendly weekly bike club at Dartington pump track for younger riders. Coaching with Martin Burrows.

Riders will need to be able to ride a bike confidently and bring their bike, helmet and ideally wear gloves, long sleeves and clothing that covers knees. Some kit is available to hire for those that need it.

First come first served, £5 donation but free places to those that need them. Any questions email bex@earthjump.org

