



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th June

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Sports Afternoon at KEVICC
- ☺ Juniper Tree classroom request
- ☺ Does anyone have an old work bench please?
- ☺ Attendance news
- ☺ Drama Llama performance at the Totnes Fringe Festival
- ☺ Urgent appeal for Summer Fair items

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



Juniper Tree Classroom request

The new classroom is all set up with HUGE thanks to so many people for all their help and time, we couldn't have done it without you all.

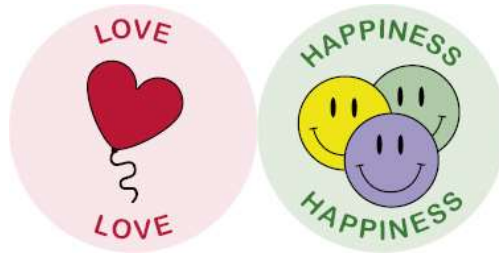
We are still on the hunt for a few remaining pieces of furniture. If you are looking for new homes for any of the following please let Mrs John know (email: sjohn@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

- Kallax units - ideally 1 x large (4x5 or similar) and 1 x small (2x4 for example)
- Lamps
- Plants

Many thanks!

Looking for a work bench

Does anyone have an old work bench we could have for school please?



Sports Afternoon at KEVICC

A huge congratulations to all the children of KS2 who competed in and/or supported some great track and field events at KEVICC last Friday.

Children rose to the challenge of competing and taking part in some tricky events in the heat. From running to jumping to throwing, children gave it their all and were (as we expect from our wonderful children), super kind and supportive of each other.

Thank you to all who came to join in the fun and thank you also for so many lovely emails from you as parents – too many to reply to! And thank you to the PTA who supplied the medals for the children.



Attendance

At our latest governing board meeting yesterday we reflected on the school's attendance figures. These have been consistently above 95% for the last five years which is excellent. The latest data for this term is 95.6%. Nationally, school attendance is still below pre-pandemic levels, and many schools are struggling with whole school attendance levels of 80-85%.

Our attendance record reflects a strong partnership between families and the school, and showcases the engaging and inspiring learning environment created by our staff that children enjoy being in. This is something that we should be incredibly proud of.

There will always be challenges to face when it comes to achieving the best possible attendance, and I would like to recognise the commitment and support that is shown by families and staff throughout the year to manage this sensitively and proactively.

Thank you all for everything you do.

Ian
Chair of Governors

Can you help us find a new Governor?

We're looking for someone to join our governing body as a co-opted (non-parent) governor – and we'd love your help in finding them!

Perhaps a friend, colleague, or family member who has the enthusiasm and commitment to help our school maintain its excellent reputation in the community? It could be an ex-parent – so if your last child is just leaving Y6 but you want to stay involved with the school this would be ideal. Someone who shares our vision for the school and can bring fresh perspectives and diverse experiences – whether that's from business, community work, other educational settings, or simply as someone who cares deeply about children's wellbeing and education.

If you know someone who might be interested, or if you'd like to find out more about what the role involves, please get in touch via chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. Thank you, Ian.



Drama Llama Performance at The Totnes Fringe Festival

As many of you will know, the after school drama club; Drama Llama Club, run by Mrs John, will be performing at the inaugural Totnes Fringe Festival. This is incredibly exciting and the company, including parents, are busy rehearsing, making costumes and bringing the show to life. They will be performing on Saturday 12th July at 12pm at Totnes Castle.

It would be wonderful to have you come and watch it, it is a 'pay what you feel' show, so donate what you want, cash or card at the gate. There are many other shows on that may tickle your fancy too, you can grab a programme of events from the main reception desk at school or check it out here:

[WHAT'S ON AT THE TOTNES FRINGE](#)

We hope to see you there! Thanks!

PTA NEWS

Upcoming Events Summary

27th June: Acorn bake sale

4th July: Summer Fair/Mufti

11th July: Ice lolly/cake sale

14th July PTA AGM - 7pm school hall



Cake Sale

This FRIDAY is ACORN TREE CLASS' Bake Sale after school.

(Friday 11th will be an ice lolly sale.)

Raffle

Raffle books have gone out to children (if siblings - the eldest child)

More are available from Reception.

Sponsored Run

WOW! A massive thank you to the fabulous amount of money you raised for the sponsored run.
£3605.80

Thank you, thank you – you are all amazing!



URGENT PLEA Summer Fair – Next Friday 4th July ***Next Friday is also Mufti day for the Summer Fair***

We would be grateful for any donations of unwanted gifts.

Sorry no second hand toys or books.

Tombola – Bottles, gifts, new toys/books, shampoo, body lotion, crayons, chocolates etc.

Teddies – Pre loved teddies or cuddly toys.

Please could we ask for these donations from the following year groups to help get a good spread of contributions:

Acorns & Yr1/2 – Cakes please

Yr3/4 & Yr 5/6 – Bottles, cans, body sprays, shampoo, shower gels etc

Please drop off at reception or give to a member of staff on the field. Thank you



24" wheel Frog Push Bike Raffle

Raffle tickets for the bike are £1 each. These are available from the front desk where you can also view the bike. Cash/card – get your tickets they are selling fast! Ideal to win for the summer holidays! The draw will take place at the Summer fair on Friday 4th July.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM is Monday 14th July in the school hall @ 7.00pm. All welcome.

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

Sharpham Seed day Mountain Ash – Thursday 26th June FREE but consent needed

PTA Summer Fair – Friday 4th July

Childrens reports emailed to parents – week commencing Monday 7th July

PTA AGM – Monday 14th July 7pm School Hall

KS1 Sports afternoon – Tuesday 15th July

Year 6 Final Performance – Wednesday 16th July

KS2 Sports afternoon – Thursday 17th July

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.

EXTRAVAGANZA June 29th, from 12 raising money for the swimming pool rebuild

[Extravaganza — Meadowbrook + the DRA](#)

For more information



SUMMER FAIR

Friday 4th July
5-8pm

THE GROVE SCHOOL, TOTNES.

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

Tombola



Bar

Raffle

Festival painting

Fire Engine



Teddies

BBQ



All Welcome



The Grove School PTA AGM

Grove School Hall

14TH JULY 2025 AT 7PM

JOIN US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE