



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 16th Sept

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class, Romilly, Learning, amazing progress in her reading and writing. Azi - Love, for being so kind and helpful to others including Mrs Drew and Kim.

Willow Tree Class, Rebecca -Love of learning, always has a brilliant ready-to-learn attitude and strives to do her best. Samuel, Happiness, starts every morning with a big smile, spreads positivity throughout the day.

Lilac Tree Class, Lily - Happiness, being a kind friend, inviting others to play when she spots them on their own. Rory, Love, coming into school with his friends with a smile.

Tea Tree Class, Marlo, Happiness - you are such a pure delight, we are so happy to have you in Tea Tree clas. Natasha, Communication - you are a little superstar Natasha, just fab!

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Kit & Islay G, Learning, absolutely amazing independent handwriting and spelling.

Holly Tree Class, Mustakim - Learning, brilliant independent maths work when partitioning numbers. Atticus GJ, Happiness, simply always happy, always has a huge smile on his face.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Alf, Communication, for being such an open and honest communicator, we love you for who you are. Sebby, Communication, we love the contributions you make to our class discussions, you're full of great insights.

Whitebeam Tree Class, Katie, Individuality, it has been so lovely to see and hear all of your amazing ideas, you are such a brilliant member of Whitebeam. Freddie, Happiness, such a mature and focused start to Yr 5!

Flame Tree Class, Eve, Happiness, thank you for giving one 100% to everything - with a smile. Denis, Communication, what a great week, you explained so well when you weren't sure and wow what a mathematician!

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Reminder to please label children's uniform
- ☺ Update from the Governors
- ☺ Micro, Mini & Junior Duke
- ☺ After School Club – dates unavailable
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events

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



An Update from the Governors

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope everyone had a restful summer and that the return to routines has been a smooth one.

It has been lovely to see some of our nursery children taking the big step up into Reception, and we're delighted to welcome a new intake of children and families to both Nursery and Reception. We hope you're already feeling at home.

A fresh approach to SEND provision

Across the country, schools are supporting a growing number of children with special educational needs, while funding and specialist places have not kept pace. At The Grove, rather than waiting for the picture to change, the team has taken a creative and ambitious step forward.

This term sees the opening of three new spaces within the school, each designed to give children the right support in the right environment. Every child accessing this provision will have their own pathway, focused on helping them spend as much time as possible learning alongside their classmates. The support offered in the new spaces will adapt as children's needs change across the year, so it grows and flexes with them. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our SEND team will be in touch directly with families where this applies to their child. Our calm and reading spaces are still very much at the heart of the school and remain open to all children.

None of this happened by magic. Over the summer holidays, staff gave up a great deal of their own time to plan, clear, decorate and prepare these spaces, and the results are genuinely impressive. On behalf of the governing board, a heartfelt thank you. It's a pioneering approach to inclusion, one we're proud to see at The Grove, and we hope it will allow us to model what good looks like and share our learning with other schools.

New faces on the board

We're also delighted to welcome four new governors: Rob, Tay, Joe and Stuart. They bring a fresh

mix of experience and energy, and we'll be meeting together for the first time in the coming weeks to agree our priorities for the year ahead. We'll share more about those in a future newsletter.

Here's to a great year!

Ian Stewart

Chair of Governors



Faith Talk for R.E

If you practice a faith and would be happy to share this with our children, we are looking for parents and carers that could join us in our R.E lessons to talk to the children about what it means to have a faith today.

Please contact Mrs Jarvis: kjarvis@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Many thanks

Micro, Mini and Junior Duke

To encourage independence and self-motivation, this year, The Grove School is, once again, running the Award Scheme called the Junior Duke (KS2), Mini Duke (KS1) and Micro Duke (Reception). This is aimed to be like a precursor to The Duke of Edinburgh challenge that your child may wish to take on in Secondary School.

There are four levels: in KS2; (Year 3) Bronze, (Year 4) Silver, (Year 5) Gold and (Year 6) Platinum. There are two levels in KS1; (Year 1) Silver and (Year 2) Gold. Each of these levels has 14 challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish 10 of these successfully. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Languages, Art, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair.

On completion of a level, a certificate and a badge will be awarded in assembly.

There is an £11.00 charge each year to cover the cost of the booklet, certificate, badges and postage.

Please login to ParentPay to consent and pay. The deadline is Wednesday 23rd September. It would be amazing to have as many Grove children take part as possible; the benefits to your child will be huge.

After School Club unavailable on these dates

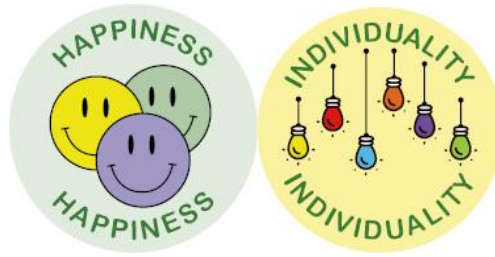
Due to staff training, After School Club is not available on Monday 28th September. Apologies for this inconvenience. Any bookings already made have been credited onto your child's ParentPay account.

Future training dates which will affect After School Club are as follows:

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Monday 7th June 2027



Benevolent Fund

Please support our families in need if you are able. On ParentPay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips and pay for some school meals. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences or a hot healthy meal at lunchtime so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.

The Grove School Whatsapp Community

If you would like me to add you to the community, please send me an email with your number.

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

Register your interest to help us.

We have 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

Welcome back everyone! We have a super exciting year ahead, jammed packed with events - old and new!

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

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



Cake Sale

This Friday 18th Sept is Lilac Tree's turn to bake.
Cakes will be on sale on the field after school. 50p each.

Next bake sale:

Friday 25th September: Dove Cake Sale

Friday 2nd October: Willow Cake Sale
Friday 16th October: Mountain Ash Cake Sale
Friday 23rd October: Tea Tree Cake Sale
Friday 6th November: Holly Tree Cake Sale
Friday 13th November: Whitebeam Cake Sale
Friday 20th November: Ginkgo Cake Sale
Friday 27th November: Acorns and KSI Cake Sale

Other Events This Term

Friday 9th October: Autumn Disco
Friday 16th October: Mufti Day - please bring sweets for the Christmas Fair sweet cones
Friday 13th November: Quiz Night
Friday 27th November: Christmas Fair & Mufti
NEW DATE - Saturday 28th November: Wreath Making for beginners

Disco – Friday 9th October

Letters will be sent out next week

ANY CHILDRENS OR ADULTS CHRISTMAS JUMPERS THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE FRONT DESK ANY TIME THIS TERM.

Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available for sale in the front entrance.



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>

Year 6 Residential – 19th – 23rd October

Kents Cavern Trip – Holly Tree & Tea Tree – Wednesday 21st October

Kents Cavern Trip – Mountain Ash – Thursday 22nd October

Half term - 26th – 30th October

Yr 5/6 Non swimmers swimming starts - Monday 2nd November

Mountain Ash Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Monday 2nd November

Holly Tree Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Wednesday 4th November

Tea Tree Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Thursday 5th November

Immunisation team: Flu Spray – Friday 6th November

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.



KALEIDOSCOPE
Clubs and Courses for Kids

NEW KIDS TABLE TENNIS CLUB!

**Saturday Mornings 10am-12pm
@ The Grove School, Totnes**

The Benefits?

-  **Great Exercise:** Fast-paced fun that keeps kids active and off screens.
-  **Make New Friends:** A brilliant, social environment for local kids.
-  **Super Affordable:** Only £2.50 a session!



What to Expect:

-  **Fun Drills & Exercises:** Active, high-energy warm-ups that get everyone moving.
-  **Exciting Games:** Mini-tournaments, around-the-table challenges, and wacky games.
-  **Coaching:** Friendly coaching available to help them learn the basics or level up their skills.

Join us for a FREE TRIAL! Simply drop in or book online at www.kalscope.co.uk



TOTNES BIKE HUB

**TOTNES BIKE HUB
5 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY SALE!**

**20% OFF ALL BIKES IN
SEPTEMBER!**

**THE MANSION, 36 FORE STREET. WALK
PAST THE CANTEEN AND LIBRARY AND
WE'RE ON THE RIGHT**

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

UNDER 8 - UNDER 14



JOIN
DART
HOCKEY CLUB!



GET FIT
& HAVE FUN



MAKE
FRIENDS



BUILD SKILLS
& CONFIDENCE



BE PART OF
A TEAM



ALL
ABILITIES
WELCOME!



PLAY TOGETHER.
IMPROVE TOGETHER.
WIN TOGETHER!

JOIN US!



CONTACT: ANNIE



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TEAMWORK. RESPECT. PASSION. THAT'S DART.



Current Yr 5 Boys

Players Wanted



Totnes & Dartington FC
Under 10s Yellows

Join us for our second season of league football! We're looking for committed players who want to improve, compete, and be part of a welcoming squad that works hard and enjoys every minute on and off the pitch.

Contact Coach Damo for more info:
mrdamonfoster@gmail.com



KEVICC Open Evening

Thursday 17th September 2026 6 - 8.30pm



Shakespeare Festival 2023



Battle of the Bands 2022



Year 7 Freshers Fair



Ten Tors Training 2024

We have seen **record applications** to our College in 2026. Come and see why so many students, parents and carers are making us their first choice school.



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KEVICC Open Mornings

Friday 25th September
& Friday 2nd October 2026
9.00am to 11.00am



Sprung



KS3 Club Night



Year 11 Prom



Sports Day

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- Our Open Mornings this Autumn will include:
- Student musical performances
 - A presentation from our Principal Alan Salt
 - Tours of our College faculty areas led by our current students
 - Opportunities to meet our teaching and support staff



We look forward to seeing you. To book your place at our Open Mornings scan the QR code opposite. Book your place now. Find us on Instagram & YouTube.

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OPEN EVENING

8 OCTOBER 2026

WELCOME SPEECH AT 6.00PM
SUBJECT VISITS AND SITE TOUR
UNTIL CLOSE AT 8.00PM

RESERVE YOUR PLACE VIA THE QR CODE
OR AT WWW.TGGSACADEMY.ORG/OPENEVENING

