



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 1st October

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class, Seth – Learning – for trying really hard with all of his rainbow challenges. Phoenix, Individuality, for being very brave in gymnastics when using the apparatus.

Lilac Tree Class, JJ, Learning, writing independently with amazing sentences. Thelma – Love, looking out for everyone and including different people in games.

Lime Tree Class, Florence, Learning – an awesome mathematician using problem solving. Alice, Love – being the loveliest friend and including others.

Willow Tree Class, Claire, Love – you are amazing Claire, we love having you in Willow. Aria, Happiness, for being a superstar in all subjects.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Ioan, Happiness, for always being a super member of our class. Flo – Communication, for trying hard at everything, amazing perseverance and manners.

Juniper Tree Class, Lennox, Learning – for giving your all to your learning. Silas – Happiness, always coming in with a smile, throwing yourself into everything you do with such positivity.

Flame Tree Class, Arlo, Happiness, Thank you for your hard work and being so kind and caring. Cerys, Love, you are such a sensible Year 6, so calm and focussed with your learning.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Maddie, Learning, for being a Maths League legend. Bea P – Communication, excellent contributions and ideas in our class discussions.

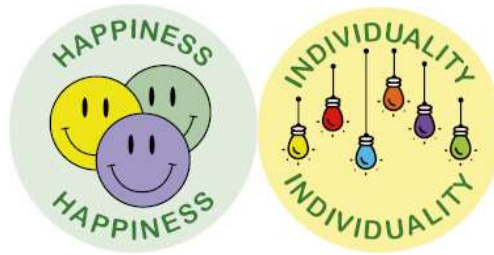
Trumpet Tree Class, Elsie – Happiness, always working hard with a smile on your face! Bray – Happiness, always being cheerful and friendly, you light up the classroom!

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Reminder to check for head lice
- ☺ Yr1/2 request for milk crates and construction play items.
- ☺ Grove WhatsApp community
- ☺ Holiday Club link for October half term
- ☺ PTA thank you and news below

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



Autumn has arrived at the Grove!





Head Lice

A reminder to please check your child(ren) for head lice.

Head lice can make your head feel itchy.

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Check everyone you live with, or have close contact with, and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You do not need to wash your laundry on a hot wash.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. When you've finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Y1/2 request for Milk Crates and Play Construction items

If anyone has any unwanted milk crates or knows where we might be able to get some for free/cheap then please get in touch with Mrs Drew: vikkid@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
Ideally we are looking for the ones that are 3 holes by 5 holes.

We are also looking to improve our construction provision and would be so grateful for items such as Hi-vis jackets, hard hats, tool kits.

Many thanks

Y 1/2

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

Many thanks.

Holiday Club

Please see link below for information and bookings for a holiday club available at Grove this half term.

[October Half-term Holiday Club at The Grove School in Totnes – Kaleidoscope](#)

PTA NEWS

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

Join the Facebook page too: The Grove School PTA



Cake Sale

This Friday 26th September is JUNIPER TREE CLASS! We look forward to their delicious treats!

After school on the field. Cakes are 50p each (card/cash)

(Next week will be Ginkgo Tree Class' turn to bake.)

FRIDAY BAKE SALES:

10th October: Ginkgo Class

16th October: Lilac Class (Thursday)

24th October: Willow Class

7th November: Mountain Ash Class

14th November: Lime Class

21st November: Trumpet Class

28th November: Christmas Fair

NEW EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL:

QUIZ NIGHT - CANCELLED

We are really sorry we are going to have to cancel the Quiz Night on Friday – not enough teams!

AUTUMN DISCO

Letters with permission slips will be going out this Friday with all the details on it

You only need to return the permission slips if you are paying by cash.

If you can help, especially with Acorns and Yr 1/2 please see Jenni or email

jennir@the-grove_primary@devon.sch.uk Thanks.



Bottle bags

It's a want please, if you have any unwanted gift bottle bags – we would love them for the Christmas Fair please.

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

AUTUMN DISCO Friday 17th October.

MUFTI DAY (bring sweets contributions for the Christmas Fair): 24th October

MOVIE NIGHT Friday 14th November

MUFTI and CHRISTMAS FAIR: Friday 28th November

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING for beginners: Tuesday 2nd December

ANY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS/CLOTHES

(ADULTS/CHILDRENS/TODDLERS) 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 a donation 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 this term <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Apricot Farm Trip Mountain Ash – Friday 3rd October (sign up on Parentpay)

Apricot Farm Trip Juniper Tree – Friday 10th October (sign up on ParentPay)

Apricot Farm Trip Willow Tree – Friday 17th October (sign up on ParentPay)

Year 6 Junior Life Skills – Thursday 16th October

Year 6 Residential - Monday 20th October until Friday 24th October

October half term – Monday 27th October

First day back – Monday 3rd November

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 9th December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December at 2.15pm

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.



Pay What You Feel Cafe

Saturday 4th October

Teas, filter coffee & cakes from 11am

Hot lunch buffet 12 until 2

United Free Church, Totnes TQ9 5RP

Live music, free entry, no need to book |

Our food is local, surplus, organic. All profits support local families in crisis with fresh food.





Dear parents and carers of children in Totnes and Dartington,

We are a group of parents who for all sorts of reasons are choosing to send our children to KEVICC. Many of us already have children at the school and so have first-hand experience of its benefits, others have children who are currently in years five and six and below and are considering our children's educational futures.

KEVICC is a **good, supportive** and **aspirational** secondary school. We are excited by what KEVICC has to offer across both the traditionally **"academic"** subjects as well as in areas such as PE, art, music and drama. We have seen numerous pupils from the school go on to **top universities** in the UK as well as into a wide range of **thriving career** paths.

KEVICC prides itself on the core value of **kindness** and this is reflected by the exceptionally nurturing relationships that staff engender and consequently in the **positive behaviour** of its pupils: it currently has some of the lowest exclusion rates in the county.

Together our children can build upon **connections and friendships** at school which support both their **wellbeing** and their **educational attainment**. Because it is located in our local community we also have **links with other parents** and feel that our children are **safe** in their local community. Through school activities children are part of building our community – so take pride in our local area. We love that our children can **walk to school, develop independence** and have plenty of time in the day to engage in fun **extra-curricular activities**.

We know that the hype of the equally excellent local grammar schools can get in the way of people fully trusting the value of what is on their doorsteps. There can feel to be a huge social pressure around finding "the best" route.

We would welcome hearing from parents who would like to know more about what KEVICC has to offer or who would like to feel part of a community of parents who are considering the benefits of staying local. Our aim is to build a positive and supportive community around our amazing community school. **Please get in touch** by emailing us at **together4ourcommunity@gmail.com**