



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Excellence in School Food Awards

Category: Schools

It was very exciting to get this email below! We are finalists!

It gives the APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group for School Food) great pleasure to announce that, following a rigorous selection process, The Grove School has been selected as a finalist in the Excellence in School Food Awards. These Awards have been extremely competitive, with organisations and individuals taking part from across the UK. Only the best submissions have been shortlisted in each category, and we would like to take this opportunity to commend The Grove School for reaching the finals of this year's awards.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – information sessions for parents

Thank you to the 64 parents and families who completed the questionnaire we sent out just before Christmas. The feedback has been really helpful, thank you for letting us know that many working parents cannot make our information sessions. We aim to record the events (fingers crossed for the technology working or us working the technology!) and put the powerpoints onto the school website by the end of each week.

If you have not signed up to any of the events, please just drop us an email so we can add you to the numbers, stating which event/s you would like to come along to.

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Monday 15th January, 2-3pm, an Introduction to SEND Practice at The Grove

Monday 29th January, 2-3 pm, Communication and Interaction, including Autism, an introduction.

Monday 19th February, 2-3pm, Cognition and Learning, including Dyslexia, an introduction

Monday 11th March, 2-3pm, Sensory and Physical, including ADHD, an introduction

Monday 25th March, 2-3pm, Social, Emotional, Mental Health

National Heights and Weights programme Reception and Year 6

The National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP) will be taking place on Friday 26th January for all children in Reception and Year 6. An email was sent out on the 13th October to all parents along with a link if you wanted your child to opt out of this programme.

Year 1 & 2 Trip to Plymouth Aquarium

A gentle reminder to please pay by this Friday 12th Jan if you haven't already done so. The trip is next week - Tuesday 16th January (Lilac Tree class and Year 2 Dove children)

Wednesday the 17th January (Lime Tree class and Year 1 Dove children)

Many thanks.

After School Club

Just to make you are all aware, after school club will be closed for staff training on the following Mondays this term:

15th & 22nd January / 5th & 26th February / 11th March

Many thanks for your understanding,

Sarah Allford

Year 6 End of Year Fundraiser – Clothes Swap, Friday 23rd February, 7-9.30 p.m.

Tickets cost £5, includes a small glass of prosecco/wine/soft drink. Please put £5 in a named envelope for your ticket and drop off at Reception. Ticket/s will soon be on their way to you. Bring 3 good quality items of clothes that you no longer wear. Drop these off at The Grove School reception during week beginning the 19th February. On the evening of 23rd February come to The Grove for the evening, you can then choose 3 items of clothing to take away!

We are doing our bit for the environment, having a social and fundraising. Please support this event by buying a ticket and coming along.

Parent volunteers

Would you like to volunteer in school to help out and increase your experiences with working and looking after children? We welcome regular volunteers in school. We are also looking for regular volunteers for school trips so we have a bank of parents we could call on if we are short staffed. Also we would really value a list of parents possibly willing to drive children on short trips to save coach prices. If you are interested in either of these then please let us know at head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

We are happy to help to sort out your DBS forms (police checks) and character references with you as volunteers.

Year 6 fundraising bake sales

What better way to start a new year than with cakes! The Year 6 children have begun fundraising (at the Christmas fair and a few other things) to self-fund their leaver's party, yearbooks and hoodies etc in July.

Next up are some resolution busting bake/cake sales after school this half term, the first being run by Ginkgo class next Thursday 11th January. So, a date for your diaries ... fellow Ginkgo parents I'll use the party WhatsApp group to make sure we have some bakes! Thank you for your support, Ian (Archie's dad).

Dates for your diary this term

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

New Year dates

Willow Tree class swimming – Monday 8th January for 5 weeks – On ParentPay

Lilac Tree Class and Year 2 Dove Tree children trip to Plymouth Aquarium – Tuesday 16th January

Lime Tree Class and Year 1 Dove Tree children trip to Plymouth Aquarium – Wednesday 17th January

Reception and Year 6 National Heights and Weights programme – Friday 26th January

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 detail.

Charity Number:1112436



CALLING ALL JUNIOR BAKERS



Totnes Caring half-term Junior Bake Off Competition. £3 to enter, submit your Spring themed home made cakes at 10am on 16th to present to our panel of judges, including Food In Community's Chantelle and Totnes Times Reporter Aaron Griffin! Three fabulous prizes up for grabs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize! Winners will appear in Totnes Times. Come and join in the fun! Proceeds to Totnes Caring charity.



LET'S BAKE UP SOME HALF TERM FUN!

Pick up an entry form from Totnes Hospital reception today or download one from the website ! £3 to enter.

Half Term POP-UP Cafe

St. John's Church, Totnes

16TH FEBRUARY, 10AM TO 2PM

www.totnescaring.org.uk

ARE YOU BOSSING MOTHERHOOD? WHY NOT JOIN A VILLAGE AND WE NAIL IT TOGETHER.

FOR MUMS' IN THE
FIRST CHAPTER AND
EVERY CHAPTER

ARRIVE WORKSHOPS

COME WITH
OR WITHOUT YOUR LITTLE
ONE
THERE WILL BE:
A CHANGING STATION
A QUIET ZONE
(BUT LOUD IS ALSO OK)
A SPACE TO PARK
BUGGIES

WHEN:
STARTING WEDS
17TH JAN
WEEKLY IN TERM
TIME

WHERE:
UNITED FREE
CHURCH,
56 FORE
STREET, TQ9
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TIME:
9.15 AM - 10.30
AM
TEA AND
REFRESHMENTS
FROM 10.30 AM -
11.00 AM



ARRIVE WORKSHOPS FACILITATOR
HELLO, MY NAME IS HELEN. PERSONALLY SPEAKING, MOTHERHOOD CAN
OFTEN FEEL OVERWHELMING, LEAVING LITTLE ROOM FOR SELF-
REFLECTION. HOWEVER, ART CAN HAVE A SIGNIFICANT, POSITIVE IMPACT
ON OUR MENTAL HEALTH. DRAWING ON A DECADE OF EXPERIENCE AS A
COMMUNITY DANCE PRACTITIONER, I AM DELIGHTED TO OFFER THESE
WORKSHOPS TO FELLOW MUMS.
I HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED TO DEVON, UK, WHERE I HAVE FOND MEMORIES
OF MY TIME HERE AT DARTINGTON COLLEGE.
COME JOIN ME ON THIS EXCITING JOURNEY AS WE ALLOW ART TO GUIDE US!
WITH LOVE,
HELEN

PAY AS
YOU FEEL

BOOK HERE

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