



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 9th July

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Farewell to an amazing governor.
- ☺ The Children's Kitchen Information.
- ☺ Drama Llama at Totnes Fringe Festival – 12th July.
- ☺ Request for donations.
- ☺ Summer Fair – a massive thank you from the PTA!

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



Farewell to an amazing governor

The end of this school year also marks the end of Mike Waterson's time as a governor with us. Mike has been an amazing support and champion for the school over the last nine years, and to other schools before that having also been a governor at KEVICC for five years, and another nine at a school in Essex!!

Mike is a role model for what good governance looks like, and is an inspiration to all of us on the board. During his time as Chair his leadership saw the school continue to move forward and navigate the challenges that seem to be continually thrown at schools with a calm professionalism. The love for Mike doesn't end with his fellow governors, though as teachers and support staff, past and present, will all have seen Mike's passion for education through his visits to classrooms, during meetings, at inset days and also at school fundraising events where he is a fantastic volunteer.

Mike's time with the school is not completely over, however, as he has recently begun perhaps his most important role at the school ... as a grandparent!! Thank you Mike, for everything you have done for our school. You will be greatly missed but we look forward to seeing you on the field picking up your grandchildren for many years to come!!

Ian & Hilary, on behalf of all governors and staff



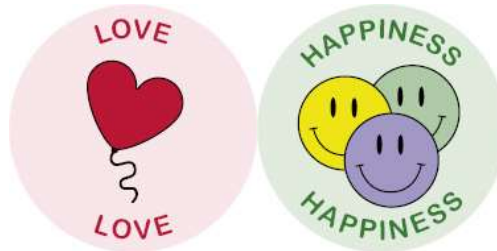
The Children's Kitchen

Food is very important to us at the Grove, and we were delighted to win the Excellence in School Food award in January 2024. We are proud to work with Chefs in Schools, and to employ a professional chef who not only produces delicious, freshly cooked food using local ingredients where possible, but has also worked with us to develop a cooking curriculum so that children learn to try different tastes, understand where food comes from, and develop cookery skills from an early age. We think food is essential for children's behaviour, health, and wellbeing.

If you would like your child to have school meals at the Grove, children in reception, yrs 1 and 2 are all eligible for free school meals, we just ask you to sit down with your child and order their meals in advance, using Parentpay. This is important for us in reducing food waste and in making the kitchen run economically.

For children in yrs 3 and up, there is a cost of £2.75 per meal, also ordered and paid for in advance on Parentpay. Please note that this is a slight increase in cost from last year- we have done our best to keep costs as low as possible whilst making sure that the meals are balanced, nutritious, and exciting!

If you have any feedback or thoughts about the kitchen, we'd love to hear from you.



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!

Request for donations

We are looking for a few items if anyone has these bits going spare please?

A tall bookcase

Large paint brushes

Mixed sized decorating rollers and trays

Throws

Cushions

Thank you!

PTA NEWS

Upcoming Events Summary

11th July: Ice lolly/cake sale

14th July PTA AGM - 7pm school hall



Summer Fair

A massive THANK YOU to everybody, PTA members, staff and parents, who helped set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards – you are all STARS!

We raised a whopping £3405.19 – this wouldn't be possible without all your support, attending the fair, donations etc – so thank you very much.

A big thank you to Totnes Fire Station and Dartmoor Rescue for giving up your time and attending the fair, the children loved it.

Also thank you to all the local businesses that supplied fantastic raffle prizes which raised a lot of money. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Ice Lolly / Cake Sale

This Friday 11th July will be an ice lolly and cake sale after school.

Cakes 50p

Ice Lollies £1

Sports Afternoon

The PTA will be selling drinks on both afternoons.

Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of uniform for sale in reception



PTA AGM - 14th July in the school hall @ 7.00pm. All welcome.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We warmly invite you to our upcoming Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting, where we will discuss key initiatives aimed at enhancing our children's educational experience. Your involvement is invaluable, and we look forward to collaborating with you to support our school community.

Meeting Details:

- **Date:** Monday, 14th July, 2025
- **Time:** 1900
- **Location:** School Hall
- **RSVP:** It is helpful to know in advance who is able to attend but not necessary (so if you get a last minute opportunity please do come)

Agenda:

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
Meet fellow parents, teachers, and PTA members.
2. **Chair's Report**
Updates on school activities and upcoming events.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
Overview of PTA finances and funding allocations.
4. **Election of Committee members**
Please let us know if you are interested in any specific roles within the committee
5. **Committee Updates and Fundraising Initiatives**
Reports on current projects. Discussion on upcoming fundraising events and volunteer opportunities.
6. **Open Forum**
An opportunity for parents to raise questions and share suggestions.
7. **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**
Summary of key decisions and planning for future meetings.

We encourage all parents to attend and participate actively. Your insights and contributions are crucial in making our school a better place for our children.

Warm regards,

Jenni Rowe

PTA Chairperson (pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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

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

PTA AGM – Monday 14th July 7pm School Hall

KS1 Sports afternoon – Tuesday 15th July - 1:30pm

Year 6 Final Performance – Wednesday 16th July - 1pm & 6pm

KS2 Sports afternoon – Thursday 17th July - 1:30pm

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.

Shear Soccer Next Term - 6 week course starting September

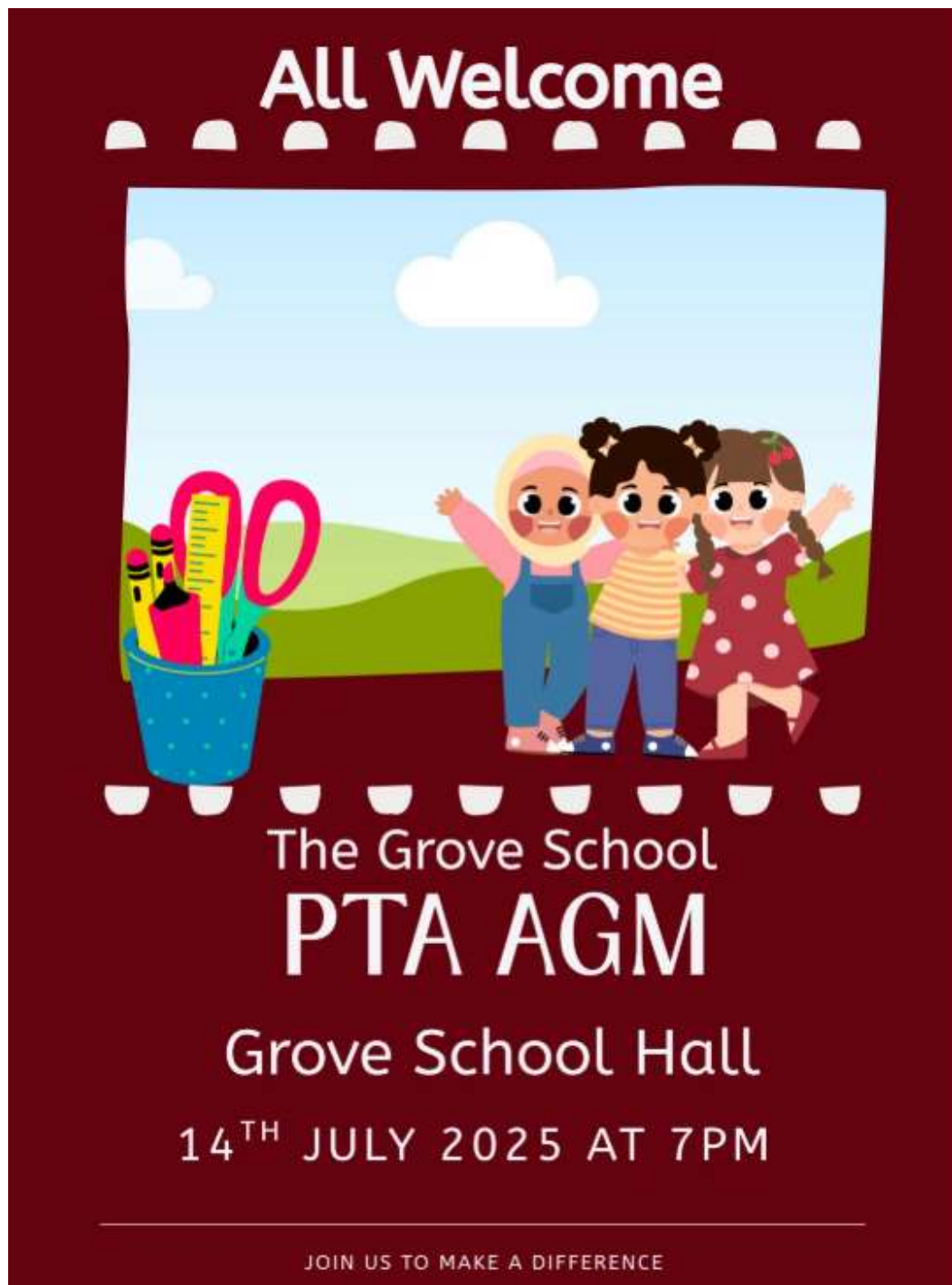
Year 1 & 2 Tuesdays

Sept 16th, 23rd, 30th, Oct 7th, 14th & 21st

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Wednesdays

Sept 17th, 24th, Oct 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

<https://www.shearsoccer.co.uk/after-school-club>



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**BEN'S
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SHOP**



Saturday 12th July 2025
12-9pm, Longmarsh, Totnes, Devon

(5mins walk from central Totnes)

Free Entry

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FUNK • REGGAE • HIP-HOP • DRUM & BASS • FOLK
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Full line-up & info: [f Sky Rise Festival](#) jelliott@talkaction.org 0203 4887010

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BUMP & BABY SPACE



Monday
10:00 - 11:30 am


Devon Family Hub,
Pathfields, Totnes, TQ9 5TZ

Suggested donation **£1.00**

 Your children will be your responsibility at all times.

A space to come and play

All ages welcome

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OPEN SPACE

Monday
2:00 - 3:30 pm

Devon Family Hub,
Pathfields, Totnes, TQ9 5TZ

Suggested donation **£1.00**





Playground
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Young People's Theatre 2025

Watch

Totnes Fringe Festival 13th July (FREE)

2pm 'Pillars of Society' by Playground Arts YPT, Buckfastleigh

5pm 'Well, well, well...' by Playground Arts YPT Totnes

Take part

Summer Schools

9-13 years 28th July 5 days

5-8 years 12th August 3 mornings

Regular sessions

Young People's Theatre

10-14 years Thursdays 4pm Totnes

9-14 years Saturday mornings

MIC Buckfastleigh



Immersive Story Workshops

3-7 years Saturday mornings

fortnightly The Mansion, Totnes



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