



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

Wow – we have been so blessed with the weather this Easter – I hope you all enjoyed some sunshine as well as the traditional chocolate! The children have returned eager and happy and there is a lovely atmosphere in school again.

Uniform reminder

We have been, understandably, relaxed about uniform last term but please could you ensure that your children are in correct uniform. Noting particular that if leggings are worn then a skirt should be on top, trousers are more than acceptable for girls but not leggings on their own. Also our school summer dress colours are red/white check or yellow/ white check and our school jumper is not red but burgundy. Shoes/trainers should be dark in colour unless they are sandals which can be any colour as it is hard to get summer shoes in dark colours. Please avoid jewellery except for watches and stud ear-rings. If you want to recheck the whole uniform please see our website: http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/school_uniform_guidance/273493

Class trips out of school

We are now allowed to leave school for activities such as Forest school and local class trips. We will avoid busy places, be very COVID aware and careful and will not be using any transport, but it is exciting to be able to enrich our curriculum beyond the school gates!

Reading books

We have decided the risk for sending reading books home seems to be minimal so we would like each child to have a school reading book again to link with their reading targets. We will also continue with the online reading scheme Rising Stars as additional reading resource. Reading books will be changed weekly where appropriate so the online resource will be helpful for those 'keenie beanie' readers!

YEAR 6 YEAR BOOK

Remember – the deadline for the information and photos for the Year 6 Year Book is Friday 30th April. Please make sure you send this information to your relevant contact for your child's class.

Tempest Photography

On Thursday next week Tempest photography will be coming in to take whole class photos.

World Book Day Tokens

Now that non-essential shops have re-opened, we have sent the children home with their book token which they can redeem at The East Gate Bookshop in town. They can use their voucher towards the cost of a full priced book or exchange it for one of the £1 World Book Day books. Please ignore the date on the tokens as the use by date has been extended.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Next Year May 2022

We thought we would bring this to your attention now. The Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2 June and there will be an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June which will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have made some adjustments to mean that the school will now be closed for two weeks rather than the one and a half that was planned. Dates are on the website but the last day of that half term will be Friday 27th May and first day back will be Monday 13th June 2022.

PTA

Hello all, I hope you all enjoying the sunshine and the opportunity to see friends and family. I would like to invite you to a PTA Zoom Meeting to give you an update of where we currently are with things and discuss future projects and fundraising. It's a great opportunity to be involved in the school and you don't have to commit to anything, sometimes just an idea or support makes a big difference. The meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th April at 19.30. If you would like to attend please email me and I will send you the login details. It would be lovely to see some new faces! Thank you, Emily Rowley (PTA Chair) pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Kind regards

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