



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Covid update**

We are very excited for Monday when all of your children can come back. We have really missed them. Just a few points to make a note of:

- Full clean school uniform (leggings with a skirt please as this has not adhered to much recently!)
- Only things coming between home and school are drinks bottles and lunch boxes
- All parents dropping off must wear a mask and keep 2m away from others
- Please don't stop and chat at the school gate – we get complaints from neighbours!
- Once you have dropped off or collected your children please leave the school site immediately.
- Only one adult dropping and collecting children please and hold your toddlers hand.
- PE kits required – although we might not always use them they are useful to have in school
- Classes will be strict bubbles again so please avoid mixing out of school also – no play dates still
- We are an allergy aware school – so if your child has an item in their lunch which another in their class might be allergic to please can they let their staff know. See list below.
- One-way system still in place – the children all know how to do this!
- There is no requirement for children to wear masks in primary school
- Staff are tested for COVID twice a week
- Should anyone in your household show any COVID symptoms please arrange a test, if you struggle to access test sites we do have some postal tests you can collect. Keep the whole family indoors until a negative result. Please let the school know of any symptoms immediately.
- Please make sure the contact details for you are accurate and we can get hold of someone immediately

### **Arrival and pick up times from 8<sup>th</sup> March for all children**

Only one parent, no parents on site beyond the school field  
EYFS, KSI and Y6 top gate  
Y3/4 main entrance

Please do not arrive early to drop off or collect your child.

Class	Arrival Time	Pick up time	Where
Acorns	9.00-9.05am	3pm	Field
Dove Year 1 and 2	8.55-9.05am	3.05-3.10pm	Field
Lime Year 1 and 2	8.55-9.05am	3.05-3.10pm	Field

Beech Year 1 and 2	8.55-9.05am	3.05-3.10pm	Field
Chestnut Year 3 and 4	8.50-9.00am	3.05pm	Main Entrance
Golden Cedar Year 3 and 4	8.50-9.00am	3.10pm	Main Entrance
Mountain Ash Year 3 and 4	8.50-9.00am	3.15pm	Main Entrance
Ginkgo Class Year 5 and 6 Flame Class Year 5 and 6 Trumpet Class Year 5 and 6	8.50-9.00am	All classes will be filtering out between 3.10-3.15pm	Field or walk home on their own.

**Guidance for COVID related illness – please see additional symptoms that will require testing:**

- If your child or any member of your family show symptoms of high temperature, new and/or continuous cough, **headache, sore throat, upset tummy (diarrhoea), heavy common cold symptoms** and/or loss of smell or taste then the person and their whole household, need to remain at home and arrange a test for the symptomatic person. The symptoms in yellow are not officially recognised currently but in our experience and from this BBC report they seem to be worth looking out for.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-55827489>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/help-56096264>
- The whole household has to remain at home, self-isolating, until a negative COVID 19 test result has come back. At this point the whole household can stop isolating.
- If the COVID 19 test is positive the whole class bubble will need to be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. The household of the first case has to self-isolate for 10 days also. The households of a wider bubble do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms and then they follow the procedures above.
- Once the isolation period of 10 days is completed the class bubble can return to school.

**Allergy aware school – allergies to be aware of in each class:**

- Acorn – pineapple, soya, dairy, gluten
- Dove – gluten
- Beech – Quorn, strawberries, dairy
- Lime – hazelnuts, gluten, dairy
- Mountain Ash – gluten, nuts
- Chestnut – rapeseed oil
- Golden Cedar – egg, gluten,
- Trumpet – pineapple, seafood, eggs, mustard, kiwi, nuts
- Flame – seafood, artificial colouring, nuts, dairy, eggs, soya, shellfish
- Ginkgo – tomato, gluten, artificial sugars, fizzy sugar based drinks

**Job vacancies**

We are looking for 2 new Teaching assistants to support children in KS2. Good behaviour management strategies are essential. Please let us know if you are interested and we can send details of the roles and of how to apply.

**World Book Day - tomorrow**

A reminder that it is World Book Day tomorrow and the children can dress up as a book character or in their pyjamas whether at home or in school.

We hope you have enjoyed our 'Masked Reader' videos. All will be revealed tomorrow!

Tomorrow we will be sharing a World Book Day quiz with you via Seesaw or Tapestry which will give you the chance to win an East Gate Bookshop gift voucher. Instructions about how to enter will be explained in the activity tomorrow. All entries need to be submitted by the end of the day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Winners and answers to the quiz will be announced early next week.

As mentioned previously, WBD vouchers will be given out when non-essential shops re-open. However, if you require your voucher before this, please get in touch with Mrs Drew at [vikkid@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:vikkid@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)  
Children can dress up as a character from a book or wear their pyjamas for the day if they would like to.

## **CALLING ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS!!**

We can't believe that our children are nearing the end of their Primary School Career. Ms Fernyhough is starting to organise the children's Leaver's Hoodies and Year Book. Please read the attached document for information and how to order.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

## **CALLING ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS!!**

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I thought I would start organising the children's Leaver's Hoodies and Year Book.

**Hoodie:** The price will vary slightly depending on how many I order and the size ordered.

Junior (age) sizes will range from about £7.95 - £10.95 and Senior (S, M, L) sizes will range from about £9.95 - £12.95. Apparently most people ordered a Senior Small size last year – baggy but enough growing space! The PTA are kindly donating £5 per hoodie to bring the cost down to these prices.

Please see below the photos of what the hoodie will look like to help you make your decision.



If you are interested in these for your child, please send me an email by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The cost of an individual order is considerably more than the prices stated above. If I haven't heard from you by this date, I will assume you are not interested in purchasing a hoodie for your child.

Please let me know the size you would like to order.

**Year Book:** Katharine Grimshaw has kindly agreed to produce a Year Book for our children like she did last year. The cost of these would be between £15 – 20 depending on how many are ordered.

If you are interested in these for your child, please send me an email by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. If I haven't heard from you by this date, I will assume you are not interested in purchasing a Year Book for your child. If you are, you will receive a questionnaire about your child and will be asked to complete the questionnaire and send a variety of photos of your child for Katharine to use.

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I will then send you further details including payment details. Once I have received all payments, I can place the orders.

**YOUR INITIAL EMAIL TO ME IS JUST TO LET ME KNOW THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A HOODIE AND/OR A YEAR BOOK. IF ORDERING A HOODIE, LET ME KNOW WHICH SIZE. PLEASE EMAIL BY 26TH MARCH.**

Many thanks,

Helen