



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 11th September

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class for Moby for Happiness at a super positive start to the Grove and Harper for Love for being super helpful.

Lilac Tree Class for Fraser for Happiness and settling in so brilliantly with a great smile and Sati for Individuality and being a helpful superstar.

Lime Tree Class, for Cara for Happiness in being so smiley and friendly and Charlie for Learning in amazing independent poetry writing.

Willow Tree Class, for Tiago for Love and being super kind and super keen and a lovely member of the class and for Frankie for Happiness, kindness and enthusiasm.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, for Rose for Happiness and being thoughtful and kind and for Toby for his Learning in reading and handwriting.

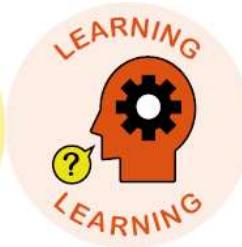
Juniper Tree Class, for Arlo for Happiness and always coming in with a smile and already to learn attitude and for Tallulah for Love and sharing her positivity and kindness (and tidiness!).

Flame Tree Class, for Noah for Individuality and a super start to Year 6 and for Lewis JL for Learning – wow – what a mathematician.

Ginkgo Tree Class, for Levi for Individuality and being superbly mature and Phoebe for Communication and real insight in discussion.

Trumpet Tree Class, For both Liam and Fred for Happiness in their new class.

Welcome Back to School!



THIS MONDAY 16th September

Pop in to see your child's teacher to see how they have settled into their new classes on Monday from 3:30-4:30pm. We are aware that we always choose a Monday – this is because it is our staff meeting night when we can ask teachers to stay later. If you really can't make it then do get directly in touch with the teacher for a quick chat.

New school start times and waiting areas for gates to open

We appreciate it is a tight entry time to get to school between 8:45 and 8:50, but we are so impressed with your determination to make this work for us – we really appreciate that it would be better for the opening of the gate to be longer but in reality schools are so poorly funded we literally can't afford to pay staff more for even 5 minutes extra a day.

To ensure everyone stays safe, if you are waiting at the gate then please use the staff car park as the overflow area rather than the pavement and ensure that children can safely cross the zebra crossing by not blocking the exits.

If you can, I would advise walking to the front of the school as this has more space and we are working on short school drop off and pick up road closures for The Grove – the more families that use it the better chance we have of getting this.

We have a school lottery for fundraising

Come and join us:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/referral/1049834246/750386967?utm_source=manual

The Grove School Cookery Book

We will be making our own Grove School cookbook this year with recipes from staff and hopefully from your homes too. If you could email me your favourite family dish as a recipe this would be amazing and we will credit it to you in the book. The more culturally diverse the recipes the better – but they do have to be something your children love to eat! We will also think about using them in our school meals menu. The children have also been supplied with a little worksheet to complete at home and return to school. This is a lovely fundraising project so it would be great for you to support it if you can.

Send recipes to head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Welcome back everyone! 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

BAKE SALES:

19th September: Flame Tree Class

26th September: Gingko Class

3rd October: Trumpet Class

10th October: Juniper Class

17th October: Mountain Ash Class

24th October: Willow Class

7th November: Lime Class

14th November: Lilac Class

21st November: Dove Class

28th November: Acorns

NEW EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL:

QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 27th September

Arrive at 7pm for a 7:30pm start

6 people per team (cheese board included in the price)

ENTRY PER PERSON: £5.

Bar available and raffle too!

PLEASE BOOK YOUR TEAM IN ADVANCE (by 21st September) BY EMAILING helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

BINGO NIGHT: 11th October: TBC

HALLOWEEN DISCO: 18th October

MUFTI DAY (bring sweets contributions for the Christmas Fair): 8th November

MOVIE NIGHT: 15th November

MUFTI (bring cakes for the Christmas Fair): 5th December

CHRISTMAS FAIR: FRIDAY 6th December: 5 - 8 pm

ANY CHRISTMAS JUMPERS THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE FRONT DESK ANY TIME THIS TERM.



The Grove School Whatsapp Community

As you already know, we have had some problems with our school Whatsapp Community and it being hacked. I have deleted the community and we will start again. The only way we can keep it private to our school community is by me inputting your numbers. I will be creating the new community this week. 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.

After School Club

After school club is closed on Monday 30th September

Micro, Mini and Junior Duke

To encourage independence and self-motivation, this year, The Grove School is, once again, running the Award Scheme called the Junior Duke (KS2), Mini Duke (KSI) and Micro Duke (Reception). This is aimed to be like a precursor to The Duke of Edinburgh challenge that your child may wish to take on in Secondary School.

There are four levels: in KS2; (Year 3) Bronze, (Year 4) Silver, (Year 5) Gold and (Year 6) Platinum. There are two levels in KSI; (Year 1) Silver and (Year 2) Gold. Each of these levels has 14 challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish 10 of these successfully. These

include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Languages, Art, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair.

On completion of a level, a certificate and a badge will be awarded in assembly.

There is an £11.00 charge each year to cover the cost of the booklet, certificate, badges and postage.

Please login to ParentPay to consent and pay. The deadline is Wednesday 25th September. It would be amazing to have as many Grove children take part as possible; the benefits to your child will be huge.

Cyclocross events at Forches cross - 24th September 3:30-5:30.

If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and has registered their interest in the above event they will hopefully have brought home a letter. Please return it as soon as possible if you can attend. If you did not receive a letter or are interested and perhaps changed your mind, please ask for one at reception or email Miss Vitali. All abilities welcome! Competitive event, Fun ride and Learn to ride events taking place through the School Sports Partnership.

Residential in October 2024

A gentle reminder to all year 6 parents whose children will be going on the residential in October. Would you kindly remember that the full payment for the residential is required by the end of September 2024.

Our school website

We have an opportunity to rethink our school website to make it more accessible for you as parents – any feedback would be useful and if anyone has some great ideas we'd be happy to talk them through – website design is not our forte!

Fundraising efforts.

Our online fundraising effort for the field and playground is currently at £270

Here is the link to share around to people who might support our neurodiversity ideas for the playground and the upgrade of our field for the sporty, running around ones!

<https://gofund.me/145c3de1>

You can also donate straight into the school fund on parentpay

Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available for a donation in the front entrance.

Medications in school

Please could we remind all parents with children that have or need medications on site i.e. inhalers, epipens, antihistamines that these are all checked that they are still in date. Please also inform us about any updates to the health care plans.

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

Mountain Ash Class swimming every Monday until half term

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Tuesday 1st October

Come and chat to your child's teacher – Monday 16th September

Year 6 Junior Life Skills, Packed Lunch needed – Thursday 10th October

Tempest Photos Individual and siblings – Friday 11th October

Year 6 Residential to Okehampton Adventure – Monday 21st October 4 nights

Half term – Monday 28th October

First day back – Monday 4th November

Year 5 and 6 Non Swimmers – Starts Monday 4th November

Parent – teacher consultations - week beginning 11th November
Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December
Christmas productions - week beginning 9th December

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.



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