



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 23rd October

Due to the disco on Friday our Praise assembly shout outs will be this Friday instead.



Lunch trial for Deli box offer for KS2

Year 5 and 6 children discussed with us what they might like to see on the new menu and decided they would like to trial a Deli-box option. This would be only available to Years 3,4,5 and 6 on Thursdays as a trial and will be a range of different deli items that the children have chosen e.g. a home-made roll with a selection of fillings, hummus, crudities, pasta salad etc. You can order this on Parentpay but it won't be under meals (as adding the 3rd option proved tricky as a trial) so please look out for it on your Parentpay dashboard, when it's available, if your child would like this. Price £2:50.

Please pre-book your meals for next half term

The meals options for next half term will be up by Friday at the latest.

Sexism – it's a real thing!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=if-6raWQp0Y>

Please take some time to watch this Newsround special about sexism and to discuss with your children. Children in school will be broaching this subject this week and after half term. KS2 children will be watching this video and EYFS and KSI will be having class discussions – our children are the generation that can make a real change to our world so let's work together to make it clear that sexism and gender stereotyping needs to be a thing of the past!

Parent consultations are in the week of 11th November

Look out for an email this week about booking an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Governor update

Hi everyone, we held our first board meeting of the year on 1st October, and it was great to see all Governors returning enthusiastically for the year ahead. The first meeting of the year is often not the

most exciting, with policies to renew, paperwork to sign and other statutory boxes to tick, but we also heard from staff about suggested exciting curriculum improvements and also planned in some visits to see the curriculum in action.

The role of Chair was also up for election, and I am pleased to have been voted in to continue in this role for a further two years. I really do love the role, and the challenges it brings so I want to say thank you to the other board members for your confidence. This will be my third term as Chair, so in the interests of keeping things fresh and so as not to exceed the recommended maximum time in the post, it will also be my last two year term as Chair. Rob and Jenny have also continued as Co-Vice Chairs which is fantastic. I am in no doubt that the next two years will bring the same challenges, successes and enjoyment as the previous ones (and no Ofsted!), so I am very much looking forward to them. You can [find out more about the Governors on the school website](#).

Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors.

Year 6 transferring to secondary school in September 2025 – Message from DCC

We are now over halfway through the application window for Secondary school admissions into Year 7 next September. We understand that parents and children are still visiting schools and weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming. Within the admissions portal there is the facility to identify whether your Year 6 pupils have made their application for Secondary School.

We would be grateful you could send a reminder email to Year 6 parents, and/or include information on your weekly newsletter, with a link to our application webpages www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

The easiest way for these families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2024.

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Please note that children with EHCP's have been invited to apply through the admissions team this year for their mainstream school preference only, they cannot apply for a Special or Independent School through the Admissions Team. These families will have been contacted separately by the 0-25 SEN Team regarding the application process for Special / Independent Schools. If any of your children live outside of Devon County Council's boundary, they have to make an application to their home Local Authority, so there is a chance they will have applied to a neighbouring Authority, such as Plymouth or Torbay. Please be mindful of this if your school is close to a neighbouring authority.

WEBSITE UPDATE

We are looking to revamp our website to make it more user friendly and appealing and to allow diversity and what makes our school special to shine through.

We are tied to a platform called eschools so there is not a huge amount of scope for a complete overhaul but if you have any expertise in this area and/or an eye for design, it would be great to hear from you. helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

The Grove Community Knowledge Bank

If you feel you have any expertise to offer our school (it could be anything from a talk about your area of work or special interest, a background of diversity which you are willing to share or any

practical expertise), please click on the link below and fill in your details. The idea is that your details will be collated and given to staff who can call on help as and when needed.

Many thanks in advance.

<https://forms.gle/PXXq6ravXSKsmtY2A>

Shear Soccer Football club for after half term

Please use the link to book

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

Please note it will only be running for 4 weeks in November only.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS



Tomorrows Bake Sale 50p a cake

It is WILLOW TREE CLASS'S turn to organise the bake sale after school. Please can children from Mountain Ash bring in delicious treats to sell. We do need help to man the stalls, maybe you could help when it's your child's class to bake? Any help would be amazing, please see Jenni or email jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Cakes will be sold on the field and at the front entrance after school.

First week back after half term it will be Lime Class on 7th November.

15th November: Lilac Class (Friday)

21st November: Dove Class

28th November: Acorns

Halloween Disco

WOW what a fabulous time the children and adults had. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped on Friday night. Special thanks to our DJ Richard Reynolds. These events take a lot of planning and staffing to ensure they run smoothly and we couldn't do them without your generosity. The disco raised a massive £662.

Christmas Cards

An email has been sent out explaining how to make and order Christmas Cards.

Movie Night – Friday 15th November

Details will be sent home after half term.

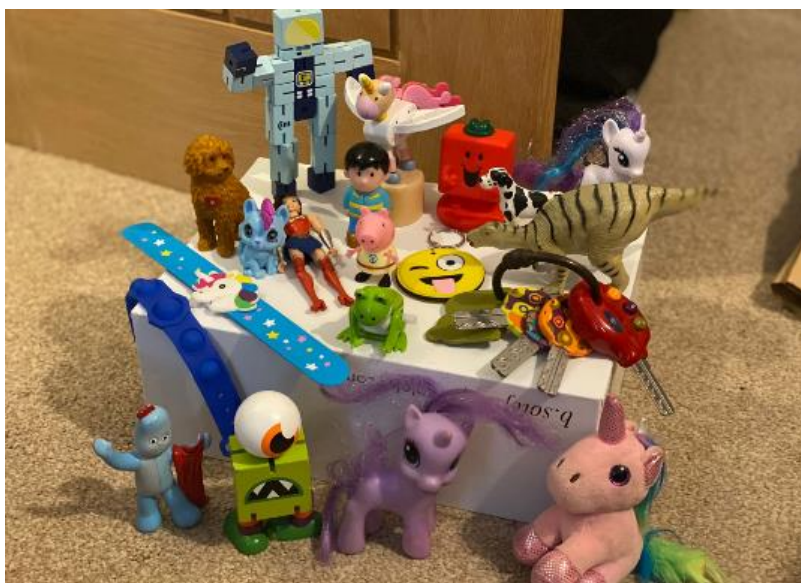
Christmas Jumpers

If you have any Christmas jumpers to donate, toddlers, childrens, adults for the Christmas fair, please could you drop them off at the front desk. Thank you.

Christmas Fair

If you are having a clear out over half term, we would be grateful for:

- ▶ Good quality children's toys, books, games etc (Sorry no bric-a-brac – only children's item please)
- ▶ Tombola – unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, stationery etc...
- ▶ Teddies – any pre-loved teddies needing a new home
- ▶ Lucky Dip – any small items that can be used for the lucky dip – see picture below to give you some ideas



Christmas Quiz – Friday 13th December

After the success of the last quiz, we will be doing a Christmas quiz on Friday 13th December in the school hall. Lots of festive fun, bar and raffle.

Book in your teams now (max 6 in a team) £5 per person. Email helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

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

MOVIE NIGHT: 15th November

MUFTI (bring cakes for the Christmas Fair): 6th December

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

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: 13th December 7pm for a 7:30pm start

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

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

Half term – Monday 28th October

First day back – Monday 4th November

Tempest Photos Individual photos only – Tuesday 5th 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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DEVON FAMILY HUBS

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HELP
SUPPORT
INFORMATION

0800 538 5458

Our new Devon Family HUBS
Advice & Guidance Line - open Monday to
Friday 10AM until 4PM

CALL US
We're here to help...

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Physical Theatre 15 week course
Ages 7-12yrs
Saturday mornings
10am - 12pm £14 per session
Dartington Estate Studio 6
Begins November 16th 2024
1/2 price taster 7th Nov - Term time only

Tasker
session
Nov 16th
£7

Playground
Young People's Dance Theatre
Physical Theatre 15 week Course

5%
Early
Bird
discount
1st Nov

Explore * Move * Create
Fun games * Make new friends
Drama * Physical Theatre
Perform in a Theatre Space
Mentored by 4 Highly experienced and
inspirational facilitators with enhanced DBS

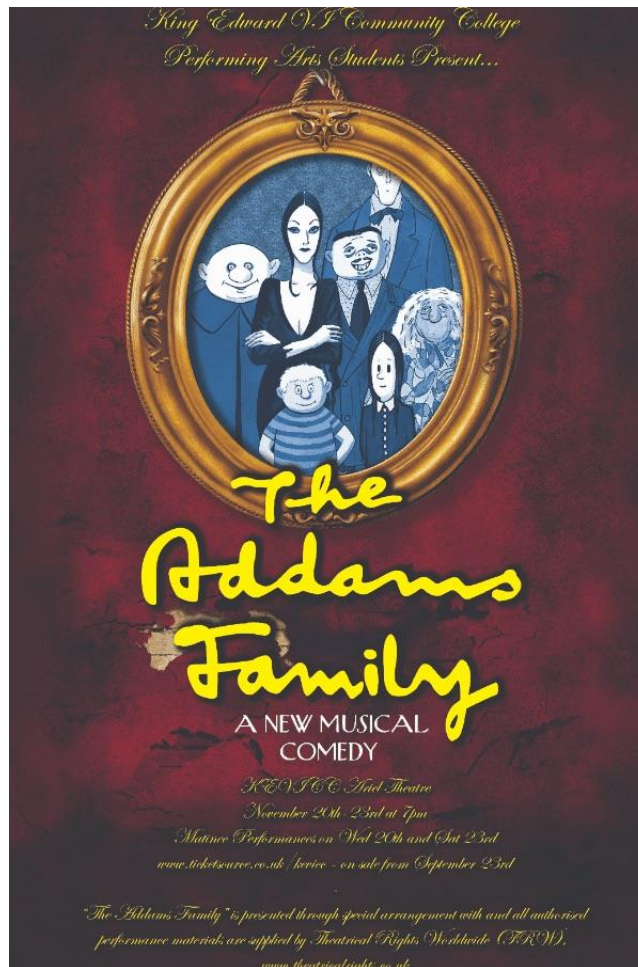
Lee Hart	Helen Gilbert	Sarah Veevers	Danielle McIlven

"Loved the organic, spontaneous, dynamic and
child-led ideas. Fantastic to see everyone
confident and having a genuinely fun time".

Limited places Booking Essential
To book or to request an information pack contact
playgrounddancetheatre@gmail.com

Ariel Centre at KEVICC

Link for tickets is <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/totnes/ariel-theatre-kevicc>



Rowcroft Hospice

👂 Pier Point are bringing the HoHoHo this Christmas! 🎁

Pier Point Bar & Restaurant have announced the return of their much-loved Winter Wonderland Grotto and the team have pledged that all profits will go towards supporting the hospice ❤️

At Pier Point's Winter Wonderland Grotto, children will be greeted by cheerful elves before meeting Santa, where they can choose a special gift from a wide selection. Plus, they can enjoy a Christmas activity sheet, a warming hot chocolate, and a delicious cookie — all for just £16 per child! 🍪🍪

Tickets are available to book now! 🎁

To purchase your tickets or to find out more about Pier Point's Winter Wonderland Grotto, please visit their website 🗄️ <https://pier-point.co.uk/santa-by-the-sea/>



Food exploration sessions for children
Thursdays, 21 Nov - 5 Dec 3:30-4:30 pm
South Hams Family Hub - **Free**

3-week group course for children and parents

- For children aged 5-11
- Encouraging children who are food avoiders or fussy eaters to be more curious
- Step-by-step approach
- Exploring fruit and veg with all the senses
- Colour-themed, we'll work along a food rainbow

Book your space via QR Code
Limited spaces available
- one child and parent per booking



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