



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

**Dove Tree Class, Mustakim, Learning - great progress in reading. Lottie, Learning - super writing!**

**Lilac Tree Class, Matilda, Happiness, being a kind friend to everyone this week . Marlow, Learning, amazing writing his own story using his phonics.**

**Lime Tree Class, Edie, Love, for always being a kind and caring member of the class. Polly, Learning, for super writing in your 'There's A Dog In Your Book.' Well done!**

**Willow Tree Class, Pancho, Love, for being a fun and kind member of the class. Oscar, Individuality, you're such a lovely member of Willow Class.**

**Mountain Ash Tree Class, Zoe, Learning, what a superstar! Always trying her best across all subjects. Max C, Individuality, we love your sense of humour your cheekiness and also when you make the right choices.**

**Juniper Tree Class, Seth, Learning, pushing himself to complete the challenging maths leagues. Hope, Communication, working so well on expressing how we feel.**

**Flame Tree Class, Zeb, Learning, for showing such focus and determination. Charlotte, Love, we love that you are loving maths!**

**Ginkgo Tree Class, Saul, Communication, for your excellent contributions to our class discussions. It's great to hear your ideas. Phoebe, Love, you are so kind to your classmates especially when working in pairs and helping them with their learning.**

**Trumpet Tree Class, Flo, Learning, for continuing to improve her math skills, we are so proud of her progress. Theo, Individuality, for independently writing his own story, showing creative flair and talent. A wonderful creative writer!**

## Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

### Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ World Book Day
- ☺ Behaviour as communication - tips and discussions about how to manage behaviours
- ☺ Playground help – this Sunday
- ☺ Year 6 Leavers Hoodies link <https://forms.gle/jYg7DAcynRt6XsWe8>

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

### Thank you.

Thank you for all the lovely well-wishing messages I have received – you really are a fantastic group of parents and I'm very touched by the power of our Grove family in these times of difficulty.



### World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 6th March** and we have lots of fun things planned for the day. The children will be able to come to school dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas and the PTA will be selling second hand costumes in the reception area from Monday 23rd February.

### Book Swap!

We aren't collecting mufti money for this year, but if you would like to donate a preloved, good quality book from your family, then we will be collecting these in from Monday the 23rd February. There will be a box at the front entrance to put your donations in. (Please can we request that you don't donate annuals, colouring books etc) On World Book Day, we are hoping that these books will be available throughout the day for the children to choose a book from should they wish to, but this will depend upon the number of books donated.

### Reading Café

During the afternoon of World Book Day (6th March) from 2pm until 4pm we will be running a reading café in the school hall, like we did last year, where parents/carers can come in and share books with their children. There will also be tea, coffee, squash and cakes for sale and parents/carers can come drop in at a time convenient for them.

### Competition

We'd like to invite the children to join in with our competition linked to World Book Day by decorating a paper plate connected to a favourite book/character. We will be sending home a paper plate before the half term with every child and they need to be returned by Friday 6th March to be entered into the competition. We will be sharing ideas for decorating the plates and the children can decorate their plates at school on World Book Day if they'd rather.

There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each key stage and some runners up prizes too. Competition winners will be announced in the week after World Book Day and the plates will be displayed in the school corridor as part of our literacy display.



### **Behaviour as communication – swearing – Week 3**

As a school we have seen an increase in children swearing and also younger children swearing. We generally use these tactics in school (except the 'safe space' idea which can be a useful choice for families at home).

#### **1. Treating behaviour as communication**

Swearing is rarely "just being naughty"; it's usually:

- attention-seeking
- boundary-testing
- imitation of adults or media
- an attempt to express big feelings

Recognising this helps adults respond thoughtfully rather than reactively.

#### **2. Staying calm and consistent**

Children learn more from tone and reaction than from the words themselves. Not laughing, not exploding, and not giving the behaviour extra power is genuinely effective.

#### **3. Offering alternatives**

Giving children replacement words or phrases is a smart strategy. For younger kids, playful substitutes ("sugar", "fudge") can defuse the moment and teach self-regulation.

#### 4. Teaching context to older children

It is good to acknowledge that swear words *exist* in the world, and that older kids know that. It is useful to help them understand:

- when and where language is appropriate
- when and where it isn't
- and why context matters
  - ...is far more effective than pretending swearing doesn't exist.

The idea of a “safe space” to experiment with language is something some families use successfully — it removes the taboo and therefore the thrill and provides a clear demonstration of context.

If you have any areas of behaviour that you may like guidance on, or if you'd like to share some top tips or guidance with others, please do email in your suggestions to [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk).

#### **Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies**

Please could you make sure you order your child's Leavers' Hoodie before 25th March through the link below:

<https://forms.gle/jYg7DAcynRt6XsWe8>



#### **PLAYGROUND HELP – THIS SUNDAY**

Are you free and up for volunteering to help transform our playground? There is so much that has already been done and also so much more left to do!

Jobs will range from painting, constructing a sandpit, re-inventing our roof terrace and more.

The PTA are going to put on food to help keep spirits high and entice you to join in!

If you are free and able to help, please email me so that we know numbers (let me know if you are vegetarian or have any other food requirements too).

[helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

**THANK YOU**



## **PTA NEWS**

Please put these dates in your diary and watch this space for further information!

### **PTA dates for your diary**

Pre loved World Book Day costumes are on sale

Today is the Final day for Mother's Day orders to be in

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:

- World Book Day
- Reading café 2pm-4:00pm
- Easter Hamper tickets

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day gifts home

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Easter disco

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Bingo night

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:

- Easter bonnet/hat competition
- Easter hamper raffle
- Mufti £1 donation

**Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing [jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)**

### **Mother's Day**

If you would like to order a gift, please can forms be returned today.

Payment – ParentPay, card or cash.



### **Cake Sale**

This Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Flame Tree class will be kicking off our cake sale. We look forward to their delicious treats! After school on the field. Cakes are 50p each (card/cash)

(Next week will be Acorns Class's turn to bake)

### **World Book Day Costumes**

World Book Day pre love costumes are on sale at £2 each (Cash/card) at the front entrance.

### **Easter Raffle**

Tickets will go on sale next Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March



### **The Grove School PTA Facebook Page**

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events - e.g. discos, fundraisers, bake sales etc.



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

Flame tree planting @ Sharpham – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please sign up on ParentPay

World Book Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Heights and Weights Reception and Year 6 – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Yr 1/2 Spring Concert - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

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.*



THE GROVE SCHOOL PTA  
PRESENTS

# DISCO



**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

ACORNS, Y1 & Y2 : 3.15PM - 4.15PM    £4

Y3 & Y4 : 4.30PM - 5.30PM    £4

Y5 & Y6 : 5.45PM - 6.45PM    £4



# Easter *Bingo*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Doors Open  
6.30pm

Grove School Hall.

Eyes Down 7pm

Bingo Caller **Rob Ashford!**



# EASTER HAT

## COMPETITION

THURSDAY 2ND  
APRIL

GET DESIGNING  
YOUR FABULOUS  
CREATIONS!

Prizes for the best Easter  
Hat!

Mufti for £1!



# EASTER RAFFLE

Lots of Fabulous Prizes!

Tickets £1 each from the  
Front Desk.

TO BE DRAWN  
ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> OF  
APRIL.



**THURSDAY**

**FITNESS CLASSES FOR**

**WOMEN**



at Totnes Methodist  
Church Hall

**5.30-6.30pm**

A fantastic, stress busting way to get fit for all fitness levels!

non contact boxing drills.

Circuit style workouts.

**LADIES**  
**BOXERCISE**<sup>®</sup>

**6.45-7.30pm**

Easy to follow, great energy aerobics style workout. Judgement free- pressure free. And a whole lot of fun!



£9 per class. Discount for block booking.

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[booking-calendar/#/events](#)

for more information contact Becca

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# TOTNES COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

Come and share what matters most to you



Come along, meet neighbours, listen & be heard  
Discuss how to make Totnes a better place  
Take action & create real change in your community

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm**  
**Civic Hall, Totnes**

Followed by our fundraising gig 7-11pm

For Totnes events join our WhatsApp:



For further info and to book a place:  
[www.timetossemble.org/totnes](http://www.timetossemble.org/totnes)



# TOTNES ASSEMBLY FUN-RAISER GIG



SAT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7-11PM  
CIVIC HALL, TOTNES



TO BOOK TICKETS:

£3/£5/£8



[WWW.TIMETOASSEMBLE.ORG/TOTNES](http://WWW.TIMETOASSEMBLE.ORG/TOTNES)

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