



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 6 applications to secondary school now open**

The process for applying for a secondary place in September 2024 is now open until 31st October. In the past the LA have written to parent/carers of eligible children, but from this year they aren't doing that and so there is no reminder. Please use this link to choose your child's secondary school for September 2024

- <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

### **Parent- teacher communication**

As mentioned in our last newsletter we are trying to provide more access to teachers for you.

1. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> between 3:30 and 5pm the teachers will be in their classrooms for you to go and have a chat with. Please make sure children are attended to by an adult as the school will effectively be open to all and so usual safeguarding protocols will not be in place.
2. We also thought we would trial a quick access time for all parents with the class teachers on Monday drop offs between 8:45 and 9am. If you want a quick face to face conversation, then please see the teacher on the school field at this time on Mondays. You will have to enter the site from the field end to do this for safeguarding purposes. Children will be going into class as usual and TAs will greet them there. This will start Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September and we will trial it until half term.

### **What is happening this week and next**

Juniper Tree class have started their swimming lessons on Mondays. Next Monday Years 5 and 6 will be going on their trip to Paignton Zoo.

### **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 (KS1) 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 KS1; (Year 1) Silver and (Year 2) Gold. Each of these levels has ten challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish seven 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. All children who complete the Platinum level will receive his or her badge at assembly as soon as they have completed his or her Award, but their certificates will be awarded at a special ceremony near the end of the academic year.

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

Your child will receive a letter with a form to fill in if they wish to take part. The form and money will need to be returned to Rebecca by Wednesday 20th September. Please look out for the letter. It would be amazing to have as many Grove children take part as possible; the benefits to your child will be huge.

### **After School Clubs**

The clubs list has been sent out as an attachment with this email. Please contact the club providers to join. You can find their email addresses on the list.

### **PTA AGM Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm in the School Hall**

I would like to welcome you all to attend the PTA AGM. The Grove School PTA is a registered charity run by volunteers. Our PTA Committee consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurers, these are a legal requirement of our charity status. To support these roles we have a core team of parents/carers and staff. This amazing team do incredible work to support fundraising activities with their primary focus to enrich the children's time whilst at school. Our aim is to support the school and the children to learn and thrive, whilst raising funds and strengthen the school community. Money is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover. Last year we supported the equipment for the school growing project and supplied individual classes with resources.

Being a part of the PTA is a good opportunity to get involved in the school and meet other parents whilst helping to raise much needed funds that make a difference to the children. This also gives the opportunity for you to help make decisions on how and where funds are spent. Please email me if you would like more information or to let me know if you can attend the AGM (so I can make sure there's enough yummy nibbles!).

I am stepping down as Chair of the PTA at this AGM after 4 years. I've really enjoyed the opportunities that I have had within this role and the relationships with other parents and staff at the school. There is also a vacancy for the Vice Chair. We would really welcome current members who would like to take on these roles or new members with ideas and enthusiasm to develop projects and ideas. Please email me or come along. Many thanks, Emily Rowley ([pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk))

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

Parents and carers are invited into school at 3:30 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Years 5 and 6 Zoo Trip – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September (ParentPay)

Year 3 and 4 Exeter Cathedral Trip – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September (ParentPay)

Years 1 and 2 Zoo Trip – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September (ParentPay)

Tempest Photos Individual and siblings – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Year 6 Residential to Okehampton Adventure – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 4 nights

Half term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

First day back – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

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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September 22nd, 23rd & 24th

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Official 2023 World Dad Dancing Championship

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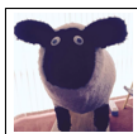
Children aged 5 & under £10

Children aged 6 & over £50

Dads/ male carers: £80

DadFest Ticket = camping & all weekend activities included  
Concessions available - please contact the organisers

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or email: [dadfestbookings@gmail.com](mailto:dadfestbookings@gmail.com)



THE GREAT TOTNES STITCH UP

## ARTS & CRAFT FAIRS



IN AID OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Methodist Church, Fore Street,  
Totnes - 10am to 2pm

The Poppy Café will be open serving drinks  
and light snacks - and cake of course!

Lots of stalls and Poppy Products for sale

Free hot drink and cake for Members

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