



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Our veggie planters are here!**

For those of you who don't venture onto the field currently here is a picture of our new planters on site, very kindly prepared by Ian, Mike, John and Tim from Longcombe Cross Garden Centre. Reception Acorns are going to plant their herbs soon and the other classes are just deciding what they want to grow!



### **Governor update, out and about with the children!**

I have shared in previous updates how as governors we visit the classrooms to see the impact of teaching and the curriculum on the children. Well, on Tuesday of this week I was lucky enough to join the year 1/2 children on their science walk across town.

Spotter sheets in hand, we were on the lookout for plants and trees - there are some very eagle-eyed children! As we walked and talked they added many more things to their sheets, and were even able to spot which trees were deciduous and evergreen - very impressive! After a quick snack at the steam railway station, we had the bonus of seeing a steam train arrive before heading back to school.

All governors have a curriculum link up, and one of mine is literacy, so I am also keen to see how the children will use this experience in their creative writing. I was mainly with one of the classes, and I have written about what I enjoyed about the walk for them. Experiences like this science walk will inspire them to not only write about this trip, but also help with future writing when adding to the emotion and plot of an as yet unwritten story. I look forward to reading some of them!

Thank you to all staff for the trips you take our children on, and to the year 1/2 team and their children for a fun afternoon! *Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors*

### **Children's University Graduations: Book your place!**

If you've completed 100 hours of the Children's University scheme and had your Gold Award Certificate, then you can book yourself onto a graduation ceremony at either of the places below.

- 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June – University of Plymouth campus
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – University of Exeter/Falmouth (Penryn campus)

Please note that you can only book two guests per graduating child (although siblings that can sit on an adult's lap can also attend).

If you would like to attend one of these graduations, then please email Adrian Gude at [adriang@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:adriang@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) and he will let you know how to do it.

### **MICRO, MINI and JUNIOR DUKE**

How are you all doing with your various awards? Hope you have been having lots of fun. It would be great to see some completed booklets coming in over this term. Please give them to your class teacher. You will then receive your certificate and badge in assembly – a FANTASTIC achievement.

The idea is that you complete a different award each year (finishing each award by the end of the summer term) and work your way up the JUNIOR PLATINUM LEVEL!

However, if you have been struggling to fit everything in, you can take the summer holidays to finish off.

If you have any photos of your amazing achievements, please send them to: [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk). Happy Duking!

### **Here is a link for anyone looking for some extra support in parenting pre-teens and teens!**

<https://services.pinpointdevon.co.uk/kb5/devon/services/service.page?id=eW8OfnsLaPU>

### **PTA Summer Fete Planning**

I would like to invite you to a planning meeting for the summer fete tomorrow (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 3.20ish) straight from school in the studio. This is to pull together ideas for the summer fete and get started on assigning roles and jobs. This is lots of fun and a great opportunity to get involved in the school. If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to be involved please email me [pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) Looking forward to seeing you there, Emily and PTA team.

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

Year 6 Woodlands trip – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Pirates Against Plastic Reception – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Class photos – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Last day of term – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

First day back – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Kind regards - Hilary Priest

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## THURSDAY 29th JUNE 2023

9:45 - 10:45 Presentation and Guided Tour  
4:00 pm - Presentation\*  
5:00 pm - Presentation\*

*\*From 4pm, you will be able to view the school at your leisure. View classrooms, displays and have an opportunity to take part in interactive sessions.*

**Booking not required**

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The poster features a blue background with a white central area. At the top left, there is a photo of a dog and a cat. To the right is a green frog illustration and the word 'PET' in large blue letters. Further right is the 'TOTNES CARING Your local charity' logo. The main title 'PET PORTRAIT COMPETITION' is in large, pink, bubbly letters. The central text is in black and pink, detailing the competition rules and entry information. At the bottom, there is a yellow bird illustration and orange paw prints. A purple bar at the bottom left contains the registration number.

**PET PORTRAIT COMPETITION**

**Is your pet the most funny, sweet, cute thing ever?**  
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