



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening this week and next

On Monday and Tuesday next week Years 3 and 4 will be going on an educational visit to Kent's Cavern in Torquay. The visit is linked to our history Stone Age work and is a perfect opportunity to experience spending time in caves as they would have been many years ago. The children will be given a guided tour and will also take part in other Stone Age themed activities. Mountain Ash have their last swimming lesson on Monday and then it is the turn of Willow Tree class.

School awards

Last week in whole school assembly we recognised a number of children who have been making such an effort with the presentation and pride in their books. I couldn't give awards to everyone so teachers just helped me pick out the ones who have made a real extra effort. We have these assemblies every two weeks so I will continue to mention those children who deserve the extra 'well done you!'

Chestnut Tree got 'Class of the Week' as their books and effort was amazing as a whole. Mountain Ash were recognised for their exceptionally tidy classroom and their beautiful books and Flame Tree for their amazing attitudes to learning.

These children got a Headteacher's sticker for their effort:

Tabby and Ivy M from Lime, Finlay from Chestnut, Eliza and Rami from Dove

Bridget B from Willow, Tiger-Rose from Beech and Ruby O from Mountain Ash

Lauren and Leela from Flame, Lily G from Ginkgo, Santiago and Jake S from Trumpet

A special mention went to Ralph for his kindness to a younger member of our school family.

School Council

We run a 'Smart School Council' at The Grove – see <https://home.smartschoolcouncils.org.uk/> so that every child in school can be included and share discussions and votes. We have a Y5/6 communication team who help with the running of this and we are pleased to announce that these children have been successful in their applications for posts:

Progress window updaters and advertisers for events

Edison Blossom, Alice and Claude

Action team movers and shakers

Brooke, Kelly, Hollie and Santiago

Researchers and question deciders

Lily G, Theo D and Zack

Newsletter column journalists

London, Leela, Darcey and Hazel

Next step leaders

Celia, Jenny and Jake S

Future dates for your diary

Touch Rugby Festival Years 3 and 4 Thursday 6th October during school hours

Cyclocross competitive, fun bike ride and learn to ride on Tuesday 11th October 4-6pm at Forches Cross. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Nasal Flu vaccination Thursday 3rd November – Whole school

Parent Consultations W/b 7th November which will be virtual via Teams

Tempest Photography Thursday 13th November Individual photos and with siblings

You can find other dates on our school calendar on the website at

<http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

PTA AGM

Hello and welcome to the new parents and carers that have joined us. We are a really friendly group in the PTA and would really welcome any support or help. I would like to invite you all to the PTA AGM **on Thursday 13th October at 7.30**. This will be held in the smaller hall/studio at the school, please email me on pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk if you would like to attend so I know who to expect. There is no obligation to become a committee member but it will give you an idea of what we have achieved this last year and what we plan to do with the year ahead. I would love to see some new faces and continue to be thankful to those already involved. Emily Rowley

PTA School Lottery

For those that haven't already signed up for the school lottery this is a really easy simple way to raise money for the school whilst also giving you the chance of winning the guaranteed local weekly prize or scooping the £25000 jackpot. The link to sign up is <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-grove-school-totnes>. We are also going to promote this to the local community and have printed some flyers to try and encourage Totnes residence to support our fundraising efforts. If any of the children would like to post some flyers through neighbours doors please get in touch with me pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk Thank you!

PTA Christmas Raffle

I know it seems a little early to start with the Christmas preparations but we are really keen to have the most fabulous Christmas Raffle. We have always received very kind and generous support from local businesses and we are hoping this year will be no different. I would also welcome any donations from you; a bottle of wine, box of chocolates, a voucher, an unwanted gift (!) or a hamper that you've made up of treats. We will be selling raffle tickets and will have the key prizes/companies advertised on them. I would really appreciate your help and support, please drop off any donations directly to me or to Rebecca at the front desk with my name on it. Many thanks, Emily Rowley pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA Christmas Plans

We will be finalising the date for the Christmas Fair very soon but I'm keen to start getting you all excited!

CHRIMBO JUMPERS: We would love to see if we can recycle, reuse and re-sell any unwanted/outgrown Christmas jumpers or t-shirts or dresses in adult and children sizes

PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CARDS: After half term we will be sending out the details of how the children can design their own Christmas cards and how you can order them in time for Christmas

PERSONALISED THE GROVE SCHOOL CALENDERS: We are going to create a whole school effort for a family year planner that you can purchase for gifts for family and friends.

LUCKY DIP: We are inviting you all to have a small plastic toy amnesty. We will welcome your bags of small plastic/wooden toys that I have no doubt are cluttering your cupboards. Please drop off your bags of "treasure" at the front desk with my name marked on them.

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.



Dartington Morris practice season starts soon



Friday nights, Dartington school hall 8-10pm Sept 30th onwards

A warm welcome to any adult wishing to give this folk dancing tradition a try, with live music, flexible commitment, preparing for the summer season

<https://dartingtonmorris.uk/>