



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to update you on how things are in school. The children are so happy and relaxed it is a joy to see them enjoy their learning so whole-heartedly. We connected with Devon County Council this week on how things are progressing in terms of learning and they felt that our plans were great and the children are being well supported. Basically, as we have said before, we are concentrating on making learning as fun as possible whilst plugging some gaps in learning and ensuring the children have what they need to make great progress. It is trickier that the pandemic isn't over and we do have a number of children away from school every day for COVID reasons (completely understandably). Supporting the children who aren't in school to catch up at the same pace as the ones in school will be a challenge, so please do look at the learning we send home so that we can reduce this challenge as much as possible for your child. The support from parents, particularly with regards to the COVID related systems, has been great and we really appreciate your help with maintaining social distancing.

Our plans for parent consultations are coming on! These are booked in our diary for Monday 9th and Monday 16th November from 3:30-6pm. We are intending to connect with you via zoom or telephone and are trying to sort out the logistics of this. We will be inviting you to give us a time and day for your preferred slot but we will have to do this electronically – somehow! We will be in touch once we have trialled a few ideas!

Staff news

We are delighted to have appointed Louisa Cookson as a Teaching Assistant to work in Beach Tree Class on Thursdays and Fridays and with the Y5/6 team (working with small, socially distanced groups) from Mondays – Wednesdays.

Sophie Headly-Clark will be starting her maternity leave from this Friday 9th October and I'm sure you will join us in wishing her and Bob all the best. We will keep you informed of any baby news!

If you need to contact us about Early years please use my email address head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Individual Photos – Tempest Photography- Tomorrow

Heather from Tempest photography will be at school tomorrow.

PTA News

Mufti days are Friday 23rd October last day of term and Friday 18th December last day of term. £1.00 donation.

Bikes not Bakes – PTA 1000km Challenge – Week 5 update

Thank you to everyone who has supported me so far with such kind donations and words of encouragement! It is definitely getting tougher with the evenings drawing in and all of the rain! But, the finishing line is in sight ... only 2 weeks and 274km (170mi) to go now, so 726km (451mi) done.

I was curious as to how much elevation I had climbed on my rides, as South Devon is hilly, and it turns out I ticked over 10,000 metres of elevation tonight (Tuesday) ... 10,433 metres / 34,230 feet! Which is Mount Everest plus Mount Washington!

As a reminder, my rides are all here - <https://www.strava.com/athletes/39489617> - and the fundraising page is - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-grove-pta-bikes-not-bakes-1000km-challenge>

Thanks again! Ian Stewart

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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