



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 24th July

SHOUT OUTS TO

Acorns – Flo for Learning in everything, Eleanor for Love and being a kind friend, Kit W for Learning and great progress and Cillian for Learning and determination

Dove Tree Class, Rami for Learning in DT and Katie for Love and being a lovely friend

Lilac Tree Class, Aria for Communication and teamwork and Zoe for Happiness and encouraging others

Lime Tree Class, Bluebelle for Learning in writing and Rosie for Happiness and a positively happy week

Willow Tree Class, Primrose for Learning and presentation and Ewan for Individuality with his piano recital

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Libby for Learning with such dedication and Hattie for Happiness and her lovely smile

Juniper Tree Class, Alfie L for Learning and developing your independence and Ben for Learning so hard all the time

Flame Tree Class, Honor for Individuality and stepping up in the play and Charlie and Jake for Happiness and all the back stage help

Ginkgo Tree Class, Max for Individuality within a great team and Toby for Happiness – best Dad jokes!!

Trumpet Tree Class, Jamie for Happiness in his learning with a smile and Charlotte for Happiness for her amazing singing in the play

Summer holidays start this Friday and term restarts for children on Wednesday 4th September. Remember the new opening times are 8:45-8:50am for drop off and 3:15-25pm for collection.

Our lovely Year 6s leave us at the end of this term and we will be very sad to see them go. It is tradition for the school to wear school uniform on Friday so that Year 6 can get their school shirts signed so we do not have a mufti on the last day of the school year. Children can enjoy choosing what to wear all summer!!

We all wish you a happy summer holiday and let the sun shine!!



Diversity at the Grove

Are you interested in equality, diversity and inclusion at the Grove? On 26th July at 9am we're having an informal conversation about how the parent community can help shape the experiences of children at the school in relation to cultural diversity. We welcome anyone to attend, in particular those with ideas or questions based on their own lived experience. You can also join the Diversity WhatsApp group in the Grove Community:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ltZ0W9ltT48lxwUwJubkTb>

Sports Days

Thank you for sharing our sports days with us – we know our traditional sports day is quite unique and supports a strong team work approach.



This salad was all home grown at The Grove!



Teddy bear picnic for the whole school

Today we really enjoyed a whole school teddy bear picnic on the field – one of those heart-warming moments when your children just shine, socially, emotionally and with their behaviour.





Monday Teacher meet and greets

We have been trialling the Monday morning chat to the teacher on the field for two terms. Whilst it has been really valuable for some, the parent take-up of this opportunity to chat has been low so we are thinking of rechanneling this energy. We think it would have a greater impact for the teachers to be in the classroom, meeting and greeting the children after the weekend. We will of course still have staff on the front and back entrances to welcome the children and pass on any messages. We have also planned an early come and chat to the teachers session on Monday 16th September between 3:30 and 5pm as an extra event to support good communication between school and home.

School Meal Orders

Please note that from September we will no longer be able process manual orders for school meals for your children. The school meals will need to be ordered via Parentpay in advance – by Thursday the week before. This also applies to free school meals.

Unfortunately, it will mean that if a meal hasn't been ordered in advance for your child you will need to send them in with a packed lunch. If they attend school without ordering a meal or bringing in a packed lunch, we will contact you to bring in a packed lunch for them. If this is likely to cause you any difficulty, please come to reception so we can help you order the meals for your children on Parentpay.

Residential in October 2024

A gentle reminder to all year 5 parents whose children will be going on the residential in October. Would you kindly remember that the full payment for the residential is required by the end of September 2024.

Tins from the Summer Fair

Please collect your tins and tupperware from Reception by the end of this week before we have a clear out ready for next term, many thanks.

Our school website

We have an opportunity to rethink our school website to make it more accessible for you as parents – any feedback would be useful and if anyone has some great ideas we'd be happy to talk them through – website design is not our forte!

Fundraising efforts.

Our online fundraising effort for the field and playground is currently at £270

Here is the link to share around to people who might support our neurodiversity ideas for the playground and the upgrade of our field for the sporty, running around ones!

<https://gofund.me/145c3de1>

You can also donate straight into the school fund on parentpay

Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available for a donation in the front entrance.

WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

There are a few of you how have asked about joining the School WhatsApp Community. If you would like to, please find the link below. You can join the various groups from there.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ltZ0W9ltT48lxwUwJubkTb>

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.

Piano lessons from September 2024

For children starting Year 2 and above, I will have a few spaces available from September as my current Year 6 students will have left.

Please email me for further details.

Many thanks,

Neil Reed

teaching@neilreedmusic.co.uk

**YEAR 6
TRANSITION PARTY**

30 JULY 12-2.30pm

Support with starting Secondary school,
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Get your starting Secondary school Info
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**JOIN US FROM MIDDAY
FOR A LOVELY AFTERNOON
AT ONE OF
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- **FREE PIZZA SLICES AND REFRESHMENTS**

SATURDAY 27 JULY

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AUGUST 1ST
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6-8:30PM**

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MAINTENANCE SKILLS
AND CYCLING TIPS, USE
THE TOOLS AND MEET
OTHERS!**



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Slapton Ley

FESTIVAL OF NATURE



4TH AUGUST 2024

11AM - 5PM

SLAPTON LEY FIELD CENTRE

TQ7 2QP

- *Live music including Queen Anne's Revenge & more*
- *Free kids activities including crafts, bug hunts, pond dipping and other nature activities!*
- *Oven fired pizza, curry and bar*
- *Local stalls & charities*
- *Face painting*

