



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Not mufti this Friday – it's on Friday 4th November – Halloween/Autumn for a donation of sweets for the Christmas PTA fair.

What's happening this week and next

Year 6 are on their residential this week at Okehampton Adventure. They take part in many activities from weaselling, team building, climbing high ropes, axe throwing and many more. Children sleep in dormitory accommodation. It is the last day of this half term on Friday and then the first day back is Monday 31st October.

Open session for parents and carers Monday 5th December from 3:30-5pm

We appreciate there are mixed feeling about parent consultations continuing online. Our thinking behind this is because the 'parent consultation' is a very specific meeting with a pre-set agenda so all parents get the same level of information about their children and to do this in just 10 minutes needs a system that works. The online meeting does meet these specific needs well and also means that parents can just take 10 minutes out of their usual day at work or home rather than have to travel to school, park up, organise sitters etc.

We do however want to connect with you in person too for more of a casual chat between teachers and families and a look at your child's learning so we are planning a termly 'open session' for parents and carers to pop in. This term we have it scheduled for Monday 5th December from 3:30-5pm. Parents will need to be responsible for their children as it will be an 'open site' and so our usual safeguarding measures around entry into school won't be in place. We do hope you can make it.

KSI Games Festival

All of the year 2 children had the fantastic opportunity to go to South Brent Primary School to take part in a games festival. They took part in six different activities. Focusing on their throwing, catching and aiming skills. They had a brilliant time!

Year 1's also had the opportunity to participate in their own festival, led by twelve Year 5 leaders, who did a fantastic job leading their activity. The children focused on the same skills and are now experts!

Thank you Year 5 leaders.

Our School Uniform Policy

- Plain grey or black trousers or shorts- **Required**
- Gold School Polo Shirt or one of a similar yellow colour- **Required**
- Burgundy School Sweatshirt/Cardigan or one of a similar burgundy colour- **Required**
- Any colour socks or tights- **Required in the winter months**

- Plain grey tunic/skirt- **Required**
- Red/White or Yellow/White checked summer dress- **Optional**
- Red/yellow/white/grey leggings to match skirt worn- **Optional**
- **No leggings without skirt.**

Footwear

- Black shoes/ winter boots or trainers- **Required**
- Summer Sandals – - **Optional**
- **No 'Cross' or flip flops**

Message from Tempest Photography

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is Thursday 27th October. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit

www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Mental Health concerns within your family

This company may be of use to you and I will say I have worked with these professionals when they worked for CAMHs and EH4MH and they were great. There is a small fee for families but you can pick and choose your package with them. Check this link for more info:

<https://www.normalmagic.co.uk/families/>

Special Educational and Social Needs support in school – a guide for parents and carers

We have written a FAQ type resource to give you some more information about the support we provide at school for SEND and social needs. You can find this on our website [http://www.the-grove-](http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/send_/576511)

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Could you donate anything of use here please?

Each year Jenni creates a display in the corridor of the school. You will see this when you come in on Monday 5th December. This year the theme will be the seasons and Jenni is asking for any artificial decorations to do with Autumn, Spring, Summer and Winter (leaves, twigs, branches, fluffy animals, birds, material (red, blue, green, yellow and brown). Please leave with Rebecca in Reception and thank you.

Frazoo Animal club Year 5 and 6

There are a couple of spaces left for Frazoo club after half term. Please email me on frazie@frazoo.co.uk for a place and do check out my website. www.frazoo.co.uk

Frazoo is an exciting and educational animal experience, featuring talks and handling sessions with a variety of reptiles and invertebrates.



FRAZOO

Christmas Decoration Club – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (10 spaces)

Yasmin in Mr Gude's class will be running a Christmas Club on Tuesdays from 3.15 until 4.15 starting Tuesday 1st November. Children will be making Christmas Tree decorations. The cost will be £3.50 per week and is for 7 weeks (£24.50). Please email Yasmin Biggins <Yasminb@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk>

Future dates for your diary

Last day of this half term is Friday 21st October and first day back is Monday 31st October.

Nasal Flu vaccination Thursday 3rd November – Whole school

Mufti Day Friday 4th November

Parent Consultations W/b 7th November which will be virtual via Teams
Beech Tree class swimming starts on Monday 14th November
Open session for parents and carers Monday 5th December 3.30 until 5pm
Grove Christmas Fair on the morning of Saturday 3rd December in the school.
<http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

PTA AGM

Many thanks to the parents/carers/staff that attended the PTA AGM last week. It was a small but enthusiastic and supportive group but it did highlight that perhaps a number of people aren't aware of who or what the PTA is. The Grove School PTA is a registered charity run by volunteers. Our PTA Committee consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, 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 and despite the challenges in recent years fundraised over £8K last year. This has been through Mufti days, Christmas Raffles, Weekend Car parking, Cake Sales, School Lottery, Summer Fete and donations. Our aim is to make the school a better place for the children to learn, 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 Year 6 Leavers hoodies and have a large project to provide an outside sheltered area in the playground. 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 on pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk if you would like more information. Many thanks, Emily Rowley (PTA Chair)

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 Fair

Date for the diary! We will be holding the Grove Christmas Fair on the morning of Saturday 3rd December in the school. Nearer the time I will be asking for volunteers and help so please consider this! We are really excited to create a fun-filled special event for the children and the support from parents and carers is so appreciated and welcomed. With the half term next week we are hoping you'll have a clear out and chance to consider donating the following for the Fair:

1. 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.
2. 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 (we will be selling these at the Christmas Fair)
3. Teddy bears and cuddly toys. A much loved stall at the fairs (we ran out very quickly at the summer fete). We antibac, wash and rename the toys for the children to adopt.
4. Tombola prizes. Bottles, jars, chocolates and unwanted gifts are ideal for this stall so please have a check through cupboards or pick up an extra bottle when you next do your shop!

PTA Xmas 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). I will be getting the tickets printed soon and like to acknowledge our supporters so please let me know early.

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.

RIVERSCHOOL

Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide



HOLIDAY CLUB

October 25th - 27th
Journey on your local River by canoe and enjoy our riverside basecamp this October half-term with River School
Sibling Rate, Benefits Price and block booking £40/day
Individual day bookings also available £45/day
Bursary places available for those in the Dartmouth catchment



Where are we? From The Maltsters Arms, Tuckenhay (Near Totnes)
Each day will run from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Activities may include

- Experience Canoes, Kayaks & Paddleboards
- Bushcraft & river skills
- Wildlife & River care
- Nature art and craft
- Raft building
- Archery
- Wild swimming
- Story telling
- Campfire cooking
- Wood fired pottery



USE THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK:
<https://canoeadventures.co.uk/adventures/river-school>
(Places are limited so please book early)

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THE ENERGY WISE SHOW

12-5pm, Saturday, 29th October
Totnes Civic Hall TQ9 5SN.

Discover Ways To Reduce Your
Energy Bills
Energy Waste
Carbon Footprint

Learn about
Renewable Energy
Low Carbon Heating
DIY Home Insulation
Energy Local Clubs

Easy Energy Saving Tips
Insulation Advice
Energy Advisors
Retrofit Advice

Cost of Living Advice
Community Energy
Art and Energy
Grant Advice



FREE ENTRY

And it's a **Warm Space**

Tea & Coffee available

More information: www.energy-wise.uk/events

For more info on FC Girls Section please use this link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wuB-IMYtd9sB97EDhe5rgDgccFEkYOn9/view?usp=sharing>

Totnes, Dartington & Meadowbrook FC Girls Section

Following on from our Wildcats sessions in the summer, we are continuing with our own girls only football sessions.

- In association with the Devon FA and The FA.
- FA Qualified Coaches with up to date DBS.
- To enquire, contact Anthony Goss 07530867454 or Alan Blake 07890921554.



**Girls aged between 5 and 11 years old (Primary School) | 4pm – 5pm
(Arrival from 3:30pm) | From 31/10/2022, at The Grove School, Totnes**



1. BOOST CONFIDENCE



2. MEET NEW FRIENDS



3. GETS GIRLS ACTIVE



4. INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL