



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. The children really have settled incredibly well and we are so proud of them already! Please make sure you make use of our school website for information about term dates, events, class pages, learning, parent information etc etc. <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web>

Time to chat with teachers

Thank you so much for your responses in the parent questionnaire last term. We appreciate communication can sometimes prove tricky when teachers are teaching so because you highlighted it as a concern we wanted to make some additional opportunities for you to connect with staff. On Monday 18th September parents and carers are invited into school at 3:30 to catch up with teachers, get email addresses and discuss communication systems that work for you. If you have children in different classes don't worry, staff will be available until 5pm. For Year 1 and 2 children there will be a short presentation in the studio at 3:30 and then you can see older children's teachers after this. New Reception children – we will organise a separate session for you to go through phonics but you are welcome to drop in on this date too. If you can't make it then let us know on admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk and we can send you the information you need.

We are looking at other opportunities through the year too but will get back to you on this.

Formally we also offer 2 parent consultation sessions each year (one this term and one in the Spring) and a school written report in the summer term to update you on your child's progress.

What is happening this week and next

Juniper Tree class will start swimming next Monday 11th September for 6 weeks. Please consent to this through your ParentPay account. Year 3 and 4 are taking a local walk this week too. We are also just in the last phase of finishing the poly tunnel building so we will be able to start our winter planting soon! The children are harvesting the veg for the kitchen from the planters.

Our current focus in school with the children – they can earn polar bears!!

We use a polar bear reward system for whole school focus areas (they get to choose and look after a soft toy polar bear for the day). This half term we are remembering to use good manners in and around school, to show respect when talking to other children and to staff and not to run inside the school building even when they get excited about going out for lunch or break times!

We also reminded the children not to bring toys in from home (unless there is a specific agreement with the class teacher for special circumstances). They can bring books in to read or share with the class. Jewellery should be limited to stud earrings and watches please and uniform details are on the website but the main reminder is that leggings should always be worn with a skirt and it should match the colour of the skirt ie black or grey leggings for a school skirt or red or white leggings for a summer dress – or yellow depending on the dress colour. If children don't like wearing a skirt then they are welcome to wear trousers of course.

Medications in school

Please could we remind all parents with children that have or need medications on site i.e. inhalers, epipens, antihistamines that these are all checked that they are still in date. Please also inform us about any updates to the health care plans.

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

- Years 5 and 6 Zoo Trip – Monday 18th September
- Years 1 and 2 Zoo Trip – Wednesday 27th September
- Tempest Photos Individual and siblings – Thursday 12th October
- Year 6 Residential to Okehampton Adventure – Monday 16th October 4 nights
- Half term – Monday 23rd October
- Frist day back – Monday 30th October
- Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 2nd November

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.

Spaces for Piano Lessons

Neil has a few spaces for piano lessons starting this term. Details can be found on the school website under Music Lessons http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/music_lessons/138177



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Thursday 21st September 2023 6 - 8.30pm

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