



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning

In line with feedback we have received, we are going to reinstate OPTIONAL Home Learning – particularly learning that does not involve a screen! As well as benefiting your child's learning, it will also give you an opportunity to know what your child is learning about in school and allow you to feel more involved in that learning. This will be put on your child's Class Website page under Home Learning. KS1 will have a single sheet explaining the half term's home learning. In Year 3 – 6, children will be set approximately 6 pieces every half term. This is optional and will revisit the content covered in school. We would love to see any Home Learning completed either in school or virtually on Seesaw. Any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

This Half Term's Home Learning will be on the website by Friday 18th November.

Acorn Tree/Reception and The Library challenge we won!

At The Grove School we are passionate about reading. Reception classes will be visiting Totnes Library on 14th and 15th November to inspire their reading journey. They will find out about what librarians do and what the library offers. They will be able to meet the librarians, browse the books and draw some favourite story characters.

We are proud that The Grove was this year's winner of the Summer Reading Challenge! This means that more children from The Grove completed the Summer Reading Challenge than in other schools locally. We look forward to receiving the trophy in an assembly soon! If you haven't already, do make use of all the library has to offer to support your child's reading.

Governor Update

It has been a while since my last update, so there are a few bits & pieces to update you all on. I have continued as Chair for another two year term, from September. We have also spent time reviewing our strategic priorities as a board. These align with those of the whole school, to ensure all levels of leadership are focused on the same outcomes. These will be published to the school website, but at a high level they are ...

- Ensure the school ethos and values are reflected in a rich and ambitious curriculum and opportunities are available to all children;
- Ensure that the school's SEND strategies are fully implemented and all children experience every part of the curriculum, consistently across all subjects.
- Provide effective and enthusiastic governance to act as a driver for school improvement.
- Promote equality through a greater understanding of and respect for people of all faiths (and those of no faith), races, genders, ages, disability and sexual orientations, and across all protected characteristics. Through our words, actions and influence within the school and more widely in the community.
- Engage effectively with parents and carers.

- Oversee the financial performance and stability of the school.

These underpin everything we do as a board, with the last one being in extreme focus given the current cost of living pressures. I am sure many of you will have seen the news this week coming out of schools, and sadly no school is immune. We met yesterday to discuss resources, and finance was a big part of this. Sandie is as ever working amazingly to control and protect the budget.

Our focus is always to make sure that all available funding is assigned and used to benefit the children, and we continue to do this even under increased pressure, so thank you to all staff for your hard work, no matter how big or small it may seem, it all makes a difference.

Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. If children would like to bring in a donation to buy a poppy or other remembrance item from the box they can.



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

Beech Tree class swimming starts on Monday next week

Children in Need day Friday 18th November. Theme is a SPOTacular Children in Need Day for £1.00 donation.

Christmas lights Totnes – The Grove children will be singing at the opening on 29th November – see details below

Grove Christmas Fair on the morning of Saturday 3rd December in the school

Open session for parents and carers Monday 5th December 3.30 until 5pm

Year 3 and 4 Show The Nutcracker - There will be two performances on Thursday 8th December at 1.45pm that siblings can attend and 6pm at KEVICC Ariel Centre.

Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Sing Song in school hall on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th December. It will start at 2.15pm

Reception Nativity in school hall on Wednesday 14th December in school hall, 2.15pm start

Christmas parties and **Christmas lunch** dates will be in next newsletter

Last day of term is Friday 16th December

First day back is Wednesday 4th January 2023

PTA Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair on the Saturday 3rd December is less than a month away! The PTA are working really hard behind the scenes to put together a fantastic event and we look forward to welcoming you all from 10am on the day for festive treats and fun. For this to be successful we do need your help. If you can offer some of your time to run a stall I would really appreciate it, and the more volunteers we have, the more fun we can offer. Please email me to put your name down. pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Many thanks, Emily

I hope you had a chance to have a clear out over the half term and a 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. This is an example of donations.



Open night on Tuesday 29th November.- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

We are hoping to re-open with hopefully a Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and Scout Troop in Totnes and will be having an offers Scouting for young people aged 6 to 14 and the Scout hut is located on Streamer Quay.

The open night is an opportunity for young people to attend with their parents to take part in some Scouting activities, this will be for young people aged 6 to 14yrs. It will also provide an opportunity to talk to parents and other interested adults about how they could support the Scout Group.



Try Scouting for free at our open event



Come and join our open event and try Scouting for free. We've got activities for girls and boys aged 6-17yrs and more information for parents.

When: Tuesday 29th November 2022
Where: 3rd Totnes Sea Scouts
The Scout Hut
Streamer Quay
Totnes
TQ9 5AL
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Contact: Danielle Doyle
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Use the QR code to register your interest online.

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