



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

New classes

This is the day when we announce which classes your children will be moving into. All the children will have been informed before you get this newsletter. It does look (and is) very complex so our advice would be just to focus on the class your child is currently in rather than the whole school picture! We have found that keeping children with their current teacher as they move up in Y1, 3 and 5 has worked really well for the vast majority of children. We appreciate that this will never be a one-size-fits-all decision but in our professional opinion this is the one that suits most best.

Y0 Acorns – Treecreepers and Robins will receive their class information separately.

Y1 Dove Tree – will stay with Mrs Vikki Drew and the Teaching assistant will be Mrs Kim Taylor.

Y1 Lime Tree – Will stay with Mrs Hannah Westrope (Thurs-Fri) and will be joined by Mrs Hannah Vitali (Mon-Wed) and the Teaching Assistant will be Mrs Chris Milnes.

Y1 Chestnut Tree – will stay with Miss Emily Lake to become Lilac Tree Class and the Teaching Assistant will be Cherry.

Y2 Dove Tree – will join Beech Y3s and will become Juniper Tree Class with Mrs Shanaz John and the Teaching Assistant will be Ms El Pringle.

Y2 Lime Tree – will join Willow Y3s to be with Mrs Vic Barton-Wilkes (Mon – Thurs am) and be joined by Miss Lowena Sharpe (Thurs pm and Fri) and the Teaching Assistant will be Mrs Gemma Dart.

Y2 Chestnut Tree – will join Mountain Ash Y3s with Mr Ken Monro and the Teaching Assistant will be Miss Lorna Mason.

Y3 Willow Tree – will stay with Mrs Vic Barton-Wilkes (Mon – Thurs am) and be joined by Ms Lowena Sharpe (Thurs pm and Fri) and the Teaching Assistant will be Gemma Dart.

Y3 Mountain Ash Tree – will stay with Mr Monro and the Teaching Assistant will be Miss Lorna Mason.

Y3 Beech Tree – will become Juniper Tree Class and stay with Mrs Shanaz John and the Teaching Assistant will be Ms El Pringle.

Y4 Willow Tree – will join Flame Tree Y5s with Miss Helen Fernyhough (Mon- Wed) and Mrs Vicky MacLeod (Thurs-Fri) and the Teaching Assistant will be Miss Demelza Thomas.

Y4 Mountain Ash Tree – will join Ginkgo Tree Y5s with Mr Adrian Gude and the Teaching Assistant will be Mrs Ali Priest.

Y4 Beech tree – will be joining Trumpet Tree Y5s with Mr Alex Tye and the Teaching Assistant will be Mrs Sarah Lee (Mon-Wed) and tbc (Thurs-Fri).

Y5 Trumpet Tree – will be staying with Mr Alex Tye and the Teaching Assistant will be Mrs Sarah Lee (Mon-Wed) and tbc (Thurs-Fri).

Y5 Ginkgo Tree - will be staying with Mr Gude and the Teaching Assistant will be Mrs Ali Priest.

Y5 Flame Tree – will be staying with Miss Helen Fernyhough (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Vicky MacLeod (Thurs-Fri) and the Teaching Assistant will be Miss Demelza Thomas.

Mayor Choosing Ceremony

On the Thursday before half-term, Mr Tye and two Trumpet Tree pupils were lucky enough to be invited to the Mayor Choosing Ceremony at the Guild Hall. Alexis wrote a poem about Totnes and Zack wrote an information piece on the legend of Brutus and his connections to the town. Zack and Alexis read their work brilliantly in front of the busy gathering and were a credit to the school. Both children were fascinated by the list of past mayors on the walls of the hall and it was great to feel a part of the local history. They even got to eat from the buffet, see the collection of mayoral gowns and take a look at the old prison cells beneath the building. All-in-all, it was a very enjoyable morning!



Toys and jewellery

Again just a reminder that we don't encourage toys from home to come into school and that the only jewellery that should be worn are watches and stud earrings.

Beyblades

We have made a temporary exception to the toys rule above for Beyblades as they are a current trend in school that the children are really enjoying and playing very nicely with. The understanding though is that they can only play them in a designated part of the playground and that they are responsible for any breakages or losses for their own beyblades.

Children's University Graduations: Book your place!

If you've completed 100 hours of the Children's University scheme and had your Gold Award Certificate, then you can book yourself onto a graduation ceremony at either of the places below.

- 28th & 29th June – University of Plymouth campus
- 5th July – University of Exeter/Falmouth (Penryn campus)

Please note that you can only book two guests per graduating child (although siblings that can sit on an adult's lap can also attend).

If you would like to attend one of these graduations, then please email Adrian Gude at adriang@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk and he will let you know how to do it.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Summer PTA fete is on Friday 7th July after school. This is a great opportunity to have lots of fun and raise funds for the school. There is food and drink available, lots of games and stalls and most importantly an opportunity to spend time with friends, parents and staff.

After the half term we would really appreciate donations of:

-Teddy bears and cuddly toys

-Small toys and 'party bag' type toys for our lucky dip and prizes -Tombola prizes (unopened gifts, toiletries, bottles, games etc) -Good quality bric-a-brac and books We also need your help in preparing for the event and at the event itself. Please email me if you can help (pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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

The Box Plymouth Year 1 and 2 – Thursday 15th June

Cyclo-cross. Year 3 – 6. Forches Cross – Tuesday 27th June after school

Year 3 ,4, 5 and 6 Sports afternoon - Tuesday 11th July

Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports afternoon - Wednesday 12th July

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.

Cleaner wanted

Cleaner Wanted (part-time). To clean small airbnb cabin in Bridgetown. £25 per clean (takes less than 90mins). 1 - 3 x per week depending on bookings. Give me a call or message if you'd like more info. Thanks jonathan 07947 616844

