



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mufti – Friday 10th February – donations please for new baking equipment for the Chef's cooking lessons with the children!

The children are so excited to be raising money for our 'Great Grub for the Grove' project. Each class have come up with great ideas but Brooke in particular wanted a mufti every Friday!! Sorry Brooke, we can't quite manage this but we can do the Friday before half term and this will be specifically raising money to help us buy new baking equipment for the Chef's cooking lessons. Theme = food!!! (or whatever you want!)

Class fundraising events – if you think you may be able to help the classes make their fundraising ideas become real please let the class teacher know:

Acorn – Grove School tea towels and a school cook book

Chestnut Tree class- car wash, family races and a plant sale

Dove Tree Class – sponsored run / street dance

Lime Tree Class – second hand stalls and cake and biscuit stall

Willow Tree Class – Disco / Groves got talent

Beech Tree Class – craft sale, sponsored run, penny trail

Mountain Ash Tree Class – bake sale

Trumpet Tree Class – bake sale

Flame Tree Class –clothes and art sale

Ginkgo Tree Class – dress up fun run, charity football match

These events will help pay towards new kitchen and lunch time equipment, children gardening equipment and resources, dining hall decorations etc. See our website for more information about our Grove School Food Vision: http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/school_meals/138106

Come dine with me – Spaces still available

We still have spaces on our 'Come Dine with Me' experiences for school lunches after half term. This is a bookable event with a maximum of 5 adults per day on a first come first serve basis. The second week back starting the 27th February and the third week beginning 6th March are now open for booking – please contact Rebecca face to face at the front desk, by email on admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk or call 0180386201. We are happy for adults from the same family to attend and if you have more than one child at school, we are happy for you to eat with all of your children. The cost for each adult is £2.50 and will be the same menu as the school lunch for the day so you will have to also pre-order. Your table will be booked for 12 midday. The menu for after half term will be coming soon.

Change to Menu tomorrow due to feedback:

For tomorrow's lunch there will be a choice of Pesto, cheese whirl (Gluten, dairy) or Coconut, sweet potato and red lentil curry

And lastly some feedback from parents on the school lunches initiative:

Thank you so much for so many positive comments – both verbally and written - in response to the really quite scary leap of faith we took to completely overhaul the meals – we have never in all the time I have been at the school (15 years now!), received such a positive response for anything we've done and we are very grateful and very reassured it was the right decision.

Here is a selection of anonymised responses:

This is fantastic news. thank you.

And it seems it is already underway as the kids are raving about the food and the lovely man working there

I just wanted to let you know that the children love the new school meals and they love Marco too. They are excited about their lunches and it's the first thing they tell me about at the end of the day. They say the food tastes amazing.

Thank you for sorting this out.

Some of the feedback I had from the children today:

'This tastes as good as Taco Bell.'

'This is my first time eating a taco and I LOVE it.'

'I haven't tasted any of this before it's all new and it's delicious.'

'It's so great that we can go back for seconds I'm sooo hungry.'

I just wanted to say how great the buzz around the new Chefs in Schools programme is. I have two very cautious eaters but they have both told me they want school lunches everyday! I don't know what magic is now happening in school around food, but whatever you are doing, please keep doing it!

Wow, this is such an amazing idea! Thank you for bringing this to The Grove. Our daughter is excited about it already! She is particularly impressed with having a real Italian chef in who makes their own pizza bases! She can't wait.

I love the idea of a parent come dine with me. I look forward to more news on this and the chefs in schools' project.

Again, many thanks

Wow this is fantastic news! I've heard lots about chefs in schools and very recently on the Food Program, on radio 4. Really looking forward to hearing more about it all as things get off the ground.

Thank you!

Taco Tuesday was a lot of fun. Seemed to go down very well!

Hilary, I think that this all looks really excellent. In terms of some feedback for Marco, our daughter insisted on making fruit salad and yoghurt for breakfast today as she said it had been so delicious at school (she is also fairly convinced that rather than just having cooked for the Queen, he is actually related to the queen- partly because he cooks such delicious food and partly because he has curly hair)?!

This looks brilliant. Thank you. This is something that is really important to me. The new menu idea is great. A no sweet school ethos would be great too.

I'm guessing you are in touch with Food in Community about receiving free organic fruit and veg each week to make the menu even healthier? If not and you need contact info please let me know as we do some volunteer work for them.

Huge well done from me!! 😊🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Thanks

Hello Hilary & team,

I just wanted to say thank you for making this significant change happen - I don't doubt how complicated it is to change what the children are eating and to balance everyone's requirements. There have been ups and downs for x and x, but I am just so, so pleased this has happened. They are talking more about the food, how it's made and where it's from. As Gluten Free kids, they were eating baked potatoes pretty much every day. Which is fine, but I'm just really glad they are being stretched and encouraged to try different things. x has asked for a packed lunch a few times as a back-up, but I'd rather they just keep trying over and over again. It might take ten times for them to like some new foods but what a result!!

Thanks,

I just wanted to email to say how much x (year two) is enjoying the new lunches. He's tried everything (even lentils!) And has said how delicious everything is. I love knowing how adventurous he's being at school, and that he's also receiving such tasty, nutritious food as well. Please pass on our thank you to the cooks and all involved.

What is happening this week and next

On Monday parents and carers from Reception are invited to join a Phonics and Early Reading Workshop from 2.30 until 3.15 p.m. The workshop is a chance to see how we use the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme and how you can support your child at home. There will be time to ask questions and see the resources first hand over a cup of tea. On Tuesday Years 5 and 6 will be going to Plymouth Ski centre for a ski lesson, snow tubing and a toboggan run ride.

Change of venue for Year 1 and 2 trip trampoling

On Wednesday 8th February Lime Tree class and on Thursday 9th February Chestnut and Dove will be going to Torbay Gymnastics Club for their trampoling sessions. Please could all children come to school in their PE Kits and have socks for the sessions. They do not need special socks.

We had to change the venue as unfortunately Devon County Council haven't agreed that ibounce is a safe sporting venue.

Congratulations

Class of the week this time is Lime Tree Class, who although tired managed to adjust their behaviour by the end of the week and be their brilliant selves!

Special congratulations go to these children for particular effort in presentation and progress in their learning:

Acorn – Orla and Arthur (for kindness and being brave)

Chestnut Tree class- Arlo B and Alfie

Dove Tree Class – Logan and Aurora

Lime Tree Class – Marlowe and Sebastian

Willow Tree Class – Gabriel and Jack

Beech Tree Class – Abdul and Isaac

Mountain Ash Tree Class – Phoebe and Maishe

Trumpet Tree Class – Alexis and Bridget

Flame Tree Class –Max M and Immie

Ginkgo Tree Class – Maudie and Teddy

Red Cross First Aid App

During our recent First Aid training, we were shown the Red Cross First Aid app. This was highly recommended by our trainer, who is also a member of the ambulance service. The app guides users through what to do in emergency situations, providing valuable information and videos. Please download it for your family.

Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception Year and Year 6

Parents of children in Reception and Year 6 were sent a letter on Tuesday about this programme. If you would like to opt out then there is a link for parents to use. As soon as we have a date we will let you know.

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

Years 5/6 Non Swimmers every Monday until Easter

Half Term Monday 13th February. Last day of school is Friday 10th February and first day back is Monday 20th February.

Years 5 Bikeability – Week commencing Monday 20th and Monday 27th February – paperwork soon for this
Trecreepers and Robins – Torbay Gymnastics (Change of venue) – Free - Tuesday 14th March

Years 3 and 4, Dynamic Adventures – Free – Tuesday 28th March Mountain Ash, Wednesday 29th March Willow Tree and Thursday 30th March Beech Tree class

Year 5 One Night Residential – Thursday 30th March

Extra Bank Holiday, School Closed for Kings Coronation – Monday 8th May 2023

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.



The After Christmas Tree
Children's event with
illustrator & author
Bethan Welby

Award-winning illustrator and author Bethan Welby will be reading her book, *The After Christmas Tree*, and drawing some of the characters from the story. There will also be the opportunity to do some drawing and colouring-in of your own.

Suitable for ages 3+.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Places are very limited so booking ahead advised.

Sunday 19th February
11am - 12pm | Children £3 (adults free)
Dartington Trust Bookshop, Totnes

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Book your tickets at the Dartington Trust Bookshop, by scanning the QR code, or at dartington.org/whats-on

ART + CRAFTS CLUB

at Grove Primary School

Mondays 3:15pm-4:30pm
Starting 20th February running for 6 weeks

Year Groups 1 + 2 (age 5 - 7 yrs)

Exploring a wide range of media, materials and techniques, including:

- Drawing skills
- Watercolour paints
- Creating collaging techniques
- Sgraffito methods
- Light and shadow
- Chalks and charcoal
- Build 3D constructions
- Use of acrylic paints and surface decoration
- Increase observational skills

The children will be able to bring home all of their outcomes and hopefully pass on the crafting bug!

£45 for 6 weeks (£7.50 p/class)

Future opportunities will come for other year groups in the forthcoming half terms.

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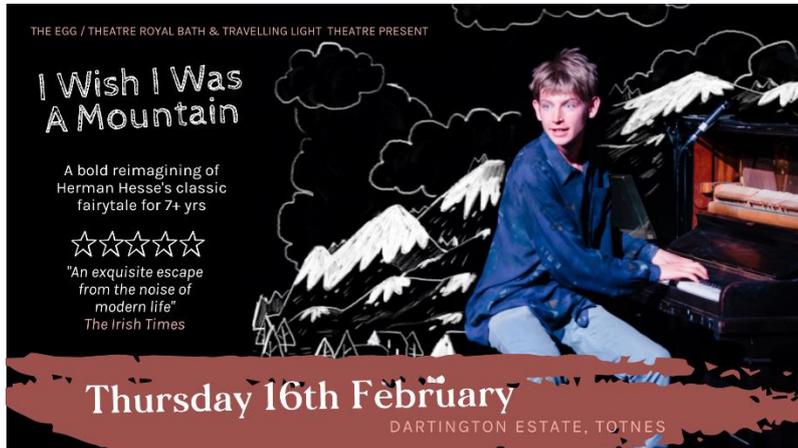
We are offering a discount for this acclaimed show from Theatre Royal Bath, 'I Wish I Was a Mountain' (for ages 7+ yrs), featuring Glastonbury Festival slam poet award winner Toby Thompson.

11am and 3pm, Thursday 16 February 2023

All tickets are just **£7** with School Discount Code (Adults normally **£10**, under 16 normally **£8**)

Code: **£7MOUNTAIN**

Select the standard **£10** tickets for the code to apply at checkout.



Show info and tickets: <https://www.dartington.org/event/i-wish-i-was-a-mountain/>

OTHER "NATURE & CULTURE" HALF-TERM EVENTS

We also have a number of other Family activities for over half-term that families might like to know about:

- **I Want My Hat Back Trilogy (3-6yrs)** - A Little Angel Theatre production with Ian Nicholson and Sam Wilde, based on the beloved books by Jon Klassen (18 February 2023)
- **Love Letters to Trees** - a creative morning workshop crafting willow hearts and writing poems for the wonderful trees on Dartington estate (11 & 14 February 2023)
- **Family Nature Walks** - Led by our conservation team, families are encouraged to use their imagination as they explore our beautiful Deer Park woodland (13 February 2023)
- **The After Christmas Tree** - Children's bookshop event with author and illustrator Bethan Welby (19 February 2023)

All details and tickets for family events at www.dartington.org/whats-on

FAMILY GARDENS

We have discounted entry to our beautiful Gardens and family activity trails - **TQ postcode families (2 adults, up to 6 children) go for just £7:50. Families in receipt of state benefits enter for FREE!**