



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's been happening this week and next?

SPORTS: On Monday, the whole of Year 5 travelled to South Brent to take part in an Invasion Games Festival. With great facilities and a very well-run event, the children gained many skills in attack, defence, strength and agility. Our children were an absolute credit to the school – they participated with enthusiasm, team spirit, kindness and a great sense of fun.

Year 6 Junior Life Skills Thursday 12th October

The Year 6's will be attending the Junior Life Skills event at the Pavilions in Totnes.

Tempest Photography Thursday 12th October

Tempest Photography will be in next Thursday to take individual photos and sibling photos. They will set up at 8.15 in the studio. **Sibling group photos will be taken between 8.15 and 9am and will be on a first come first served basis. (Siblings meaning children that are not attending school i.e. pre-school, nursery and babies)**

Calling All Boxes!

Whilst the Year 6 children are away on their residential, the Year 5's will be having a fun-filled week too. We will be carrying out a DT project all about CAMs and we will be making a CAM toy within a box frame. For this, each child will need a box – preferably shoe box size and strength. Please can your child bring a box to school with their name on it by Friday 13th October.

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 2nd November

Yesterday we emailed out the link to everyone to consent or decline the nasal flu vaccination. The team are due to visit the school on 2nd November 2023. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: DV113234 Please submit your consent form by midday 31st October 2023.

It's an ask

Has any got a wipe clean change mat that they could donate to the school?

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals – Please check

Some children are entitled to pupil premium funding and Free School Meals from the government which helps pay for support for your child in the classroom. For Reception children this money pays for some 1-1 support from a member of our team for any specific needs. For older children we also use this to provide some 1-1 support but

can also use it to support the child in a wider sense. Educational need is the priority but we can also support music lessons, sports clubs and activities etc.

A child is entitled to pupil premium if their family is on a low income and entitled to 'free school meals' or if they are adopted or in care (looked after full time by another member of the family can sometimes fall under this category).

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please see the school office if you think this may be something you can apply for – it can really help your child's education. It is worth noting that if a family is out of work even just for a short amount of time and would qualify for this it is still worth applying because the child gets the money allocated for the next 6 years even if you go back to work.

The website address for this is:-

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

Year 6 transferring to secondary school in September 2024 – Message from DCC

The deadline to make your application to the Local Authority is the 31st October 2023. You can apply online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline Please be advised that if you don't apply or apply after the closing date of the 31st October 2023, your application will be considered after all timely applications, and this may mean that you miss out on a place at your preferred or local school. Places are not held in reserve for people that apply late. It is important that you make your application before the closing date to give your child the best chance of getting a place at one of your preferred schools. Please don't assume you don't need to apply and that you will be allocated a place at the local secondary school if you don't. You must make an application and give the Local Authority your preferences. If you don't tell the admissions team where you want your child to go to school, you will run the risk of being allocated a place at a school that isn't the nearest school, or a preferred school, and it may also be a school to which you are unable to transport your child to. If you need help or assistance with the application process, please speak to the school office or contact the admissions team on 0345 155 1019 or email admissions@devon.gov.uk

Parent governor vacancy

We have a vacancy on the governing board for a parent governor as Joel McIlven has stepped down. On behalf of the board I'd like to thank Joel for his time and contributions. Being a governor is an opportunity to help the school continue to be a place where our children can flourish, and become a key part of the community. *There is more information in the letter attached alongside this newsletter*, and also a nomination form if you would like to put yourself forward, to be complete by 11th October. If you'd like more information in a less formal way, please drop me an email via chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk or find me for a chat at drop-off/pick-up. Thank you!
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Dates for your diary this term <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>)

Tempest Photos Individual and siblings – Thursday 12th October

Year 6 Residential to Okehampton Adventure – Monday 16th October 4 nights

Food donations for Totnes Food bank – Thursday 19th October

Half term – Monday 23rd October

First day back – Monday 30th October

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 2nd November

Year 5 Bikeability – Weeks commencing 6th November and 13th November

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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