



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

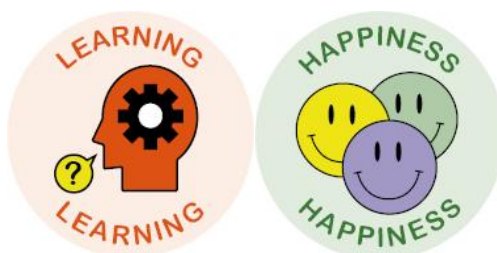
Wednesday 8th July

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Hot weather update
- ☺ Staff updates
- ☺ Yr5/6 science – thanks to Halls Butchers
- ☺ School reports dates
- ☺ Competitive sports day – Thursday 23rd July
- ☺ Thanks to Jenni as Chair of PTA
- ☺ Individuality - Students achievements
- ☺ Grove School Whatsapp Community currently deactivated
- ☺ Spaces for singing / music lessons
- ☺ Skills bank - Register your interest to help us
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events

More info on all these below or ask at the front desk



Hot weather update

Apologies for the late decision yesterday to re-introduce the hot weather pick-ups – we didn't expect it to hit over 30* here at school so early in the week! Again, please feel free to follow the timings for early pick ups if your child struggles with the heat and let us know by email preferably before the day starts. For those of us left we are doing our best to keep cool with lots of hydration breaks, fans and calm activities! You can send your children in lighter clothing if it helps.

Staff updates

Tee Tea Class in September – we are completely thrilled we have persuaded Lowenna Sharpe to the Thursday and Friday job share this with Hannah Turns (previously Vitali). This just means a slight timetable change for Mountain Ash as Miss Sharpe will now teach them on Mondays and Tuesdays with Mr Monro the rest of the week. Earth care with Mr Monro for KSI will now be on a Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Hedley-Clark – you may have noticed Sophie is expecting their third child which is due in October – congratulations! Mrs Gratton, already teaching in EYFS will cover her maternity leave. Ben Boyd – we have been lucky to have Ben working as a TA here for a few years, but in September he has new adventures calling him so we are saying ‘bon voyage to Ben!’

Mrs Hannah Westrope has also been with us for many years and is leaving at the end of the school year. She currently works on Mondays for us covering KSI PPA and is hoping to extend her hours in her other school in Ivybridge, nearer to home for her. Many thanks for your years of dedication to The Grove Hannah!

Yr 5/6 Science

Many thanks to Halls Butchers for sourcing and donating hearts and lungs for our incredibly interesting science lesson last week!



Competitive Sports day

KEVICC have confirmed that we can run our competitive sports afternoon on Thursday 23rd July. Same timings and arrangements- 12pm. The only issue is - there will be no toilets!! We will have to do sneaky wild wees if needed as KEVICC will be closed.

School Reports

School reports will be sent out in paper form on Friday 17th - and email versions to those who need it in that format. The exception will be Year 6 as the DFE have delayed the SATs results by over 2 weeks because of issues with the markers so we will send these out on Wednesday 22nd July.

THANK YOU JENNI

A HUGE thank you to Jenni who has worked incredibly hard this year as Chair of the PTA. She has endless energy and gives up so much of her time, raising money for the children and our school. Needless to say, she has been voted in again as Chair for next year! What would we do without you? Thank you Jenni.

We are endlessly grateful to all that came and those that helped at the summer fair on Friday – it had a really lovely atmosphere and we raised over £3,000!

Our Grove School Community Whatsapp

It appears that Our Grove School Whatsapp Community was deactivated. We are not sure how and by who? If you have any information regarding this, we would be very grateful. Please contact admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. Until it is reactivated, we are not able to post any information or reminders. Apologies for the inconvenience - we will keep you posted.

Singing Lessons, Guitar Lessons and Piano lessons

The School's singing teacher Steph has 3 spaces for September for children in Year 1 to 6.
scillysteph1@gmail.com

The school's guitar teacher Steve Dow will have vacancies for new guitar students from September 2026. For further information about lessons please contact Steve - stevedow@ymail.com

The school's piano teacher Neil Reed will have vacancies for new piano students from September 2026. For further information about lessons please contact Neil on teaching@reedmusic.uk



GOOD LUCK TODAY ELLA

Ella is competing in the Dance World Cup today! She is dancing in a group ballet category and has trained incredibly hard. Ella travelled to Dublin yesterday and is dancing today!

GO ELLA! Good luck!



School Choir

Wow! What a fantastic music assembly. The choir sang beautifully and with lots of energy. A special shout out to the solo singers Grace, Salwa and Matilda, also to Alba on flute. Huge well done to everyone 🎵

Art Competition Winner

Congratulations to Grace White, who won the junior category of The Box: "Where's Your Head At" art competition. She was presented with her £150 prize by the vice-principal of Arts University Plymouth at the awards evening. Grace's winning artwork is now on display at The Box until 4th October. Grace dedicated the wonderful piece to the memory of Mr Tye. Well Done Grace on this fantastic achievement.

Register your interest to help us.

We were hoping to set up a list of people with skills we could call on if we need some help – tradespeople, therapists, handy people, - pretty much anything. Please let us know if you would volunteer with your services or do us a mates rates deal. Please send your details to Jo Counter at jcounter@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



PTA NEWS

Please put these dates in your diary and watch this space for further information!

PTA dates for your diary

Friday 10th July – Lolly sale

Friday 17th July – Lolly sale



Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Lolly Sale

This Friday after school on the field – just what's needed in this heat!

£1 a lolly - Card or cash

(Bake sales will resume in September)

AGM

Thank you to everyone that attended the AGM. We said goodbye and thank you for all their hard work over the years to Emily Rowley and Hannah Westrope.

This year's officers are:

Chair: Jenni Rowe

Deputy Chair: Helen Fernyhough

Treasurer: Lucy Grierson-Jackson

Secretary: Rachel Knight Lozano

Committee members: Vie Griffiths, Anna Taylor and Catherine Varley

If you can help at any event we would welcome your help, you don't need to sign up for loads. Every little helps and we do have lots of fun too!

Summer Fair

A massive thank you to everyone that helped, donated items, and came to the fair on Friday. It was a fabulous evening and a fantastic success - we made profit of a whopping £3026!



Thank you again for all your continued support.

Sponsored Run

Please could all sponsor money be in by this Friday. Parentpay - Card – Cash. Thank you



The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events - e.g. discos, fundraisers, bake sales etc.

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

Monday 13th July – Years 1 and 2 Goodrington Beach day

Wednesday 15th July – Year 5/6 show

Monday 20th July – KS1 Sports Day

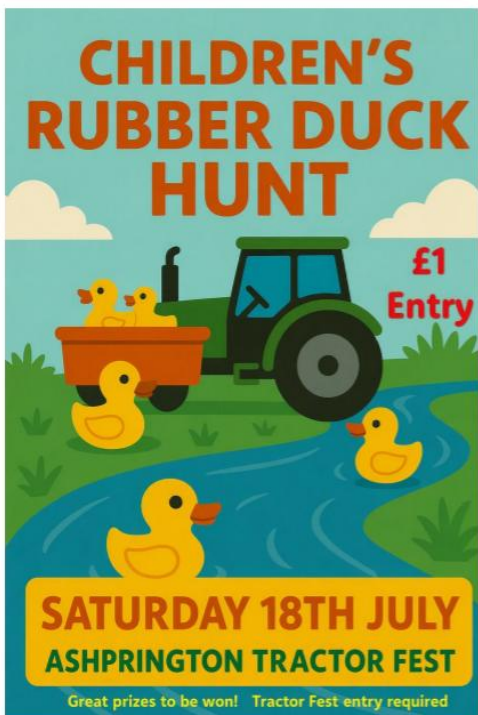
Tuesday 21st July – KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 23rd July – Competitive Sports Day at KEVICC

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.



CHILDREN'S RUBBER DUCK HUNT

£1 Entry

SATURDAY 18TH JULY

ASHPRINGTON TRACTOR FEST

Great prizes to be won! Tractor Fest entry required



ASHPRINGTON TRACTOR FEST

Saturday 18th July
Gates Open 11:00 - 16:00
Exhibitors to arrive between 8:00 - 10:00

Tractors Old & New...
Classic Cars & Other Vehicles!
Tractor Parade, Live Music,
Food, Bar & Childrens Play Area

Entrance Fees:
- Adult £5
- Child £2 (5% and under free)
- Exhibitors Pitch £10

Ash Meadow
Ashprington, TQ9 7UR
3 miles from Totnes

To reserve your exhibitors pitch contact:
Kevan Throgmorton, Robert Rogers or email:
ashpringtontractorfest@gmail.com

 Find us on Facebook
All profits to charity

FROZEN FRIDAY!

**We take
Cash or Card**

**11th and 18th
July**

£1 a Lolly!





Kaleidoscope holiday activity camps are returning to The Grove this summer!

Themes & Dates

Camps run Monday to Thursday each week:

- **27–30 July:** 🐘 The Animal Lunch 🐿
- **3–6 August:** 🎭 Character Carnival 🧑
- **10–13 August:** 💧 Splish Splash! ☀
- **17–20 August:** 🕒 Time Travellers 🚶
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Special Offers

- **10% early bird discount:** Use code HJCUN66S (expires 10th July)
- **Sibling savings:** Contact us for a custom code
- **Hot lunch option** - prepared by Marco
- **Limited spaces:** Book early to avoid disappointment
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You can book your child's spot online today via the [Kaleidoscope Booking Portal](#) or ring/whatsapp us on 07733376528

Supporting Your School

Did you know that every single booking helps the school community? We operate a profit-sharing model with The Grove and a portion of your fee goes directly back to them.

See You at the Fair!

We'll be hosting a stall at the school fair so please drop by for fun activities and great prizes!

We are issuing a final curtain call for our pantomime's Sleeping Beauty Children's Auditions. The call ends **Tuesday 7th July 5pm**, however, please do contact northcottsales@exeter.ac.uk if you miss the deadline.

Auditions are for children aged between 7 - 11 years old, and the audition day will be **Saturday 18th July**, this will be a workshop type event getting to know the fantastic Le Navet Bete rather than a one-to-one audition.

We've had a fantastic response so far, and we'd hate for you to miss out on the chance to be part of it! So please spread the word to all theatre departments and budding stars at your school.

[Click here for audition information](#)

[Click here for the audition registration form](#)

We can't wait to see you at auditions and in the audience!

Very best,

Exeter Northcott Theatre Box Office Team

Meadowbrook, Dartington

We are holding our annual EXTRAVAGANZA this Saturday 11th July from 12 until 5-raising funds to refurbish the swimming pool at Meadowbrook, Dartington. We have made significant progress on the pool project this year and hope to appoint a contractor at the end of the summer. The funds we raise from EXTRAVAGANZA make a huge difference, they mean we can quickly fund architects, Quantity Surveyors, Pool Specialists to ensure the pool we create best serves our community.

Join us this Saturday for music, food, drink and entertainment. Upwards of £5 per family.

More info here:

<https://www.meadowbrookdartington.org/calendar/extravaganza2026>



TOTNES 1 MILE FUN RUN

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 26

Starting at Borough Park and run in a safe off-road environment. The run starts at 10.15 prior to the TOTNES 10K

Working closely with 'Totnes Caring' a local charity enabling people to live fulfilling and independent lives.

Medals & sweets for all finishers
COME & JOIN IN THE FUN

Head to Teignbridge Trotters Facebook page for more information

MAIN RACE SPONSORS:

