



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

**From Dove Tree Class, Lewis for Learning in phonics and writing and Eleanor for Happiness and always being happy to learn.**

**From Lime Tree Class, Melina for Learning and using verbs and adjectives in her writing and Max for Learning in reading with super expression**

**From Lilac Tree Class, Ledley for Learning and the fantastic effort in writing and William for Happiness and having a positive attitude.**

**From Willow Tree Class, Ella for Learning and really pushing herself and Theo for Learning in super X tables progress.**

**From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Alfie for super effort in his learning and Hermoine for Love and being such a kind friend.**

**From Juniper Tree Class, Arlo for Learning and catching up quickly and Tabby for Love and being such a kind friend and supportive of others.**

**From Ginkgo Tree Class, Dillon for Learning in his maths and Alesha for Love and taking such good care of everyone.**

**From Trumpet Tree Class, Prim for Happiness and such a lot of smiles and Jack for Learning in writing and maths.**

**From Flame Tree Class, Adem and Evie both for Learning in maths league.**

## **Don't have time to read all the newsletter?**

### **Here are the essentials in summary:**

- ☺ Movie Night – This Friday 5:30pm – 7:30pm – on ParentPay
- ☺ Parent open session to visit class and chat to teachers – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3:30-5pm
- ☺ World Book Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, includes a book swap, reading café and a competition!
- ☺ Request for play items and spare plants or plant donations for our outside play spaces
- ☺ KS2 PE kits must stay in school all half term

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



### **KS2 Willow, Juniper, Mountain Ash, Flame, Ginkgo and Trumpet PE kits to stay in school all half term**

We have noticed a number of children haven't got their PE kit in school and they must have it in every day. We ask that the children come with a full PE kit – trainers, shorts and a white T shirt, at the beginning of every half term and (unless they have rolled in the mud!) these should stay in school all half term and go home to be washed in the holidays.

### **Parent open session– Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3:30-5pm**

Take this opportunity to pop in and have a chat with the teachers to catch up this half term. Parent consultations will be next half term in the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **World Book Day**

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** and we have lots of fun things planned for the day. The children will be able to come to school dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas and the PTA will be selling second hand costumes in the reception area from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Book Swap!**

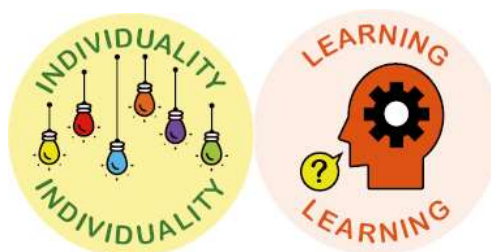
We aren't collecting mufti money for this year, but if you would like to donate a preloved, good quality book from your family, then we will be collecting these in from Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a Y5/6, Y3/4, YR and Y1/2 and pre-school box at the front entrance to put your donations in. (Please can we request that you don't donate annuals, colouring books etc) On World Book Day, we are hoping that these boxes will be available throughout the day for the children to choose a book from should they wish to, but this will depend upon the number of books donated.

### **Reading Café**

During the afternoon of World Book Day (7<sup>th</sup> March) from 2pm until 5pm we will be running a reading café in the school hall, like we did last year, where parents/carers can come in and share books with their children. There will also be tea, coffee, squash and cakes for sale and parents/carers can come drop in at a time convenient for them.

## **Competition**

We'd like to invite the children to join in with our competition linked to World Book Day by making a 3D book character/scene! Entries can be brought in from Monday 3rd March and need to be in by March 7th in order to be entered into the competition. More information about prizes/judging etc will be announced closer to the time.



## **PLAY AT THE GROVE**

Although it might seem that nothing is happening, there is lots going on behind the scenes supporting the development of our playground and play at The Grove. We have been researching, taking part in training, involving the school council and all the children of The Grove in setting up a playground code, more orders have been placed, more money has been awarded and links with continuous provision across the school are being made. All VERY exciting.

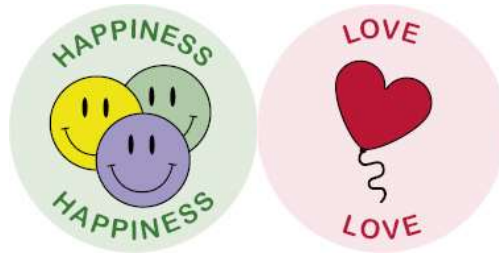
We have some specific requests for donations.

1. Den making equipment - tarps, sheets, ropes, pegs
2. Small world play items/sets eg dinosaurs, cars, animals
3. Kitchen utensils and old pots and pans
4. Dressing up bits - not just set princess dresses but unusual items of clothing eg a waistcoat, different hats
5. Items that could be used as stage props.
6. Large wood rounds to make a log circle for children to sit on.
7. Bunting and flags
8. Strings of solar lights

Thank you so much for your support.

## **Plants wanted**

We have very kindly been donated some of the planters which you will have seen previously around Totnes to use at school. We are going to use them to 'green-up' our playground enhancements. When you are tidying up your gardens for spring and find any spare plants that we could use or spot something reduced in the garden centre and don't mind buying it as a donation please think of us. We are looking for any plants (safe around children)– ideally that keep their green through the year (or most of the year) and would be happy in planters. Also if you come across anyone getting rid of some top soil or compost we would be very grateful too.



### **Exciting news from Chefs in Schools**

We wanted to share some exciting news—one of the school chefs from Chefs in Schools, Amber Francis, is currently competing in *The Great British Menu*, representing the South West. Amber is the head chef at Christ's College in Finchley, where she introduced *New Food Tuesday*, a fantastic initiative that encourages students to explore new flavours while celebrating local, seasonal produce.

Chefs in Schools thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to show our support for Amber and highlight the incredible work that's happening in our school by running a *New Food Tuesday* starting next week!

Riverford have kindly donated produce for us to do *New Food Tuesday* as it is a food education initiative and all children, whether school dinners or not, can try the new tastes.

### **Come Dine with me**

We are delighted to offer an opportunity for parents to join their child for a school lunch. You are invited to join your child and have a school dinner with them at their lunch time. If you have more than one child it might be nice to book separate days for each child.

To book, please look at the menu and choose your date and let Rebecca / Sarah know at the front desk or by email.

Meals cost £2.50, please bring cash with you when you arrive.

Meal times:

Acorns – Reception class – 11:30am

Dove, Lime and Lilac – Year 1 and 2 – 12:00 midday

Juniper, Mountain Ash, Willow – Year 3 and 4 – 12:20pm

Flame, Ginkgo, Trumpet- Year 5 and 6 – 12:40pm

### **Could you donate to our benevolent fund to support other families?**

Our benevolent fund is running dry – if you could donate any small amount via parent pay it is a really beneficial service for our families who can't afford school trips etc.

### **Have you joined our School Lottery?**

It's an easy way to support the school with some nice winnings available too.

[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/referral/1049834246/750386967?utm\\_source=manual](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/referral/1049834246/750386967?utm_source=manual)

## **PTA News and Upcoming events**

REMEMBER - if you can help in any way, please let us know

7<sup>th</sup> February: Movie Night 5:30 - 7:30

7<sup>th</sup> March: 2 - 5pm: World Book Day Reading Cafe and Cake Sale.  
(Please note that this is the day after the National World Book Day for staffing reasons.)

7<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Hamper Tickets go on sale.

10<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day Gift order forms to be given out.

14<sup>th</sup> March: Lilac Tree Bake Sale

17<sup>th</sup> March: Closing date for Mother's Day gift orders.

21<sup>st</sup> March: Lime Tree Bake Sale

21<sup>st</sup> March: March Bingo Night in the school hall

28<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day gifts to be sent home.

28<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Disco

4<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Bonnet/Hat judging

4<sup>th</sup> April: Draw Easter Hamper



### **Movie Night – This Friday 5:30pm – 7:30pm**

Please return all permission slips by tomorrow with £5 – you can pay by cash, card or ParentPay.

Please can you provide children with a water bottle for the evening.



### **World Book Day Costumes**

If your child has grown out of any dressing up costumes, we would love them to sell to parents for World Book Day to cut down the cost for everyone.

Please drop items in a bag marked PTA at the front desk. Thank you!

### **Pre Loved School Uniform**

Lots of sizes available – in the front entrance for a donation.

### **The Grove School PTA Facebook Page**

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

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

Movie night 7<sup>th</sup> February 5:30pm – 7:30pm – On ParentPay

Parent Open session – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of half term – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

First day back – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Parent consultations week of 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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 Grove School

**7TH  
FEB**

**5.30 -  
7.30  
PM**

# **MOVIE NIGHT**

**[ ZOOTROPOLIS  
OR  
SHREK ]**

**£5 per Child**

**Includes:  
Unlimited Juice, Biscuits & a Bag of  
Popcorn.**

**WEAR YOUR PYJAMA'S,  
BRING A CUDDLY TOY,  
A BLANKET & ENJOY THE MOVIE.**



### **Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre - *Pugs of the Frozen North* Theatre Performance**

Many of you will recall that last year we were very lucky to be visited by the authors and illustrators Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. They delivered a whole school assembly where we all created a story and drew our own Adventure Mouse using their techniques.

If you love their books as much as we do, you will want to know that there is a stage production of it happening at The Mansion during the February half term (Friday 21st February, 2pm). For tickets and more information, follow this link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-foundry-group/pugs-of-the-frozen-north/2025-02-21/14:00/t-avnznd>



## Home Haircuts

Professional mobile hairdresser in Totnes and surrounding areas.

Cutting and styling for ladies, gents and children in the comfort of your own home.

For more information and to arrange a booking please contact

**Megan Furneaux - 07813 524 824**

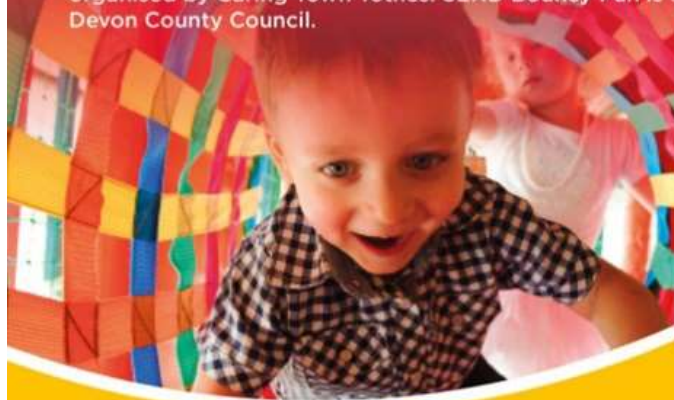


# SEND Bouncy Fun in Warm Spaces

Brought to you in partnership with  
**TQ9: Together We Care Programme**  
and **South Hams Family Hub**

All donations will go to the 'TQ9: Together We Care' programme organised by Caring Town Totnes. SEND Bouncy Fun is funded by Devon County Council.

**NO  
BOOKING  
REQUIRED**



**Sessions available between  
10:30am - 12:30pm on:**

**Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February**

The sessions are on a pay-what-you-can basis (free if that is what you can afford). A collection tin will be on the reception desk and 100% of all donations will support the programme.

- No need to book but limited capacity.
  - The sessions are parent supervised.
  - The sessions are for families with children up to the age of 8.
  - Sessions are in the Sports Hall at Totnes Leisure Centre.
- What's available at the centre:**
- Bouncy castle
  - Soft play
  - Music
  - Warm space
  - Seating area
  - Tea and coffee, plus fruit for the kids
  - Free wifi and charging points

Totnes Leisure Centre Borough Park Road, Totnes TQ9 5XW. Call **01803 862992**





# BOUNCY FUN IN WARM SPACES

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**TQ9: Together We Care Programme**

All donations will go to the 'TQ9: Together We Care' programme organised by Caring Town Totnes. Bouncy Fun is funded by Totnes Town Council and SouthHams District Council.



Sessions available  
between 1pm - 4pm on:

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