



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

An exciting day for The Grove food agenda again – not only are we in the Totnes Times but also in the national newspaper, The Times today in their section 'Health Summit' as a case study entitled 'Chefs serve up a fresh approach to school food'.

Celebrate our individuality with a mufti day

In school we are looking deeper into what our school values of Love, Learning, happiness, communication and individuality means to us all. This week we want to celebrate our individuality with a mufti day.

This will be on Friday (or Thursday from Year 3 and 4 as Friday is their Greek day).

Children can wear their favourite outfit - to show their individual style, bring their favourite book to show their individual taste and bring their favourite teddy- to show their individual softy side!!

We will take donations on the day or by the gofundme page - all proceeds will go towards Marco's half marathon challenge raising money to help pay for children's school meals for families who are struggling to make ends meet in this difficult economic crisis. We are currently at £520 which is 208 meals! Our target is £1,000 – please spread the word!

<https://gofund.me/fd7f9cf6>

Many thanks for your support

BBC 500 Words and Author Visit

After half term we are very excited to have two authors, Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, visiting school to present our in-house prizes for the BBC 500 Words competition. We will be selecting our own winners for the competition within school and Philip and Sarah will present the prizes and run an assembly/workshop for all of the children on Tuesday 20th February. Philip and Sarah will also be available to sign books after the assembly.

East Gate bookshop will be visiting the school **tomorrow (8th Feb)** to share some of their books and take pre-orders ready for signing the week after half term. They will be positioned in a gazebo on the school field from 3pm unless the weather is very wet, in which case they will be in the studio. They are very kindly offering a discount of 10% off all books ordered.

This week we shared some clips of Philip and Sarah sharing extracts from their books in assembly which the children really enjoyed. You can view them here:

Adventure Mice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHq7gp65g4o>

Mortal Engines: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiRQr6YRVul>

The results of the actual BBC 500 words competition are due to be announced really soon and we hope to update the children on that at the same time Philip and Sarah visit.

WRITING COMPETITION - AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

Hugo's (in Juniper) Grandad from Totnes Bookshop has kindly organised this amazing opportunity for all children from Year 1 upwards, with amazing prizes for first, second and third place.

TOTNES COMMUNITY WRITING COMPETITION FOR THE GROVE SCHOOL

Interpret this as you wish. Create a piece of writing all about CASTLES! This could be a story, it could be a piece of non-fiction writing all about the history of castles, it could be about one castle or many castles - for example, English, French or Spanish.

THE PRIZES!

Years 1, 2 and 3: First Prize: £25

Second Prize: £15

Third Prize: £10

Years 4, 5 and 6: First Prize: £50

Second Prize: £30

Third Prize: £20

THE CLOSING DATE IS: Friday 23rd February
GO FOR IT!

After School Club

Just to make you all aware, after school club will be closed for staff training on the following Mondays this term: 26th February / 11th March, many thanks for your understanding. Sarah Allford

Shear Soccer after half term

The Shear Soccer link is active for anyone who wants to sign their children up for the football after school club. Years 1 and 2 on Tuesdays and years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesdays. [After School Club | Shear Soccer](#)

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would like to update you on the events that were voted on as a whole school and organised by The School Council.

LITTER-PICKING

Reception have been super busy litter-picking in the playground and field. The children learnt how to use the grabbers and were armed with colourful gloves too. They had a great time and came back smiling. Thank you Reception for our lovely place to play. All of KS1 will be having a go too very soon.

COFFEE MORNING

Our first coffee morning took place last week. We contacted Totnes Caring and a group of older members of our community were invited to visit. The coffee morning (run this time by the Year 4 children of Willow) was held in the Studio. The children took orders for tea, coffee and treats and then joined the guests chatting and playing games. The children talked about school, the things they do out of school, and the things that they love to do. Willow Class children were interviewed and said that everyone was really nice and that everyone had a great time.

QUAYSIDE VISITS

Year 5 and 6 have been visiting Quayside Home at Steamer Quay on a Monday afternoon. A small group visit, taking fun games to play with the clients.

Here are some of the quotes from the children involve so far:

“The atmosphere was amazing!”

“It was a lovely environment, all the employees were so kind and gave us some treats and a drink. The clients brought lots of games to play and taught us how to play them. I very much enjoyed it!”

“Everyone enjoyed themselves and I had such a fun time. It was really great.”

“It made me feel happy!”

“Quayside was very lovely and the people were very sweet and we all played some games. They gave us some orange and blackcurrant to drink and Maryland biscuits too. It is a lovely and beautiful place to hang out and play games. Lovely people and very talkative, you can have lively chats!”

This is going to continue as a weekly event so that everyone gets a go. Well done Year 5 and 6.

Dates for your diary this term

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

Greek Day Years 3 and 4 – Friday 9th February

First day back – Monday 19th February

Mountain Ash class swimming – Monday 19th February for 6 weeks this is on ParentPay

Parent Consults – Week commencing Monday 4th March

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Year 5 One night residential – Wednesday 27th March

Last day of term for Easter holidays - Thursday 28th March

First day of term – Monday 15th April

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.

drop 3 items of
clothes - Grove, wk
begin 19 Feb

Ladies Clothes Swap

Clothing / Shoes / Accessories

Where:

Grove School
TQ9 5ED

When:

Fri 23 Feb, 7-9.30

Entry fee:

£5, inc a drink

Swap, don't shop!

For more information:

text 07988 937810


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Devon



HALF TERM HAPPENS HERE!

ELFIC'S
Circus Workshop

**14th
February
1.30-3.30**

Half Term fun
for children (7+)
and adults alike

Hula Hoop Skill Walking Devilstick Juggling plate Spinning

Tickets £7.50 from www.wegotickets.com/event/606732/

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A D V E N T U R E D A Y S

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WHITTLING	HOT CHOCOLATE
FIRE LIGHTING	TOASTING MARSHMALLOWS
CLAY MODELLING	TIME TO PLAY AND
MUD KITCHEN	EXPLORE IN THE
MASTER CHEF	WOODS

FaBruary Half Term!

Tues 13th, Weds 14th Feb

Easter!

Tues 2nd April, Weds 3rd April
Tues 9th April, Weds 10th April



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