

THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 11th November

SHOUT OUTS TO ....

Dove Tree Class - Ada, Learning, trying so hard in maths and phonics. Lottie, Love, being super kind to her friends.

Willow Tree Class, Arlo, Learning, excellent writing and literacy - you really tried your best. Freya, Love, for being such a lovely friend and helping your peers whenever you can.

Lilac Tree Class - Frankie, Learning, trying his best in everything. Orla B, Love, treating everyone with kindness.

Tea Tree Class, Emma, Love, always kind, caring and a real joy to have in class. Meadow, Happiness, for being such a joyful member of Tea Tree class.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Bella, Learning, for a fantastic 'Dig a Hole' story. Otis, Learning – for wowing us with your maths skills.

Holly Tree Class, Frida, Learning, working so hard on her maths and working independently to answer column addition questions. Eddie, Learning, always having a go and showing a real enjoyment in his work.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Asher, Learning, for being so focused during our assessment week, you should be so proud of yourself. Asante, Communication, for your great contributions to our class discussions. You have some great ideas

Whitebeam Tree Class, Marlowe, Individuality, always approaching your learning with such a creative outlook. Hannah, Learning, such amazing focus and attainment during assessment week.

Flame Tree Class, Charlotte, Learning, what a mathematician you are! Rainer, Happiness, focus and kindness all the time.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

☺ Tempest photography siblings tomorrow
☺ Message from After School Club
☺ Choir performance dates
☺ Please check for head lice
☺ Tennis fundraiser thank you
☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events – preparations for the Christmas Fair

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



Tempest Photography – Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November
Tempest Photography are here this week to take individual photos and sibling photos.
Today – Individual photos
Tomorrow – Siblings photos
If you wish to include children that do not attend Grove i.e. pre-school, nursery and babies, please bring them tomorrow at 8:15am These photos will be taken between 8.00 and 9am and will be on a first come first served basis.

Message from After School Club
Please could you always collect from the glass front double doors. There is a number to call (displayed on the doors) so we can bring your child down to you when we are playing outside.

Choir Performance Dates
Light switch on event- Civic Hall 3pm
Singing outside St Marys Church- Tuesday 8th December 7pm start singing (Arrive for 6:45pm)
Choir Showcase - Tuesday 8th December 7:30pm
School Assembly – Friday 11th December (school pupils only)
Family Performance – School Hall - Friday 11th December 3:15pm- All welcome!

Head Lice

A reminder to please check your child(ren) for head lice.
Head lice can make your head feel itchy.
The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.
You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.
Check everyone you live with, or have close contact with, and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.
There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You do not need to wash your laundry on a hot wash.
Wet combing
Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.
You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.
There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. When you've finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time.
Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.
Medicated lotions and sprays
If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.



Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported my tennis fundraiser for our school. 🎾

Thanks to your generosity, we raised **£255** for school projects and wellbeing initiatives that directly benefit our children.
The tournament in Bridgwater was a real challenge, with players travelling from across the county to compete, but knowing I had your support kept me going throughout.

Thank you for your kindness, encouragement, and donations. Every contribution makes a difference.
Marco ❤️

Food Bank

Totnes has a great food bank and we can do referrals if you need a bit extra. Cost of living is very tough at the moment. Email me at head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Grove Diversity Group

Open to parents and carers from The Grove and St John's, the Diversity Group meets twice each term with the aim of supporting children from all backgrounds to feel recognised and included within our school communities.

We welcome all parents and carers who would like to contribute, and particularly value perspectives and experiences relating to diverse cultures and faiths, LGBTQ+ identities, adoption, fostering and care experience.

Our next meeting is at The Grove School on Thursday 19th November, after drop-off



Benevolent Fund

Please support our families in need if you are able. On ParentPay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips and pay for some school meals. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences or a hot healthy meal at lunchtime so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.



The Grove School Whatsapp Community

If you would like me to add you to the community, please send me an email with your number. **helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk**

Register your interest to help us.

We have 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 could 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

We have a super exciting year ahead, jammed packed with events - old and new!
Please put these dates in your diary and watch this space for further information!

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



Cake Sale

This week is Whitebeam Tree's Cake Sale

Next bake sale will be Ginkgo. On the field - or in the hall if wet.

Friday 20th November: Ginkgo Cake Sale
Friday 27th November: Acorns and KS1 Cake Sale

Other Events This Term

Friday 27th November: Christmas Fair & Mufti
NEW DATE - Saturday 28th November: Wreath Making for beginners

Fun Quiz Night – Cancelled

Sorry we have had to cancel as we didn't have enough teams



FRIDAY 27TH Nov 5pm – 8pm
We urgently need donations please!

Raffle Prizes
It's that time of the year again! If you are a business or know anyone who could donate a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair, please let me or Helen Fernyhough know. Thanks, Jenni.

Christmas jumpers/clothes
If you are having a clear out, we would love donations!

Teddies and soft toys
We would love donations of clean teddies and soft toys.

Year 6 Stall
Year 6 would like any good condition toys books puzzles or games. Please no bric-a-brac or household items.

Tombola Mystery Bag Stalls
Unwanted gifts, candles, toiletries, bottles, chocolates, stationery etc. Please drop to the front entrance to give to a member of staff on the field.

Thank you for your support!

Christmas Wreath Making – Please book by this Friday 13th
Saturday 28th November
The Grove School Hall
£25 pp
6pm arrival for 6:30 pm start.
Everything supplied, including a glass of mulled wine and mince pie.
Please book by Friday 6th November; please find a form at the front desk. Payment by cash, card or ParentPay.
Limited places.



Pre Loved School Uniform
Lots of sizes available for sale in the front entrance.

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

Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December, 2.15pm in the hall
Year 3/4 Christmas Performance at KEVICC Aerial centre – Tuesday 15th December, 1pm and 6pm
Reception Nativity – Wednesday 16th December, 2pm in the hall
Last day of term – Friday 18th December
First day of Spring term – Monday 4th January

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.



Our Saturday morning table tennis club is now up and running. The first session is free!
More info here: https://eequ.org/book/table-tennis-club-saturday-mornings-with-kaleidoscope-clubs-and-courses-32163

The Grove School, Totnes

Christmas WREATH MAKING



Saturday 28th November

The Grove School Hall

6pm for a 6.30pm start

£25 pp

everything supplied includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.



Please book by Friday 6th November

Payment taken when booking , please find a form at the front desk , payment by card or cash .

Limited places

future me

Child & Teen Coaching

Does your child sometimes struggle with confidence, friendships, big feelings or navigating everyday challenges?

As a qualified Child & Adolescent Mental Health Coach I help children and young people build confidence, understand their feelings, recognise their strengths and develop the tools to navigate life's ups and downs.

Whether your child needs a little extra support or simply a space to explore their feelings, sessions are tailored to each individual child, their age and their goals.

My approach helps children feel heard, understood and empowered to be themselves.

To explore whether coaching could help your child, book a discovery call. To find out more visit

www.futuremecoaching.com




YOUNG DART VOICES
(Dartmouth's Youth Choir)
Where young singers discover their voice
and find their people through music.
Build confidence.
Make friends.
Find their voice.
Scan to join!
Mondays | 3:30pm-5pm
The Cube, Dartmouth Academy
Ages 8-16
FREE
TWO CONCERTS THIS TERM
30th October | St. Clement's Church
18th December | The Flavel Arts Centre
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www.theflavel.org.uk
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COMMUNITY FUND
DARTMOUTH'S YOUTH CHOIR