



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a fabulous year enjoying your children and all their efforts!! We say a fond farewell to our amazing Year 6 children and some of the families who leave us this time. Also farewell and good luck to Sam Wilkinson in her new Headship, to Alex Teague, Lyla Reynolds, Hennie Haworth and Lou Cookson who are all going into teacher training, Leona Squires who moves to a new position in Plymouth and all the best to our clerk to the governors Debbie Horton. Hope you have a lovely summer holiday. Remember the last day of term is this Friday 21st July and first day back for the children is Tuesday 5th September.

Mufti day Friday – summer fun.

Year 6 can bring a school top for signing

Steve Backshall Day – Thursday 20th July – Years 1 and 2

As part of our science, living things and their habitats, this half term we have been learning about Steve Backshall as our famous scientist. To finish off this topic we are going to have a 'Steve Backshall Day' where we would like the children to dress up as Steve Backshall or an explorer. Please do not feel you have to buy a specific outfit for the day, shorts and t-shirt will do the job perfectly. The children may also bring a small animal teddy or other explorer props to enhance their outfit. We will also be using the green screen to make our own Steve Backshall videos, so if the children could avoid wearing anything green, that would be great, otherwise they will disappear in their video!

No Beyblades or anything from home (except books) from September

Not one of our most successful ideas allowing beyblades into school – although the children did behave well in general it also caused some arguments. So it's just 2 days left of them in school and then they won't be back in September. That applies to all things from home – except for books.

Message from Totnes Community Bookshop

We have just heard that our building is for sale! After 50 years our future is in doubt. Next week we have an article in the Totnes Times. At this time we begin a CROWDFUNDING to buy the bookshop. Hopefully this will be a success and we will be able to continue supporting worthwhile ventures like Grove Primary School which we have done for several years. Please consider supporting by going to www.castlebooks.org Let's make this a community wide effort. Many thanks. Francis.

Dove Tree Sponsored Dance

Dove Tree had great fun dancing to lots of great tunes on Monday and managed to raise £355 towards the new kitchen!! Well done Dove Tree! Thank you for all of your support and sponsorship money.

Update from the governors

In the final week of term attention inevitably turns to reflect on this school year, something we did at our final board meeting yesterday. There are too many achievements to mention individually, but a specific highlight for me was the reimagining of the school kitchen in January. This involved input from staff, children, governors, the PTA, families and local businesses. A great example of everyone working together.

The children will have their own highlights from the year, maybe a trip, performance, subject or new friendship. Huge thank you to them and the staff for all their hard work, and good luck Year 6 as they leave for secondary school. Have a lovely summer break.

Ian Stewart, on behalf of the governing board.

PTA Thanks

It was wonderful to see such happiness and laughter at the Summer Fete on Friday. It was a huge success; a great opportunity for people to spend time together in the school and fundraise at the same time. The event raised approximately £2500 which is amazing. I am so grateful for all the support leading up to the event and on the day itself. A very big thank you to the teachers and staff at the school, PTA members and all those that helped out running stalls and tidying up. Wishing you all a restful and happy summer.

Farm trips

The year 3s and 4s have enjoyed their farm visits this year and we are hoping to return next school year. Willow and Beech enjoyed the Apricot centre farm recently and here is a link to their short blog post about the visit. <https://www.apricotcentre.co.uk/blogs/school-visits-to-the-farm>

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

Years 5 and 6 Zoo Trip – Monday 18th September

Years 1 and 2 Zoo Trip – Wednesday 27th September

Tempest Photos Individual and siblings – Thursday 12th October

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

Half term – Monday 23rd October

First day back – Monday 30th October

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.

Spaces for Piano Lessons

Neil has a few spaces for piano lessons starting next term on either Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays
His details can be found on the school website under Music Lessons

http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/music_lessons/138177



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SUMMER EVENING
WORKSHOP CLASSES

6:00PM - 9:00PM

THURSDAY 13TH JULY: GETTING TO GRIPS WITH GEARS
THURSDAY 27TH JULY: ADJUSTING BRAKES (NON DISC)
THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST: MENDING PUNCTURES
THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST: GENERAL MAINTENANCE
THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER: ADVANCED BRAKES (DISCS..ETC)



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Books for The Grove School Library from the East Gate Bookshop

Nigel and Claire Jones, owners of the East Gate Bookshop in Totnes

For the last eleven years, our children have all attended the The Grove Primary School n Totnes. Our eldest started in September 2012, our middle child followed and our youngest is in her final term and about to leave.

We are so grateful for the amazing care and guidance all our three children have received, and we had the idea that we could donate books to stock the school's library as a thank you. To help us with this we politely asked publishers if they would consider donating some suitable books – we got an amazing response, and with their contribution matched with some books from our shelves at the bookshop we managed to get together three large boxes packed with brilliant books for The Grove School Library.

We are so glad we could leave this small legacy behind and would like to thank Hilary and all the amazing staff at The Grove School for their invaluable contribution to our children's wellbeing.



NEW FOR SUMMER: Go Wild with Dynamic Adventures

Thursday 10 – Saturday 26 August

Dartington Trust has teamed up with the fabulous Dynamic Adventures to offer a range of adrenaline-fuelled, thrill-inducing experiences for the whole family during the summer holidays!

Every weekend from the 10th to the 26th of August, choose from ziplining, tree climbing, wall climbing, abseiling, archery, and tag archery. No experience necessary, and the Dynamic team will be on hand with their expert instructors to make sure folks of all ages are safe and secure in their adventure!

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To find out more, go to [dartington.org/go-wild](https://www.dartington.org/go-wild)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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WEEK 1
MONDAY 24TH JULY
TUESDAY 25TH JULY
WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY
THURSDAY 27TH JULY
FRIDAY 28TH JULY

ACTIVITY DAY & GOALKEEPING DAY
ACTIVITY DAY
ACTIVITY DAY
FOOTBALL DAY
FOOTBALL DAY



WEEK 2
MONDAY 31ST JULY
TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST
THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST
FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST

ACTIVITY DAY & GOALKEEPING DAY
ACTIVITY DAY
ACTIVITY DAY
FOOTBALL DAY
FOOTBALL DAY



WEEK 3
MONDAY 7TH AUGUST
TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST
FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST

ACTIVITY DAY & GOALKEEPING DAY
ACTIVITY DAY
ACTIVITY DAY
FOOTBALL DAY
FOOTBALL DAY



WEEK 4
MONDAY 14TH AUGUST
TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST
FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST

ACTIVITY DAY & GOALKEEPING DAY
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ACTIVITY DAY
FOOTBALL DAY
FOOTBALL DAY

WEEK 5
MONDAY 21ST AUGUST
TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST
THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST
FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

ACTIVITY DAY & GOALKEEPING DAY
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FOOTBALL DAY
FOOTBALL DAY

WEEK 6
MONDAY 28TH AUGUST
TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST
FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

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With prizes to be won from our Select Soccer Funnet penalty shootout competition at our small sided team tournaments lets have fun games and activities along the way.

GROUPS FOR:	14-5	15-6	16-7	17-8	18-9	19-11	11-12	12-14	13-15
MINI MIXED GROUP	10:00 - 15:00	09:30							
JUNIOR MIXED GROUP	10:00 - 15:00	09:30							
SENIOR MIXED GROUP	10:00 - 15:00	09:30							

SMALL GROUP CITY AND BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE FROM 09:30

BRIDGELL HILL PLAYING FIELDS, HUNTER AUSTLEY AVENUE, TORQUAY, TQ2 7FF

ACTIVITY DAYS

Daily indoor and outdoor jam-packed activity days are sure to have something on offer for everyone from basketball, table tennis, badminton and darts to our Torbay famous Nerf Gun War!

GROUPS FOR:	14-5	15-6	16-7	17-8	18-9	19-11	11-12	12-14	13-15
09:30 - 15:30									

BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE FROM 09:30
 AFTERNOON CLUB AVAILABLE UNTIL 17:00

ACORN CENTRE, LUMMATON CROSS, TORQUAY TQ2 8ET

GOALKEEPING DAYS

Torbay's only dedicated goalkeeping holiday course. With fun goalkeeping games, and specialised technical training, there has never been a better time to practice your skills than this school holidays.

GROUPS FOR:	16-7	17-8	18-9	9-11	11-12	12-14	13-15
10:30 - 14:30							

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background.

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