



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last day of term is next Friday 24th May and we are back on **Tuesday 4th June**.

What is happening this week and next

Table Tennis club starts tomorrow. Year 3 and 4 Athletics Festival is being held on Friday 17th May from 10:00 – 12:00. This is part of our PE curriculum, we have been invited to participate in an Athletics Festival, which will give the children the opportunity to explore a range of athletic skills. It is being held at KEVICC, on the Astro and the children will return to school for lunch. Please could the permission slips be back by tomorrow. We need 2 volunteers to help with walking Chestnut and Flame Tree class to and from KEVICC. If you can help please let us know as soon as possible.

Year 1 and 2 Willow Tree class trip Thursday 23rd May

The day to Berry Pomeroy castle that was cancelled has now been re organised and the class are now going to Dartington Deer Park. Letters have already been sent out.

Basketball at KEVICC

Last week three years 5 and 6 teams entered into the Basketball League held at KEVICC. All teams played incredibly well, showed fantastic determination, skill, teamwork and sportsmanship across the competition. South Brent were very formidable opponents across the games yet it was The Grove who came out victorious! The A team came 1st with wins across almost all matches, the B team came 3rd and the C team (who were a player down!) a very close and respectable 4th. Well done to all players! You should all be incredibly proud!

Year 3 and 4 Dartmoor Trip to Dartmoor

The Year 3 and 4 classes had wonderful trips to Dartmoor last week and this week. Thankfully, Flame class postponed their trip to a sunnier day. We were dropped off at Manaton and began our search for Bowerman's Nose, the granite column that represents the mythical hunter Bowerman. From there, we then headed to Hound Tor to look for his granite hounds. The children were amazing and walked, sketched and explored brilliantly. Many thanks to all the adults who helped out too.

2019 Parent Workshop

The Behaviour Intervention Support Network, **bis-net**, are offering training to parents and professionals involved in care for a child with behaviour support needs.

The workshops will take place in Ivybridge. All dates are in June and the courses will run from 9.30am until 2.30pm. Please see Michelle for further details or click on the link.

<https://www.cedaonline.org.uk/bis-net/training-and-workshops>

Nits

We are finding that the warmer weather is bringing back the nits so please get in the habit of combing hair with conditioner and a nit comb every week. We do have a more detailed method of nit combing if you would like a copy.

Gymnastics Club

We need 20 children to run the Monday Gymnastics club after school from 3.15 until 4.15. The club costs £15 for 5 weeks. Please see Rebecca if you would like to book a place.

News from the Governors - Parent Questionnaire 2019

Feedback from parents is valuable, and helps us ensure that the school remains a fun, supportive and continuously improving place for all pupils. It has been two years since we last ran our parent questionnaire and we would love to hear from you again on how we are doing. The survey will be open for the next four week, and we will report the results back to you before the end of the summer term - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TheGrove2019> - thank you.

Help Needed - taking a flat-packed pod up onto our outdoor learning space

If you have been into the playground lately then you might have seen a flat packed pod. We need to open this up and take it bit by bit up to the outdoor learning space so that it can be put together and built at the weekend. If you are free tomorrow (Thursday) at 7.15 pm we are looking for parent volunteers to help us with this task.

Raised Beds

We would like to say a big THANKYOU to Richard (Zoya's dad) who donated and organised 2 tons of soil to be delivered for our raised beds in the playground. He was able to spread it evenly across all four beds, enriching them and bringing them up to a level that will help them drain. The soil is much richer and less clayey than what was in now underneath.

School Council – Movie Night last Friday

Thank you to everyone who supported the film night. The children enjoyed watching the 'Incredibles 2' and we raised £265.

Willow Tree request

We are looking for another water butt, with stand, if anyone has one they would like to donate.

PTA Cake Sale

This week is the turn of Willow and Chestnut to wow us with their sweet treats. Please can all donations be left with either your class or Rebecca at reception. Thank you to Beech and Bay who baked for us last week.

PTA Summer Fair

We are busy planning for our summer fair on Friday 12th July from 5pm until 7pm. We will soon have boxes out to collect any tombola you can donate. We would love things like; wine, chocolate, smellies, new unwanted gifts etc. We will also be asking for your pre-loved teddies. Watch this space! Any offers of help on the day would be greatly appreciated as we cannot run these events without your support.

Pick-a-pocket gifts

The summer fair is only 8 weeks away. If you are creative and would like to make something small for the pick-a-pocket lucky dip we would be very grateful. Fiona Kendall in Beech Tree class would love your amazing creations. Thank you.

Raffle Prizes

We are in need of raffle prizes. If you work for a company or own a company who could donate something, we would really appreciate anything you could offer. Thank you to those who have already donated.

Canopies

You may have noticed the wonderful new canopies that have been installed over the Easter break. The PTA are thrilled to have finally sorted them and the children are already enjoying using them in all weathers! The PTA have also provided some plants to brighten up the school's outside areas.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week is Ginkgo at 2.45 in the hall.

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.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

With Dr Rob Long, Sandra Curtin-Maggs and Keith Hodgins

At The Grove Primary School,
Totnes, TQ9 5ED

SATURDAY
JUNE 8TH 10AM - 3 PM
(Refreshments from 9 : 30)

Do you want to understand your children better?
Children, we are often reminded, do not come with a 'How to parent me' manual. As parents/carers, we know that we all meet bumps in the road through life. It is the way we approach these events and support our children through them, that impacts on their ability to be the best they can be.

This day will cover these key topics:

Sibling Rivalry and Anger
Defiance and Well-being
Anxiety and Self-esteem

**Each family will have a courtesy set of our booklets
'Essential Resources for Parents/Carers and Professionals'**

About the presenters

Dr Rob Long - Is an Educational Psychologist whose main interest is supporting children who face social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

Sandra Curtin-Maggs - Has an interest in improving the emotional well-being of children and parents/carers, focussing on helping the family to help themselves.

Keith Hodgins - Much of his police career was spent working with young people, he has dealt with complex family matters with honesty, openness and humour.

Tickets are £15 each or 2 for £25
(Closing Date for Bookings May 31st)

Coffee and tea provided. Please bring a packed lunch.
Free Car Park Available

To book a place please contact Sandra at
smaggs@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
or 07946062181





Hosted by

Caring Town Keeping Young Totnes Safe

A follow up session to hear the responses of young people and joining with them in discussing positive ways to manage the issues of alcohol and drug misuse and to look at creative ideas to improve the leisure facilities that are on offer.

St John's Church Monday 20th May

7pm to 9pm

Parking in Steamer Quay

