



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Feedback from Lockdown

We have had almost all parents get back to us now - please send us your feedback this week - it is so important for us to prepare for your child for September.

To ensure we are fully ready to support your children in returning to school in September we need time to adapt the curriculum and develop our knowledge of mental health strategies and physically put the school back together.

The staff will hand over all information about your children to the next staff group during these final INSET days so please be assured that the new staff will be fully aware of your child and their needs. On top of this, because for the most part we haven't seen your children since Lockdown, we would really appreciate you emailing me at head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk to tell us about your child's current needs and the effects of lock down.

If you could let me know these things below and I will ensure all the information is passed onto the correct new class team (including secondary school transfers for year 6):

- child's name and current class name or teacher and year group
- are there areas about your child's education that you are concerned about?
- are there areas of your child's education that you are encouraged by?
- do you have any concerns about your child's mental health caused by lockdown or other recent factors?
- Is there anything COVID related that has effected your family that you would like the school to know.
- is there anything you would like us to know that would help resettle your child into school

September Return

The guidance for September came out last Thursday and we have been working on the logistics and details, but we aren't quite there yet. Once we have them and DCC have provided a new risk assessment we will send you the plans.

In basic terms this is what we know for sure so far:

Each class will be a bubble and we will be doing our very best to keep each bubble separate. This then reduces the contamination risk to one class and the adults connected to that class of children. Reception will be a bubble of the whole Acorn unit.

The bits that will really affect you as parents will be drop off and pick up as you won't be able to enter the school building. We will provide times for each class and an entrance to use - we are trying to keep them as close to normal hours for you as possible. For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 one parent will be able to come onto the school field to aid drop off, but social distancing must be maintained. As there will be a strict timetable to ensure all 323 children can arrive and leave school safely we would also ask parents to drop off/pick up their children and

leave the school site as promptly as possible. Only one parent to come to school and any pre-school children should be either in a buggy or have their hand held by you. We are working on ways to ensure siblings can be dropped off and picked up together. It would be good to start coaching your children about how to leave you there, as this might be tricky for some.

We will be back in school uniform but it will need to be washed regularly. We won't be able to send reading books home but we will invest in a good online reading resource for you to use at home.

Communication with staff will have to continue through email and phone calls please (sorry - this is all so alien to what we are all used to).

What we also know for sure is that this is going to be quite tricky for all of us until we get into a routine, so your patience is always gratefully received. Our top priority will be making your children feel safe, secure and comfortable within school, so they can thrive and as a consequence learning can take place. We have always prided ourselves in the school's warmth and despite working in different circumstances our staff will ensure this is still maintained.

Please continue sending me on head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk the feedback about your children and that will help us prepare to receive them in September. Any anxieties are useful for us to know as we are trying to put together a pastoral care package currently that won't compromise the bubbles.

Seesaw Download

As well as your child's report which are being emailed this week, there is an opportunity for you to download a copy of all your child's learning that has been put on Seesaw. Below is a link that will explain how you can do this.

https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/208754866?mc_cid=68aee2313&mc_eid=7355c77159

Your child's Seesaw account will remain open until 31st July, after this time it will be suspended. They will be provided with a new account in the Autumn term.

PTA vacancy and fundraising

We need a new treasurer for the PTA starting in September. This is a great opportunity to help support the school and it's fundraising efforts. The members and supporters of the PTA are a really kind and friendly bunch, full of enthusiasm and energy. The role of treasurer is well supported by the rest of the team so please don't feel it would be a large task or commitment. You don't need to be a maths genius or even be 'good with numbers'. If any of you are interested or would like more information please get in touch with me pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Thank you again for all of your support over the last school year; from baking cakes, to manning stalls at fairs, to making donations. It is all really appreciated. If any of you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can continue our fundraising efforts please do get in touch. Thank you, Emily and the PTA team

Cleaner Vacancy

We thought it would be a good idea to employ a cleaner to help maintain the daytime cleanliness needed around school due to Covid 19 circumstances. This will be a DCC A grade role, the hours will be 9am until 3pm each day (with 1 hour lunchbreak), it will be a temporary contract for year; potentially extending this after and it will be a socially distanced role. Please apply by completing the application form which can be found on our website. Any queries please ask. Deadline is Wednesday 15th July.

Junior Duke

A final reminder to all Mini and Junior Dukers. If you have completed the challenge, please let me know via email (helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) by Friday 10th July. I can then get certificates and badges to you by the end of term. If you have completed the challenge, a huge congratulations to you. If you haven't yet done so, you can keep going with it over the summer holidays and I will be in touch in September. It may be a great thing to do over the summer holidays. I will also be in touch with information about the next challenge for the year 2020 - 21. Well done everyone and thank you for all your hard work and effort. Have a great summer and hopefully see you all in September.

Summer Holiday Camps 2020

Please find attached flyer and link to book onto Premier Education's Multi Activity Holiday camps this summer. To keep your children safe, we have put in reduced ratios and activities that will be based around social distancing with no contact sports / games. This will be under constant review, in line with government updates. As a result of this we are unable to take individual day bookings at this time but if you have any questions then please contact us on 01953 499040 or to speak to a local lead, call Alistair on 07595 222428. Example activities that children can expect are non-contact sports & skills such as: Athletics, football skills, Hockey skills, kurling, Archery, team games, teamwork, problem-solving and a big emphasis on fun! To book click here <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/>

Keep safe and keep well.

Hilary Priest



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Summer 2020 Holiday Camps!

Multi-Activity Holiday Camps for your children!

Our Holiday Camps provide a safe, fun and social place for your child to be throughout the summer. We've designed our Holiday Camps with safety in mind: grouped bubbles, reduced numbers & much more!

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Our Holiday Camps near you...

Venue: Across the South Hams

Dates: From Monday 20th July - Friday 28th August

Times: 09:00 - 16:00

Price: From £30 per block

Ages: 5 - 12 years old

Additional Info:
Venues include:
- Dartington Primary School
- All Saints Thurlestone Cofe Academy
Please check the website for all details. See you there!

Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

You will need

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for the weather
- Loads of energy!

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