



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

There is a Year 3 and 4 Handball competition being held tonight on the Astro at KEVICC. The event is being run by Sam Lyndon, the KEVICC School Sports Co-ordinator. The children will compete as a team, playing against other schools in the Totnes Learning Community. Next week is Year 5 and 6's turn.

World Book day is tomorrow please see more about this below.

Friday is our very popular school council Film night fundraising event. Tickets have nearly sold out. All children need to be signed in 6pm and out at 8pm like the disco nights. Children will get a drink and some popcorn.

Lola our school dog



This is Lola. We are very excited to announce that she is in school. Lola has started her introduction to all the children and staff. Lola's introduction as our School Dog will be a gradual process that takes the needs of all involved into account.

World Book day tomorrow – Bedtime story theme

We have some lovely ideas to help celebrate World Book day in school and raise the final funds for the reading dog.

- Children can come dressed ready for their bedtime story – in PJs/onesies with a teddy etc OR as a character from a favourite book. Please donate at least £1 if you can.
- Older children will spend time sharing their favourite books they liked when they were younger with KS1 children so if they could bring in a book to share.
- We are looking for parents who love to read children's stories who might read to a small group of children – contact the class teachers if this is you.

- Mrs Drew is donating a basket of books for KS1 and another for KS2 and will be selling raffle tickets for each during next week and then draw the winner at the end of the week. These will be on sale before and after school in reception area. All money raised goes in the reading dog pot.

Painting competition for the Totnes -Vire Twin Town Association - Reminder

Paint your town competition – on A4 or A3 and brought to school with name and age on back. Prizes for winning entries. These are to be displayed as part of a ‘twin towns’ exhibition. Closing date for this is 28th March. Entries can be anything to do with Totnes town. Entries can be from any child over 3 years old!

Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who brought in a bag, we raised £92.00.

PTA Thursday Bakes

The next PTA cake sale will be on Thursday 28th March. We are asking that KS1 and Acorns bake for that week, with all of KS2 baking for Thursday 4th April. All money raised will go towards funding the canopies for the downstairs classrooms and helping towards a ‘wish list’ we have been given by the teachers! We are always looking for parents to help us run the cake stall, so any volunteers, please speak with Jenni or Kellie. You could also email using the pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA School Disco - Thursday 28th March EYFS and KS1 4.15-5.15 KS2 5.45-7.00

Dust off those dancing shoes and get ready for our next Disco! Entry will be £2.50 which will include a glitter tattoo, drinks and biscuits. We will need some helpers on the night, if you can help please see Kellie, Jenni or Rachel Gillespie (Lara and Jody’s Mum).

New PTA Committee

We are on the search for a new committee to take over from us this coming September when we all stand down after nearly 3 years! If you or anyone you know would like to take it on, please get in touch. Now would be a great time to shadow the present committee as we have just started the planning for our Summer Fair! **We need a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.** With all the funding cuts facing schools, the PTA are now more important than ever. If you would like any information about these roles pop in and Kellie or Jenni at the end of the day or email on the above address. Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd May 7.00pm Venue TBC.

Parent Governor Vacancy – application forms emailed out this morning

We would be grateful if you would consider applying to be a parent governor to join our very productive governing body. Here are some things for you to consider:

Being a school governor is a worthwhile role, in which you can support your local community

Role of a school governor:

- To contribute to the work of the governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:
- Setting the school’s vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

There are no formal qualifications required to become a governor but the following skills & qualities are needed:

- Time and commitment
- Willingness to learn and listen
- Ability to assimilate, make judgements, take decisions
- Flexibility and ability to work as part of a team
- Tact and understanding of confidentiality

In addition to ten meetings a year, governors are expected to take part in training, read paperwork before meetings, undertake learning walks at school and develop an area of expertise within the governing body.

A full information pack on the role of the governor is available from the clerk, or please feel free to email the Chair if you have any questions: chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. - Mike Waterson

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week is Willow Tree class at 2.45. Next week's praise assembly is Beech Tree class at 2.45 on Friday 15th March.

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.

Super Science Saturday!



Saturday 9th March 11am-12:30pm

Totnes Library

Join us for a morning of science fun for ages 4+, featuring hands-on gloopy science workshops, fun experiments, activities and crafts to celebrate British Science Week. Just drop in! £2 per child



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JOB VACANCY

NURSERY MEALTIME ASSISTANT

We are looking for a Mealtime Assistant to support the cook and the childcare team to provide healthy, happy mealtimes to our young children in a bright, cheery, clean and safe dining area.

This post is based at Rainbow Nursery, Totnes.

Working hours will be 10 hours per week, 2 hours each weekday. We can negotiate this post to be term time if required.



The closing date for this post is
Monday 11th March

Email Zoe at finance@daisyplaycentre.co.uk
or call 01803 863447/864737 for more information.