



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **What is happening this week and first week back**

Flame Tree class have started swimming on Mondays. Year 5 have been invited to the Fairtrade Primary School Conference which is being held at KEVICC tomorrow. Parent consultations are on Monday and Tuesday next week. Due to this, Gymnastics will be held in the studio and Orchard club will be in Chestnut class until 4.20 and then move back to the studio. Pottery is still on and Group B are due to start. Construction, Scratch coding, Chess club, Badminton, Arts and Crafts and Table Tennis will not be on. Shear Soccer football starts next week.

### **World Book day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 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.

### **School uniform reminder**

The main current issues with uniform are:

- If leggings are chosen as an addition to the uniform they need to be the same colour as the skirt/dress and always worn with a skirt/dress - not on their own. Trousers/shorts may be worn as an alternative to the skirt/dress.
- Shoes, boots or trainers should all be dark in colour.
- Trousers should not have the ripped knees look.
- T.Shirts and Jumpers should be school colour.

The website link to school uniform is below:

[http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/school\\_uniform\\_guidance/273493](http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/school_uniform_guidance/273493)

### **The Grove Museum of Curiosity. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2-3pm – Meet in the hall**

Tomorrow your child will bring home a personal invitation for you to visit The Grove Museum of Curiosity.

This term we have been learning about Ancient Egyptians and would like to share our learning with you in a slightly different way. Our Praise Assembly will look a little different ... we 'sphinx' you'll like it.

You'll be Tutank'swooning over our incredible exhibition. So go to extra Nile to make sure you can make it. Please be in the hall at 2pm for your journey to begin.

If you have any mobility issues that will affect you visiting different classrooms (upstairs and down) please talk to your class teacher. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. The Year 3/4 Team

### **Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

As you may be aware from the media, the increase in the number of overweight and obese children is a major public health concern. In Devon, our Public Health team wants to have the best possible information on children's health to help us tackle this. So every year, as part of a national programme, all children in Reception year and Year 6 have their height and weight checked and recorded. Letters have been sent out today and if you do not wish your child to take part, please complete the form on the back of the letter and hand in to Rebecca.

### **Cyclo Cross Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Cyclo cross event being held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March is at 4.00 until 6.00pm at Stover, not 3.00-5.00pm. The first race will start promptly at 4.15 (Year 3 and 4 girls) so we finish in enough light.

### **Tusk Force charity**

Before half term Lime Tree class and Year 5 had a special visit by the charity 'Tusk Force' to find out about their work to protect elephants in Africa. Year 5 are having their Tusk sale on Thursday to raise money to adopt two elephants. They will be having a stall selling bracelets, cakes, biscuits and will have a couple of games 'guess how many beads' and "guess the name".

### **Iris and Amelie's Valentine craft stall**

Amelie and Iris from Beech Tree class raised £16.11 with their craft stall. Thank you very much girls and the money is for extra art materials at school.

### **School Council – Fundraising for our Nurture/Reading Dog**

Thank you to all the bakers who baked last half term, to the school councillors and the parents who helped manage the cake stalls. The remote control vehicle afternoon was fun and just a little chaotic with the vehicles working on the same frequency! Thank you to all the staff who gave up their lunchtimes to supervise, to Oli's grandad who helped set it up, to the children who came and to Oli, Bella and Tilly for helping the children enjoy the event. We are now over the half way mark in our fundraising for the nurture dog! What a team.

The film night coming up on Friday 8th March is proving popular, with tickets selling fast.

In school next week we will be voting for our next school councillors. If your child is interested in helping promote, set up and run another film evening please encourage them to volunteer.

### **PTA News and Bag2School**

Bag2School need to be back by Friday 9am you can bring them in now. If you need more bags please collect some. This is a great way to have a clear out and help to raise money for our School PTA. You can donate good quality adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. There are more bags available if you need them, they will be at reception. All money raised will go towards funding the canopies. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy – application forms coming out soon**

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](mailto:chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk).

Mike Waterson

### **Praise Assemblies**

The next praise assembly is Willow Tree class on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45. For all other class assembly dates please see the calendar on our website.

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.*

### **Unwrap Event Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Just wanted to let you know about Plastic Free Totnes' next event. We are organising our 3<sup>rd</sup> Unwrap Event outside Morrisons supermarket [on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March](#). This time we are doing it as part of Surfers Against Sewages' Mass Unwrap Week ([3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March](#)).

Our aim is to keep the pressure on Morrisons to reduce their plastic packaging. By returning the plastic back to them, they have to process it back into their system which costs them money and is a bit of a nuisance - especially if it's a 1 tonne dumpy bag full of plastic!

Our other aim is to encourage and empower YOU, the consumer, to keep unwrapping and handing back the plastic at Morrisons and/ or your local supermarket, EVERY time you shop.

Here are the 3 simple steps to take part in our Unwrap Event:

SHOP for your groceries, DROP off any unwanted plastic packaging, SWAP for a brown paper bag