



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Please do not park in private residents carparks around the school**

We have received a complaint from a local resident about parents parking in the private carparks around the school. Please do not do this. It doesn't fit with the good relationship we have with our close neighbours. Please use the South Hams public car parks – local resident passes can be bought from South Hams Council at Follaton.

### **Seeking donations**

We are looking for donations of lego and construction/building kits please should you have any that you no longer use. Also any 'small world' figurines would be really useful eg small dragons, people, historical figures eg Vikings etc. We can wash and quarantine them if you could deliver to the front desk.

### **School reading books - Reminder**

We seem to have a number of school reading books that didn't make it back to us before lockdown – could you have a good look at home and see if you have any as we need these in school. We will arrange a collection place at both entrances so the books can go into quarantine before they go back into the classes for use. Please place them in a bag labelled with the class they came from.

### **Individual Photos – Tempest Photography**

Heather from Tempest photography will be at school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October (next week) in the Studio to take individual children's photos.

### **Children's University Scheme**

We're not going to let a little thing like a global pandemic get in the way of our learning! That's why the Children's University scheme is up and running again this year.

**If you're currently involved:** please keep filling in your log books and if you can't get it stamped for whatever reason, don't worry, we can stamp it later. Let Adrian Gude ([adriang@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:adriang@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)) know as you pass the following milestones and he can organise the certificates; 30 hours = Bronze, 65 hours = Silver and 100 hours = Gold).

**If you've reached 100 hours:** I think I know who you are(!), but please do let me know so I can keep track. We're still awaiting information about the graduation ceremonies.

**If you want to join the scheme:** The scheme is designed to prompt life-long learning in children. More information can be found at...

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/business-partners/partnerships/childrens-university>

It's free to join. Please email [admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) and Rebecca will email you a consent form which can be completed online and emailed back to us. We'll then issue with a logbook so you can log all the hours you spend doing extra-curricular learning.

### **Free School Meals and Pupil premium funding**

If your circumstances have changed during Lockdown and you think that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals and therefore funding to the school to support your child called 'Pupil Premium' then please follow this link to find out more and to make an application:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

### **PTA Bikes not Bakes:**

Ian Stewart is making fabulous progress with his fundraising effort but with the nights closing in it's getting tougher so your support would really boost his moral and would be so appreciated. He is currently 3 weeks in, 16 rides, 448.91km (278.94 miles) done, 551.09km (342.43 miles) to go!

The GoFundMe page is ... <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-grove-pta-bikes-not-bakes-1000km-challenge> ...

And to check out he's progress (and make sure he's actually doing it!!!) this is the link to his Strava profile - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-grove-pta-bikes-not-bakes-1000km-challenge>

### **Bags2school**

Many thanks to all of you that donated your bags of textiles for the collection last week. We made £78 which we're delighted with. The PTA meeting last week was a great opportunity for the members and helpers to put some ideas together for the year ahead. We are obviously disappointed to not be able to have a Christmas Fair this year. We would however like to spread a little Christmas cheer and the money being raised over the weeks ahead is going to be put towards a Santa gift for each child in the school.

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.*

### **For Sale**

Wilton Child Bed Frame and 1000 sprung mattress from John Lewis. Mattress has always had a protector on so is in as new condition. Bed frame has a few chipped paint marks on legs but could be painted over £200 for both ONO. Call 07887 561615. Picture below

