



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Ginkgo, Chestnut and Flame class trip help needed**

As part of our Children's University scheme, we have an exciting opportunity to visit Plymouth University for the day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We will be doing various workshops whilst we are there, as well as having a campus tour. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and will be back for the end of school as normal. We need a few more adults to help on this trip. If you could help please see Rebecca.

#### **Basket ball coaching Year 3**

Tomorrow Year 3 have been invited to a basketball coaching session at the Pavilions.

#### **Year 5 residential**

The year 5 residential is coming up soon leaving on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April for one night in Oakhampton. They will be mountain boarding, manoeuvring around 'high ropes' and enjoying a campfire with campfire activities. They will be going with Mr Munro, Ms Hoskins, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Jarvis.

#### **Leadership and management update**

The team have been working on preparing a budget for the new financial year, not an easy task in the current school funding climate. We will be working again on a very tight budget with no money to spare but we will always endeavour to continue to do the very best for your children that we can do within our funding allocation. We also continue to look at our curriculum ensuring that we have lots of opportunities for the children to learn in the most fun and creative ways possible and ensure all the subject knowledge and skills and passed on securely. We are also very pleased to have Sandra Maggs change her job role with us from P.S.A to our new emotional development for children lead which we are naming 'Flourish'.

#### **Outdoor space / garden designers wanted**

Are any of you talented in turning outdoor spaces into something marvellous? Would you have time to volunteer to help us develop our spaces? Please let us know if this is something you could help us with.

#### **Building a flat-packed shed your thing?**

We have managed to buy a little studio type shed for the upstairs classrooms to use on the garden terrace with some government money that the chancellor labelled as something for schools 'to buy the little extras they need' but then ring-fenced it to be only spent on buildings things! Anyway, we are pleased to be able to buy something for the space upstairs because it can be very weather affected – we are looking for parent volunteers to help us build it! Please volunteer.

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

Thank you to everyone for making Movie night a success. The children were all very well behaved and it was a delightful event for both children and parents. We raised a whopping £505. We are planning on having another one soon so watch this space!

### **World Book Day**

World book day was a really lovely day in school. It is always lovely for the children to dress up but what was amazingly special was giving the older children time to read with the younger children – it was such a gorgeous event to witness. Thank you also for your donations, we raised £240 for the reading/nuture dog Lola (we are nearly there with the final payment!) Thank you very much to The Drew family who raised over £90 on their book raffle, we had two very happy winners in Rebecca and Bea.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Praise Assemblies**

Praise assembly this week is Beech Tree class at 2.45. Next week's praise assembly is Lime Tree class at 2.45 on Friday 22nd March.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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