



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Kindness tree and kindness focus for this half term

We told you last week about what classes were doing, so continuing on with this in **Bay Tree** class we have an elephant money box which is being filled with 5ps whenever the children do something kind at home or school and tell a member of staff. Alongside this the children are learning about "charity" and what it means in R.E. When the money box is full the money will be given to our chosen charity and the children will get a treat. In **Ginkgo Tree** class we are recording our own random acts of kindness on our big screen. The hope is we'll get all the way around the screen before the end of term. In **Lime Tree** Class we are saying kind every day things to someone in the school and giving them a smiley heart sticker. We have to find someone new to give our sticker to every day. When we give a sticker, we also get one to keep for being kind, but sometimes we even give that one away too. In **Reception** we have been sharing the book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' by Carol McCloud. Through this story we have been talking about ways we can help other people and ourselves to feel happy. Later this week we will be introducing a silver bucket to represent our whole class happiness. The adults will be highlighting when people do things that help to fill everyone's buckets of happiness by placing marbles in the bucket. We have had lovely feedback from parents who have been talking to their children about kindness and sharing ideas!

Willow Tree Class trip

Willow class had a fantastic day last Tuesday at Goodrington beach. We went rock pooling the children found a variety of sea creatures and learnt so much from the Ranger Lisa. Then we collected shells one group managed to find 30 different types. After lunch we made wonderful sea sculptures. Have a look at our class page for some photos.

Year 3 and 4 Dartmoor Three Ball Competition

Last Wednesday, two teams from years three and four competed in the Totnes Learning Community Dartmoor Three Ball competition at KEVICC. All the players put in lots of effort, I know there were lots of aching legs the following day. Well done to all the players for their brilliant sportsmanship.

Year 6 Residential October 2018

We recommend that people take out travel insurance to cover the cost of the residential should your child be poorly and not be able to go.

Staffing news

We are now advertising for a 3 day a week teaching assistant to work with a child with additional needs in KS1. Please contact us for an application form or for more details. The closing date is Wednesday 27th June. The days required are Monday, Thursday and Friday. We are no longer advertising for the KS2 TA position as we have had some internal movement of staff.

Enrichment for children's learning

As a school we have decided to no longer use the term 'gifted and talented' as we feel all children are special and have their own strengths and gifts. What we aim to do is enrich the curriculum with opportunities for children to pursue their passions. When Exeter University contact us with opportunities for enrichment we will let all parents know so that any child can apply to attend a course in a subject they are passionate about. There will be opportunities for some children that fit their passions better than others and so will do these as a specialist group rather than in their usual learning groups but we aim to be fair and offer many opportunities that, in time, will suit all of the children who attend our school. This reflects the wonderful reality that we are all different and our differences should be celebrated.

Thursday PTA Bakes

Thank you to Acorn Class for all their cakes last week, we raised just under £70.00. Tomorrow is the turn of **Lime and Banyan** to bake. Please could you leave your bakes with either your child's teacher or Rebecca at Reception in the morning. Cakes will be on sale from 3.10pm. If you can spare 30 minutes to help man the cake stall, we would be really grateful. You just need to arrive about 3.00pm. The cakes will be all set up and ready to go for you! Thank you for your continued support baking, the PTA and the children really appreciate it.

Dates for this term are;

Lime and Banyan - Thursday 21st June

Willow and Kapok - Thursday 28th June

Ginkgo and Flame - Thursday 6th July

Whole School Bake Off - for the Summer Fair Cake Sale - Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July

Bay and Guava - Thursday 19th July

PTA Summer Fair Friday 13th July 5pm-8pm

We are still in need of people to help on the day. If you can offer any help, please email us pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk or pop in and see either Kellie Bishop in the Acorn unit or Jenni Rowe in Banyan.

Look out for the tombola boxes around school, we need good quality items for the Tombola stall, Children's Book Stall and the Bric-a Brac stall. Things like; Children's Books, Chocolates, Wine, Beer, Bubble bath etc. We would also love to hear from you if you can offer a raffle prize, maybe the company you work for or your own company could donate a small prize. So far we have some great prizes from fifty5a, Pennywell Farm, Delphini's, Dynamic Dartington, White Hill Holiday Park, Longcombe Garden Centre, LoveYoga, Riverford Field Kitchen and much more. Thank you so much to all who have donated. Look out for the raffle tickets which will go on sale next week!

Pick-A-Pocket Prizes

Fiona in Willow Tree Class is looking for some lovely handmade prizes for pick-a-pocket at the summer fair. Please speak to Fiona if you would like more information or would like to make some prizes.

Praise assembly

This week's praise assembly is Banyan Tree class on Friday at 2.45pm. Next Thursday it will Ginkgo, Kapok and Flame and this will start at 2pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest