

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

Tempest photography were here on Monday and you should have all now received your child or children's sample photo, please return it as soon as possible to place your order. Also our parent consultations are on Monday 31st and Tuesday 1st November as this is just after half term the letters went out on Monday for you to book a time. Please hand this is by Thursday this week and we will write back to confirm a time.

Ginkgo Tree Class Trip to Kents Cavern

Year 3 are now masters of the Stone Age after their visit to Kents Cavern. Whilst there, we investigated Stone Age tools and animals, practiced our archaeological skills and even held prehistoric Hyena poo! However, the highlight of the trip was our exploration of the cave and how it might have been used in the Stone Age. The children were great and really challenged our guide with their excellent and insightful questions and comments. And it was really fun when they turned all the lights off too!

SEND Sports Festival

On Tuesday I went to KEVICC for a PE festival. I played lots of different games catching and throwing balls. My favourite bit was practising cricket skills. I met some people from other schools. I got a certificate. Written by Jake Year 5

Mr Mackenzie

We are really sad to inform you that Mr Mackenzie has made the decision to leave The Grove at Christmas and to take a break from the teaching profession. We are really grateful for all his hard work over the last 3 years, we will all miss him and wish him well in the future. We are advertising for an outstanding teacher to replace him, who has the same principles and passion for teaching as us and we will ensure there is a smooth transition from Mr Mackenzie to the new class teacher. We will keep you informed throughout the process.

Snowbell Tree Class Residential Fundraising

On Friday Year 6 will be having a Toy sale as well as the usual cake sale. If you have any toys or books please bring them to reception or year 6. The sale will be next to the cake sale in the playground. All money raised will go to the year 6 residential which we are going on in March 2017.

Nasal Flu Vaccination Year 1, 2 and 3

We can now confirm that the Pharmacist will be at The Grove School to administer the nasal flu vaccinations to those children for whom we have received parental consent for on Tuesday 18th October in the morning. The clinic will start just after 9am. The Pharmacist will be accompanied by a chaperone, who will be a Boots colleague. Both will have their DBS certificates and ID with them.

Governors

The Governing body has an extra ordinary meeting on Monday to appoint a new Chair of governors and vote on co-opting two new governors from the community. We are also looking forward to receiving your nominations for two parent governors as this is an exciting time ahead for us as a school.

The Grove School PTA

Friday 21st October is a new type of Mufti day. It's a chocolate Mufti! The PTA are collecting chocolate for the Christmas fete, so if you want to wear you own clothes the cost is a bar of your favourite chocolate! Please do join in with this, the more we get, the more chance you will win it back on the 3rd December!

Praise Assemblies - all assemblies will be on Fridays at 2:45pm

Our next praise assembly will be Banyan Tree Class on Friday 21st October (last day of term and chocolate Mufti) at 2.45pm.

Teacher planned absences

There are no absences planned this week.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

For sale by Grove leavers' parent

- I. Plain (unpainted) pine child's wardrobe with two draws below. Dimensions H I40cm, W 80cm, D53cm offers around £50
- 2. Ikea Malm chest of 4 draws in white-stained oak veneer. H 100cm, W 80cm, D 49cm. Offers around £30
- 3. Tall wooden bookcase H 184cm, W 80cm, D 30cm. £10
- 4. Lots of Sylvanian families and related kit. Offers!

We live in Bridgetown. You can contact Hannah on 07875 905005. I would be happy to email you photos.

Messy Church

SATURDAY, October 15th 3.30-5.30pm at St John's Church, Bridgetown. the Theme is

TRUST GOD

Look forward to seeing you there!