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Dear Parents and Carers,

## What's happening in school this week and next

Year 6 are very lucky to be attending a Forest School project. The project is funded by the Arts Council and is called Old Ways-New Skills. The project's aims are to explore traditional and contemporary crafts and develop young people's enterprise and entrepreneurial skills, through learning the craft of using hand tools to work green wood and running our very own, in-school, social enterprise studio. There is a new basketball club being held after school on Mondays by Premier Sports, there are still spaces available if your child is interested in signing up. Today after school Years 5 and 6 are going to a Basket Ball competition tonight at KEVICC with Central Venue.

#### **Usborne Sponsored Read**

On Friday your child will bring home a sponsorship form and letter explaining how they will be taking part in a sponsored read to help raise money to buy each class some new books for their classroom. The sponsored read will take place from Friday the 21st of September until the following Friday, the 28th of September. We would really appreciate your support with this activity as it's a great way of promoting reading and helping your child's class gain some new books.

There will also be a book fair after school in the main hall on Monday the 24th of September from 3.15pm until 4.30pm and Tuesday the 25th from 8.45am until 9.15am. If you are unable to attend the book fair and would like to buy a book, you can send the correct money,the name of the required book and your child's name and class details in an envelope into the office by Thursday the 27th of September. Alternatively, you can contact Vikki Drew, who is running the book fair, on <u>derhamvictoria@hotmail.com</u> with any queries.

## Cyclo Cross update

The Cyclo Cross event that is taking place next Tuesday is now taking place at South Dartmoor Community College, TQ13 7EW.

## Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property already and it will be on display today and tomorrow.

## ICT technician

We will shortly be advertising for an ICT technician for 2/3 days a week. Please contact us if you think you may be interested.

# Thursday Bakes

Thank you to Willow and Bay for their lovely cakes last week. We raised £72.00, which is a great start to the term. This week is the turn of **Beech and Guava to bake**. Could we kindly ask that all cake donations are left in school on Thursday morning ready for selling at the end of the day. Cakes will be available from 3.10pm, get there early to avoid disappointment.

## **Bag2school**

Last week you all received a bag to donate unwanted items. The collection will be next Tuesday and all bags need to be in school before 9am that day.

## PTA AGM -Wednesday 24th September

Our AGM is fast approaching! All parents, staff members and friends of the Grove are very welcome to attend, it would be lovely to see some new faces. We really need all the help and support we can get to keep our PTA flourishing. You can choose how involved you would like to be, from taking on a role as a committee member or simply being added to our emailing list in order to keep up to date with events and decisions.

If you would like to take on a role and want some information about what it involves, please pop in and see Kellie Bishop in Acorn Tree unit or Jenni Rowe in Beech Tree class.

After the usual AGM formalities, we will chat about how we are going to help the school this academic year and begin planning our annual Christmas Fair. If you have any ideas or thought about these topics and are unable to make the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will happily chat with you or alternatively send us an email on <u>pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk</u> We really do value and appreciate your input.

# Our AGM will be held in the school hall, access through the main front doors only. Tea and coffee will be available.

## Praise assemblies

The next praise assembly is Lime Tree class on Friday 28th September at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

#### Tickets are still available for Friday Night Pub Quiz Party @ Seven Stars

Pub quiz and then dancing to raise money for Year 6 Residential and charity too. Tickets on sale very soon. Do put this date in your diary as it will be a wonderful night.

Please note: THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT BUT A YEAR 6 PARENT INITIATIVE.

Parents Netball

The parents netball night has started back! New (and old) parents are welcome to join us, some of us haven't played since we were at school but it's a great opportunity for some very good value fitness and fun. It's not competitive and all you need is a pair of trainers; no pre-existing experience or fitness is needed. Join us on Tuesday at 7pm at Keviccs school gym (around the back) for a free trial. For further information chat to Vikki Drew (in breakfast club).

