



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Menu change for Friday

Due to equipment issues the vegetarian option on Friday will be Quorn Sausage and Chips. A copy of next weeks menu is attached to this email.

Messages for children

Please tell your children in the morning at drop off who will be picking up your children at the end of the day. Play dates need to be arranged prior to drop off and any changes for pick ups will only be dealt with if an emergency occurs and the school cannot pass on messages to children.

YEAR 6 SHOW – HELP – PLEASE!!

Our Year 6 children have been working really hard rehearsing their Year 6 show which is due to take place on Wednesday 20th July at The Civic Hall. In the past, we have used KEVICC as a venue and made use of their amazing sound and lighting systems. This year, they are using The Aerial Centre for their production of Footloose. The lighting system is fine at The Civic Hall but we will only have one main microphone for the children and are worried that voices will be lost in such a big space (we are working really hard on voice projection!).

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WHO CAN HELP WITH SOUND? IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN SOURCE MICROPHONES THAT MIGHT BE COMPATIBLE? WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL.
MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE. THE YEAR 5 AND 6 TEAM.

Governor News

We held our final meeting of the year yesterday, reflecting on the year and planning for the next. As you will have seen in last week's newsletter, the SATs results were amazing and are fully representative of the hard work that we have seen throughout this year by staff who have rewritten and implemented a full new curriculum, and also embedded new schemes and ways of working. This was a huge undertaking but their success is evident in these results, but more importantly, I feel, in the examples of the children's work we have observed and in the experiences they have had this year. The way in which the children have embraced these changes is brilliant.

Last September feels a long way away, with some covid restrictions still in place, so seeing the year end with open evenings for parents, sports days and proper push-up transition days is great. Looking ahead to next year we reviewed our strategic objectives for the board, to align with those of the school (from leaders through to the school council). We will formalise these in September, and I will aim to update based on these themes, but they will focus on ensuring equality, inclusivity and ambition in the curriculum, increasing parental engagement and continuing to keep the governing board visible, relevant and engaged in school improvement.

Thank you to all governors for your hard work, and an even bigger thank you to all staff from all of us on the board for your amazing commitment to the children and the school ... have a wonderful summer!

Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors

PTA Bakes and Cakes

We have seen the most wonderful cakes over the last few weeks and we would ask for one last effort for this Friday. Please bake and create your finest for us to sell at the Summer Fete. Please drop them off on Friday morning at either entrance. This is a **WHOLE SCHOOL EFFORT!**

PTA Summer Fete (This Friday 1700 – 2000)

The summer fete is this week and I'm really looking forward to seeing all the children, parents/carers and teachers and staff having fun. There will be a Bar which we have stocked with ice cold beers/lagers/ciders and spirit mixers and a BBQ so bring a rug to chill out and catch up with friends. We have music from the children and also "Sing along Sunday Presents Pianoke with Eddie and Tess". There are lots of stalls ranging from the amazing Tombola, Lucky Dip, Sweet Cones, Books and Treats alongside lots of games and challenges for prizes. We have a card machine as we know cash is a little tricky to find these days.

The entrance will be from the back gates, I recommend getting there for 1700 to nab the prizes and winning tickets!

The teachers have already started signing up to help run the stalls but we need **HELP** from parents to run stalls in the 1830-2000 slot – please email me to volunteer. pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk and to help tidy up at the end.

PTA Summer Fete Raffle

We will be drawing the raffle at 7.15-7.30 at the Summer Fete. We have had some amazing donations for the raffle:

- East Gate Bookshop – Two £10 vouchers
- Two night Camping Break for up to 6people at Whitehill Country Park
- Yoga Classes (x10) with Love Yoga Tree
- The Bull Inn – 2 course dinner for two with a bottle of wine
- Pig and Whistle voucher
- Sharpham voucher for Sandridge Barton
- Plymouth Argyle Summer Workshop Place
- Venus Café – Three £20 vouchers and a BodyBoard
- Curator voucher
- £20 Pie Street Voucher
- £44 Riverford Field Kitchen Voucher

Tickets are £1. Please return to the children's class or front desk. More tickets available at front desk or email me on pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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