



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

2017 SATs results

Many congratulations to our whole school team and all the children who have worked so hard on achieving the excellent SATS results this year.

Early Years Foundation Stage

79.4% achieved 'Early learning goals with a good level of development' in all prime areas 2017

2016 National figure: 67.3%

Year 1 phonics test

84% passed

2016 national figure: 81%

Year 2 SATS (teacher assessments form these results)

Reading 82% working at expected level 33% working at Greater Depth

Maths 82% working at expected level 38% working at Greater Depth

Writing 73% working at expected level 16% working at Greater Depth

2016 National figures:

Reading 74% working at expected level, 24% working at Greater Depth

Maths 73% working at expected level, 18% working at Greater Depth

Writing 66% working at expected level, 13% working at Greater Depth

Year 6 SATS

Test results:

Reading 100% working at expected level 40% working at Greater Depth

Spelling and Grammar 97% working at expected level 37% working at Greater Depth

Maths 83% working at expected level 13% working at Greater Depth

Writing 97% working at expected level 23% working at Greater Depth

Teacher Assessment results (these are more accurate than the test papers as these are based on what the children can habitually do rather than in a stressful test environment!):

Reading 97% working at expected level 50% working at Greater Depth

Maths 93% working at expected level 30% working at Greater Depth

Writing 97% working at expected level 23% working at Greater Depth

Science 97% working at expected level

2017 National figures (no Greater Depth figures published yet):

Reading: working at expected level 71%

Spelling and Grammar working at expected level 77%

Maths working at expected level 75%

Writing working at expected level 76%

Outdoor activity session – Reception and Y1 planned for Autumn term

We are aware that all the children in the school have or are currently having the opportunity to have additional outdoor activities. We have planned these for the current Reception and Year 1's for the Autumn as it wasn't possible to book for them in this term.

Summer Fair

We all had a fantastic time at the summer fair and hope you and your families did too. Thank you for coming along and making the event so successful, special thanks to those who helped on the day. The PTA could not put on such an event without all the support we receive from you. We are very pleased to announce that the summer fair raised just over £3000 – that's a record!!!

PTA Cake Stall

Thank you to all who contributed cakes and scones for our cake stall on Friday. This week is the turn of Ginkgo and Maple to bake. All cakes can be left with Rebecca at reception.

PTA CAR PARK

Since January we have opened our school car park to the public on Saturdays and in the holidays, Tuesdays and Fridays too. This has raised, so far, more than £1400. We open about 10.30am for around an hour charging £3.00 per car. If you are able to spare an hour over the holidays we would be very grateful. Please speak to Rebecca for more information or to add your name to our rota.

PTA Meeting

Next Thursday 20th in the Reception Unit at 3.30pm.

Bag Packing at Morrisons

We are bag packing on Saturday 22nd July from 9.30am. Please return your reply slips as soon as you can as so far we only have 5 helpers. You can also email Jenni or Kellie at pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

The last time we bag packed we raised over £600 for the school, so this is a fantastic and easy way to raise some much needed money. Any amount of time you can spare will be appreciated. We all really enjoyed it last time.

Mid-time Assistant for the Children's Kitchen needed

We are looking for an additional assistant for the dining hall. Please let us know if you might be interested and we can arrange a trial session to see if it would suit you.

Governor Report for Newsletter

The Governor's Teaching and Learning Committee met on 29th June and covered a range of subjects. A report was received on the school's science, which was very positive. The children particularly enjoyed the whole days of science.

Key improvements had been made during the year to handwriting which now matched the excellent work the children were producing. There was also an increased number of children working at “greater depth”, showing excellent improvement.

A report was received on a governor visit to see the maths provision. Good consistent learning was evident across the school, and children could also explain the maths problems they were doing, showing their full understanding.

We also discussed attendance – how to ensure it is the best possible. Safeguarding, including site security; and parent surveys. We would also like to do staff and pupil surveys in future.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week on Friday at 2.45 is Flame Tree Class. Next week’s praise assembly is Maple Tree Class on Friday 21st July at 2.45.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Totnes Carnival Committee

Totnes Carnival Committee are holding a ‘Wonka Ball’ at The Seven Stars Hotel

Friday 18th August

Tickets cost £20 which include buffet and are now available

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