



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

3 Positions available in school currently:

- We are currently advertising for a teacher for the Y1/2 class from September to cover Mrs Bickerstaff's maternity leave, this is full time.
- We are also looking to recruit a 1-1 teaching assistant for 5 mornings a week in KS2 (8:45-12:45) from September (experience necessary). This position will be linked to a named child.
- And we are looking to recruit a 1-1 teaching assistant for 2 days a week in KS1 by October half term (experience necessary). This position will be linked to a named child.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who may be then please let us know asap before the closing date of 21st June for the teaching position and 28th June for TA positions. We will ask any candidates to complete an application form (which can be collected from the school office) and provide references. All successful candidates will require a DBS police check as safeguarding children is our top priority.

What is happening in school this week and next

Today Maple Tree class have gone to Cockington for the day. They will take part in exciting team challenges including "cross the bog" and a rope bridge challenge in the morning and an afternoon of orienteering with a letterbox trail. Carob and Beech Tree class have gone to Living Coasts and on Friday Flame Tree class are going to Tropiquaria in Minehead and then having a sleepover at school.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is tomorrow (Thursday 15th June) at 3:30pm – 4:30pm in Reception Unit, please come.

PTA Morrisons Bag Pack

The Bag Pack has had to be rescheduled due to Morrisons double booking us. The new date for the bag pack will be Saturday 22nd July. Please volunteer it is a very successful way of raising funds for the next section of the play equipment.

PTA Bakes

Thank you to Snowbell Class for their yummy sweet treats before half term, they raised £41.90. It is the turn of Beech and Carob to bake tomorrow. Please drop all cakes to Rebecca at Reception or to your class. The cakes will be on sale from 3.10pm. Please see the notice boards for the new cake rota.

PTA Summer Fair Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day Friday 7th July. Maybe you could help set up, man a stall or clear away? If you could spare an hour or two we would love to hear from you. See Jenni in Banyan or Kellie in Beech class, alternatively you can email them at - pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

School Council

Congratulations to the new Key Stage 2 members for the Summer term. They are Rudi and Lilly from Snowbell, Ed and Abi from Flame, Noah and Naoki from Maple and Ellis and Lily from Ginkgo. They have started asking questionnaires about Maths, trying to find out what makes their learning in this subject fun and/or memorable and if children need help, what sort of help they would like. We hope to interview a sample of approximately 30 children.

Snowbell Tree Class Performance

The Year 6 performance will be on Wednesday 5th July at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC. The evening performance will be at 6pm and the afternoon times will be confirmed at a later date.

Governors and Leadership Team

We are currently in the midst of school assessments and statutory testing. Statutorily we have to provide assessments for Reception Early Years Foundation Stage outcomes, Year 1 phonics, Year 2 and Year 6 SATs in Maths, reading, writing and Science and additionally Year 6 in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Parents of children in these year groups will receive formal communications about these results by the end of term. We are currently collaborating with the local authority and other schools to moderate our findings to ensure that all children are assessed in the same way to the same standards in all schools.

Class teachers for September 2017

Y5 will be called Bay Tree Class and Miss Barton will be Mrs Barton–Wilkes by September, many good wishes for her Summer Wedding.

Miss Smith is also getting married in the Summer (again, lots of good wishes) and will return as Mrs Gratton. She would like her new class name to fit so Y6 will be Guava Tree Class.

Thank you for comments about the class groupings we have received. If you do need to talk to us, then please don't hesitate.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week on Friday at 2.45 is Beech and Carob Tree Class. The next praise assembly is Banyan Tree class on Friday 23rd June.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest