



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you everyone enjoyed the Easter holidays.

### **What's happening this week and next**

The first group of Year 2 children will start swimming on Monday, please could children remember their swimming kit. In the summer term Year 3 and 4 will be starting their new history topic on World War 2. They are planning to have a World War 2 day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. A letter was sent out before Easter about this day and we are still missing quite a few permissions. If you would like another letter then please see Rebecca. School meals are now £2.50. We are planning to start clubs week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May and they will run for 8 weeks again. Information about clubs will go out next week. We have emailed confirmation about children starting in September so please check your emails.

### **The Dementia Friendly Grove School**

The staff had Dementia Friendly training this week and looked again at our provision for mental health education. We are very grateful to Mrs MacLeod who led this training for us. She is hoping to offer some training for parents – I am sure you would all find it useful whether you know someone currently with dementia or not. She will then be working with the children building their knowledge and understanding around living with Dementia. We will let you know the dates next week.

As I mentioned previously I will be running the Plymouth half marathon in May to raise money for the Alzheimer Society who have provided us with training and resources (many thanks to Angel and Crystal's mum for getting these for us) and for the Dementia Friendly in school project. If you would like to donate please drop any contributions off with Rebecca or you can contribute to the Alzheimer society at this just giving page.

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/DementiafriendlyGroveSchool>

### **Staff news**

We have a couple of announcements to make regarding staff. We are sad to say that both Ali Stewart (our Special Educational Needs coordinator) and Linda Bickerstaff (Banyan class teacher) will be leaving us this term. Ali has been at The Grove for a great many years and we will miss her a great deal. Linda has more recently joined us and been on maternity leave and has decided to concentrate on her family. She has been an important part of our team.

In terms of replacements, we have appointed Mrs Hannah Vitali to replace Linda for September and we are advertising currently for a new SENco for two days a week.

### **Bay Tree Class Residential**

At the end of last term year 5 went on a fantastic and action-packed one night residential at Adventure Okehampton. The children took part on High Ropes, Weasling, Outdoor games and camp-fire activities as well as enjoying the delicious food in ample portions! The energy and enthusiasm the children showed was such a pleasure to see and not only was it lovely to see them accomplish their own personal targets and goals but also the support and kindness they showed their classmates. The children had a great time and should be really proud of themselves: perfect preparation for the longer residential when they are in Year 6 in the Autumn term!

### **Shear Soccer**

There will be a catch up session today for Key Stage 2 children who missed the football session on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February when it snowed. The new Shear Soccer sessions start on:

Tuesdays	Year 1 & 2	April 24 <sup>th</sup> , May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Wednesdays	Year 3,4, 5 & 6	April 25 <sup>th</sup> , May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>

### **Back to work scheme**

Most of you will know Adam Shearer who runs football clubs for our children. Adam is also involved in a scheme to provide training for people who would like to get back to work. This is ideal for those who have been out of work for a while or parents feeling they want to think about work, after time at home with young children. Attached to this newsletter is more information about the scheme and who to contact if you are interested.

### **PTA News**

The summer term is always a very busy one for the PTA and we are really looking forward to all our events this term. We have begun planning for our summer fair and would really appreciate any offers of help! If you could give one hour to help man one of our games stalls or would like to help with the ever popular face painting and glitter tattoos please get in touch! There may even be a free pint and hot dog as an incentive!

We also really need raffle prizes as this makes lots of money for our school. If you own a business that could donate a prize or could ask the company you work for, we would be very grateful. Please see Kellie or Jenni if you can help or provide a raffle prize.

We also have another disco planned for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July, so get that in your diary.

### **PTA Bake sales on Thursdays**

Our popular bake sales start next week. All cakes to either Rebecca or Kellie and the cakes will be on sale from 3.10pm.

Baking dates for this term are:-

Acorn Unit – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Banyan and Lime - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Willow and Kapok - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Ginkgo and Flame - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Bay and Guava - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### **Bags 2 schools**

People have started to drop in filled bags and the collection will be next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April before 9 am.

### **Clothes Swish**

Keep an eye out for more information on the Clothes Swish being organised by one of our parents here in school. This evening will be open to anyone who would like to come and will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30 - 10.30. This is a great way to revamp your wardrobe for free!

### **Praise assembly**

There will be no praise assembly this week.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

**Missing Umbrella**



A 'Hello Kitty' pink umbrella has gone missing. It was left by the glass double doors on Thursday last day of term.  
Please could it be returned to reception asap. Thank you.