



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

Mountain Ash tree class are attending a Forest School project in Dartington this week. Beech Tree class will be going on their school trip to Goodrington on Friday and Mrs Bingham has sent out an email about what is needed. Lime Tree class will be going on their trip to Bygones next Tuesday.

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 21st November

The Immunisation Team will be here at school on Thursday 21st November administering the nasal vaccination to **all Primary school children from Reception to Year 6.**

This vaccination programme is recommended to help to protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the secure consent portal via the following link: <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon> and follow the online instructions.

We request that consent (or refusal) is provided electronically **27th October 2019.**

This is to ensure our nurses have sufficient time to clinically process the information prior to the school visit.

Information to assist you in completing the electronic consent is detailed on the consent portal including FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to one of the school Immunisation Nurses regarding the nasal vaccination.

If you have any difficulty completing the form or do not have electronic access, please contact a member of our team, who will be happy to assist.

Headlice and Nits

Please could we ask parents and carers of all children to condition and nit comb their children's hair twice a week. We find that this method does keep headlice at bay. We do have a more detailed method of nit combing if you would like a copy or on the website.

Cheques

There has been a change in the process of cheques at banks. This means that there are tighter controls around the 'presentation' of cheques ensuring that all the data on them are correct and accurate. We are guessing this is in preparation to moving to image clearing, once that comes in. Could you please make sure that:-

- No obvious amendments to amounts or dates on cheques.
- All data should be readable
- Amounts must be visible in both words and figures and amounts should not differ
- Cheques must be made payable to Devon County Council
- Signatures must be present
- Date must be present

A few cheques have been returned to us so the office will be making contact.

PTA AGM Tonight at 7pm in The Studio

Our AGM is tonight! 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.

Kellie Bishop and Jennie Rowe are stepping down this year. 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 pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk We really do value and appreciate your input.

Our AGM will be held in the studio and access is through the main front doors only. Tea and coffee will be available.

Praise Assembly

The next praise assembly is Ginkgo Tree class on Friday 4th October at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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Open Mornings:

Friday 27 September at 9am until 11am

Friday 4 October at 9am until 11am

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Observers welcome



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Thursdays 4.30-5.30

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Contact: dartington.gamelan@gmail.com