



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last day of term is this Friday and it is Mufti Day – Please give us a donation (£1 is recommended) for our PTA. First day back is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Parent Evening bookings**

Parent evenings (consultations) will be on the two consecutive Mondays - 9<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> November. The booking system requires us to have 4 different booking forms – two for each date as Reception's appointments are slightly longer than the rest of the school and needed a different booking form.

At 2pm today eSchools will send you an email telling you that the bookings system is available. You can use the link on the email or use the website <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web>. You will have to sign in using your username and password. See the image below.

If you have forgotten your username and password put your email address in the email address section and then click on the [I've forgotten my password](#) text at the bottom of the screen in blue.

You can only book one session per child. We do hope that separated parents can manage a joint zoom meeting but if this is completely impossible please let us know.

The appointments are 8 minutes long (10 mins with reception children) with a 2 minute turn around time so we will have to be prompt. As there are two dates available and 2 different booking forms for Reception, and the

rest of the school - please check the date carefully when booking as you will get a notification email for each date.

On the day of your appointment you will be sent a zoom invitation from the class teacher. There will be a zoom waiting room system. If you can't manage zoom then also please book a time slot anyway and then let us know and we will arrange a telephone appointment at your allotted time.

Fingers crossed this will all work smoothly but if there are some hiccups please be patient and kind with us as we have never done this before!! 😊

### **School Orchard**

We have managed to get a great price from a supplier of Devon Fruit trees for our orchard on the bank. We have received one very kind donation, but if anyone else would like to contribute we would be very grateful indeed. Fresh fruit for the children and lots of great horticultural skills to be had!

### **PTA – Mufti Day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (last day of term)**

A reminder that it's spooky Halloween or Autumn theme mufti day this Friday. Please can we request no weapons/accessories or anything that will scare the younger children or teachers! Suggested donation is £1.

### **PTA – Bikes not Bakes – 1000km Challenge**

I'm really impressed and excited to tell you that Ian Stewart has completed his 1000km Bike Challenge. Despite the windy and rainy weather and shorter days Ian has achieved his aim of cycling outside for 1000km, he covered this over 36 rides and has spent a staggering 59.6hours (2.5days) in the saddle (yikes!). The elevation covered was 15km which is Everest and Kongde Ri – the Devon roads were not kind to him! But, the support he received was. Many thanks to all of you that have supported him on this challenge. The generosity of his support has raised £630 for the PTA, for those of you that would still like to contribute this is the link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-grove-pta-bikes-not-bakes-1000km-challenge>

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

*Adverts – please note that the school is neither recommending nor supporting the adverts below. If you wish to advertise in our newsletter then please contact the school for details.*



### Forest School with Nature's Challenge CIC

**Where?** Drop off & Pick up Broadhempston Community Woodland

**When?** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October (half term)

**What time?** 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm on both days

**How much?** £20 per session

**How are we going to do this safely?**

- ❖ We will be taking a maximum of 8 children
- ❖ Two groups of four, each group from the same school bubble (sorry no siblings unless in the same school bubble)

We follow strict Covid Secure guidelines ensuring the health and safety of all who attend Nature's Challenge's Forest School Sessions

For bookings and enquiries: [info@natureschallenge.co.uk](mailto:info@natureschallenge.co.uk)

[Guidance for Parents & Carers of Children attending Out of School Settings](#) (5/10/20)

(Suggestion - get a group of your children's school bubble and book in quick!)

We are also able to take family bookings for other days so get in touch.

