



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

PLEASE NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

Due to some severe allergies in school we have been a **no nuts** school for some time now. We have children with allergies in both key stages so we need to be careful on the playground and in the dinner hall at all times.

Please check the packaging on snack bars for nut information. Items packaged in a factory that handles nuts is okay so long as actual nuts aren't part of the ingredient list. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

What is happening this week and next

On Thursday the Year 6 children have been invited to attend the Junior Life Skills workshops at Totnes Pavilions. The children will be learning life skills in areas ranging from beach safety to internet safety as they complete different activities within these areas. Tempest photography were in yesterday and please could we have any orders back by Friday next week. Year 5 and 6 will be at KEVICC taking part in a Netball Festival from 10 until 12 Midday. Willow Tree class will be going on their trip to Bygones next Wednesday.

Coats

Please could all children bring in a named rain coat everyday. The children do still go out and play when it is raining.

TA role

We are looking for a new full time TA to support learning through play activities in Y1/2. If you might be interested or require more details then please let us know and we can arrange a meeting to discuss further.

MTA role

We are now looking for a 4 days a week meal time assistant to work in the lunchtime team in the dining hall. The role is from 11:30-1:30 and does require some level of physical ability to help put out the dining tables and chairs and then put them away again at the end. We would consider two people splitting this role if this would suit better.

DISCOs Thursday 17th October in school hall

KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) from 3:30 - 4:30 – Please pre book and pay for your child's place with Rebecca. Children can bring their Halloween/disco clothes in and we will help them get changed and then take them to the disco. Pick up is at 4.30 and you will need to sign them out. All of this for just £3 and the children won't need any extra money.

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5, 6): 4.45 – 5.45 – An adult will need to sign children in and out.

Just a reminder that all children are signed back out so please be patient at collection – this is to ensure the safety of all the children.

CAP UK Workshop for parents Monday the 14th October 2.00-3.00pm – Please sign up.



Your CAP UK team will be running three-hour workshops with each class next week....
Come and meet us!

- ✓ Find out about our work
- ✓ Get top tips on how you can help keep your children safe in the modern world and help them to grow into strong, confident people.



Our workshops are designed to build children's confidence and self-esteem, they are lively and fun. Come and see what we do to teach children knowledge and strategies to deal with some of the more difficult aspects of growing up. We'll discuss keeping safe around bullies, the internet, strangers and known adults and answer any questions you may have.

Our Parents' information session is your chance to see what we do, your chance to have your say, your chance to get advice, information and resources. Come along!

Where: Grove Primary School

When: Monday 14th October @2.00-3.00pm

Book your place with your school office staff. Parent workshop is not suitable for children.

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News from the governors

The Governing Board met for the first time in the new school year at the end of September. We welcomed three new governors, Sam Gothard, Neil Maslen, Claire Jones who have a wide range of experience to bring to the board.

Much of the meeting was involved in setting up roles for the year including new SEN, safeguarding and pupil premium leads and deciding on the membership of the sub-committees. This is vital for the board to carry out its role of scrutiny and support of the school.

One of the priorities for the year will be to ensure that the school has a rich, varied and coherent curriculum and each of the governors will have a link to a particular area of the curriculum. We also ensured our knowledge of safeguarding is up to date and we are aware of all the issues in keeping our children safe at school.

Thanks to all who completed the parent questionnaire last term. The response was overwhelmingly positive and we are very proud of our school. There were some parents who raised some issues and we will be keeping you informed of our actions around these in the school newsletter this term.

Mike Waterson

Chair of Governors

ART AUCTION!!!! 1st November

Little Artists Hazel (in Beech Tree class), Amelie and Iris (in Chestnut Tree class) will be putting on an Art Exhibition in the Ariel Centre at KEVICC to raise awareness of the importance of Art in education. Join us for a "Private View" and auction on the 1st of November. The exhibition is taking place from the 28th October to the 2nd of November. The girls will be displaying their work on the lower floor and a range of local artists will be exhibiting their work on the upper floor. All the work will then be auctioned off during a "private view" on the 1st of November between 5-7pm and everyone is invited to come along and participate (FREE DRINK AND

NIBBLES)! All the proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Grove School to provide a boost to the school's Art Supplies and provision. Work included in the auction will be from artists including Wendy Newman, Jan O'Highway, Beth Heaney, Caroline Wightman, Patrick Lessware, Chris Killock amongst others.

Friday 18th October (Last day for half term) - We have a mufti day coming up on Friday 18th October– we would really appreciate any sweets or donations (suggested donation £1). We use these to make up sweet cones for the Christmas fair (Friday 13th December) which are a huge success.

PTA Tiny Toy Amnesty Box (a great idea by Cath Quinn)

In the spirit of a landfill-free Christmas fair this year, we're suggesting parents rehome unwanted tiny toys for the festive lucky dip. It's a great chance to clear out all those Kinder-egg toys, shopkins, plastic animals, Lego people, wind-up toys, Xmas cracker prizes and the countless other plastic items that often end up in the bin.

We're setting up a 'tiny toy amnesty box' in reception, and if we get enough contributions, we can avoid buying the usual boat-load of low-cost plastic trinkets for the Christmas fair. So please bring in your little things!

PTA Bags2School (kindly organised by Jenni Rowe)

As well as raising vitally needed funds for the school this scheme also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. So, we would really appreciate it if you could have a sort through your cupboards and wardrobes over half term and donate unwanted textiles in the bags that will be coming home with the children today (Wednesday 9th). If you fill the bag there are spares at reception or you can use any bag you have. The bags will be collected on Monday 4th November

Praise Assembly

Praise assembly this week is Chestnut Tree class on Friday at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly is Flame Tree class on 18th October at 2.45pm.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

All of these jumpers, cardigans and fleeces have been left at school. They do not have any names on. Please could you come and check if any belong to your children. They will be given away or sold if not collected.



'Dance Here Now'

Dance Here Now - a 5Rhythms dance and movement meditation session for adults on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.40pm, The Grove School Hall. Every week to December 4th (no class on October 23rd or 30th). Drop-in or attend the whole series. Cost £10 to £12 per session, as you can afford. Contact: David Ellis

danceonearth@gmail.com

Calling all Dads,

You are welcome to try an evening of Morris Dancing, on Friday 11th 20.00pm at Dartington School, it's almost like Strictly Come Dancing,

[New members welcome - no experience necessary! | Dartington Morris Men](#)

Kids Fun Run

Sunday, Nov 3rd Teignbridge Trotters are staging a **1-mile Fun Run** within the grounds of Stover School - Starting at **10.15am**.

This always proves popular and gives all those taking part the chance to complete a measured 1-mile course (similar to schools cross country course).

Prizes for 1st & 2nd Male and 1st & 2nd Female U8, U10, U13 & U15 - and Awards for all finishers - Entry £3.00. Entry in advance or on the day.

For mums & dads there is also a ten mile trail race.

[Sibelco Templer Ten](#)