



## Weekly Newsletter

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **What's happening in school this week**

All the classes are settling into their new routines well this week and Forest school is starting in all classes. On Friday we had a keen group of cyclists join the Tour of Britain on Hay Tor to have a little race up the Tor against other local schools (some of which had been practising up the Tor itself!!) We are very proud that our children behaved beautifully and tried their best efforts to get up a very steep climb. They came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools – well done future Tour of Britain Team Grove!!

### **Good quality books wanted**

Do you have any children's books that your children have grown out of, both reading sets and fictional, that would be of use to us at school? Please any good quality books our way, many thanks.

### **Taster violin sessions**

During the Autumn term any beginners interested in learning the violin, can come for a shared 20 minute lesson each week (as long as there are others wanting to participate).

Learners will need a music book to work from, and an instrument (Devon Music Service offer a hire service). Please call Catherine 07768 118259 if you'd like more information.

### **Clubs**

A list of clubs that we are running has been handed out today. Please complete the green form and return to the office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Clubs will then start week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> September to allow for preparation. We don't offer clubs for Reception children as they tend to be too worn out to manage them.

### **The Grove School PTA**

You are all warmly invited to a general meeting of The Grove School PTA on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September At The King William Pub, Totnes at 8:00 pm. At this meeting the current committee will be stepping down. If you are interested in how the PTA operates and the many ways it helps support our school, then please come along.

The school is really grateful for all the support the PTA give us – all the money raised last year will help us train our new teachers in Forest Schools and develop the mini Forest School patch on site. The PTA also subsidise one class trip per class during the year, organise our great Christmas and Summer Fairs as well as other mini events and successful cake bakes each week. Many thanks to the PTA team who are stepping down.

### **Governor news**

The governors are preparing to start the new school year with their first meeting on Tuesday. After that we should have more news for you.

### **School Council**

Congratulations to the following new school council members for this term – Dylan and Ava from Banyan Tree class, Kayden and Emily from Willow Tree class, Ollie and Kiki from Ginkgo Tree class, Fenn and Rose from Maple Tree class, Alfie and Pepper from Flame Tree class & Toby and Emily from Snowbell Tree class. We met on Monday for the first time and the group were already very keen to fundraise to make our playground area even better and for a national or local charity.

Thank you for the donations on the very last day of the summer term. In next week's newsletter we will tell you how much we raised.

### **Term dates**

Please see our website for our term dates and events but these are ones for your diaries:

27<sup>th</sup> September 11am Civic Square – Elizabethan dancing closing ceremony for Snowbell Tree dancers

10<sup>th</sup> October – school photos

31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November parent consultations

30<sup>th</sup> November (tbc) KS2 Christmas show at The Ariel Centre

7<sup>th</sup> December (tbc) Y1/2 Christmas show at the Aerial Centre

9<sup>th</sup> December Reception Nativity (see Praise assemblies below)

### **Praise Assemblies – all assemblies will be on Fridays at 2:45pm \***

Maple Tree – 7<sup>th</sup> October

Banyan Tree – 21<sup>st</sup> October

Snowbell tree – 4<sup>th</sup> November

Willow Tree – 11<sup>th</sup> November

Ginkgo Tree – 18<sup>th</sup> November

Lime Tree – 25<sup>th</sup> November

Flame Tree – 2<sup>nd</sup> December

\*Beech and Carob Trees – This will be Reception's nativity production and will start at 2pm on 9<sup>th</sup> December

### **Teacher planned absences**

There are no absences planned this week.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

### **Messy Church**

Just a reminder that Messy Church is on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5.30pm

St John's Church, Bridgetown

the theme is

THE TALE OF TWO HOUSES

Many of the children, who come to Messy Church, are getting older and we have arranged for some more adult activities for the 8+ children.

**Newton Abbot Ladies' 10K, Sunday 25th September 2016,**

The Teignbridge Trotters are very keen to encourage youngsters into sport and are therefore offering free entry to all 15 -17 year girls,

The race starts from the beautiful Dornafeld Caravan and Camping Site. 2016 will be our 19th year at this superb venue where excellent changing facilities and showers will be available to all competitors. It is situated just off the A381 which runs between Newton Abbot and Totnes. Parking and playground available on site. There will be refreshments available before, during and after the race. Who can resist our famous Trotter cakes!

<http://www.teignbridgetrotters.co.uk/our-races/ladies-10k>

The scenic course follows undulating rural lanes throughout, with little traffic and passes through the local hamlets of Ogwell and Denbury. The race caters to fast, and slower runners with the last finisher taking 100minutes and in late sixties.

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