



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

Some of the Year 5 children are out today, rehearsing for the Warmheart Community Project 'A Totnes Tale' for the grand procession which takes place this Sunday.



The Grand Procession is on Sunday 3rd October. It starts at 2pm from The Galleon on the Steamer Quay and ends at 4pm at Leechwell gardens. All are welcome to come and watch.

COVID update

The update from DCC I got yesterday is that Lateral flow tests CAN NOT be used for anyone with symptoms. If a child has symptoms, then they need a PCR test – the lateral flow does not work – they are only designed to be used for non-symptomatic cases. So, you can't use the lateral flow test to rule out that a cold is not COVID, if they have a cough, fever, loss of taste or smell they must have a PCR test. Also the DCC stance in terms of attendance is that it is only the child who has tested positive who must isolate - not the others in the family, they are expected to still attend school and DCC will count any absence as unauthorised. (don't shoot the messenger on this one!)

IT and Internet acceptable use and online safety policies

Please see our updated policies on the website, we will be sending forms home to sign agreement to these.

http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/policies_/138173

Online safety parent resource

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that The Grove School have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including checking the pros and cons of a particular APP your child is interested in and all of these topics:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/the-grove-primary-school-devon> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre> .

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Please use this link to book you child in for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating “no” consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

Chestnut, Mountain Ash and Oak Tree classes yesterday

Years 3 and 4 had a brilliant trip to the city of Exeter yesterday. The weather was not very kind to us but children showed the most fantastic resilient attitudes and maintained their massive smiles and positive attitudes throughout the day. They explored the canals and the natural surroundings, observing the flood defences along the way. The Cathedral provided some welcome shelter and everyone enjoyed the informative tour and mesmerising architecture. Well done years 3 and 4s you were fantastic and represented the school impeccably.

Stover Sports Event held yesterday, Years 5 and 6

Another outstanding sporting achievement from the Grove School. During the torrential rains, 18 competitors from Year 5 & 6, took part in the South Dartmoor partnership Cross Country event. Every single one of them made me beyond proud as they all made personal achievements. Well done everyone.

Amazingly we had 7 runners within the top 10, which is an unbelievable achievement.

In the girls event - Maya 1st, Rosie 3rd, Cleo 7th, Ava 9th.

In the boys event - Dylan 5th, Harry 6th, Thomas 8th.

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But a special thanks must go to all the grown ups who took the children, cheered them on through the pouring rain and got absolutely soaked.



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PTA AGM

I would like to invite you all to the PTA Virtual AGM on Thursday 30th September at 7.30. This will be on zoom and if you would like the invitation please email me on pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk so I know who to expect. There is no obligation to become a committee member but it will give you an idea of what we have achieved this last year and what we plan to do with the year ahead. I would love to see some new faces and continue to be thankful to those already involved. Emily Rowley

PTA School Lottery

For those that haven't already signed up for the school lottery this is a really easy simple way to raise money for the school whilst also giving you the chance of winning the guaranteed local weekly prize or scooping the £25000 jackpot. There are also regular additional prizes, the current one is a bundle of Harry Potter goodies including tickets for the Warner Bros studio tour and theatre tickets. The link to sign up is <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-grove-school-totnes>. We are also going to promote this to the local community and have printed some flyers to try and encourage Totnes residence to support our fundraising efforts. If any of the children would like to post some flyers through neighbours doors please get in touch with me (pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk). Thank you!

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.

Leechwell Garden Association

Dear Parents, can you help with

moving sand on the morning of Saturday 2nd October at 11am!

We are renovating the Leechwell sandpit, which has provided a wonderful play area for local children over the last four years. It now needs a bit of TLC!

- On the morning of Saturday 1st October we need your help to move 4 dumpy bags of sand into the sandpit
- The sand will be moved by wheelbarrow from the car park into the sandpit then raked flat
- Then the renovated sandpit will be refilled with lovely fresh new sand-ready to play again!

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A little sand table to go inside the sandpit?

We are hoping to add a special little wooden sand table to go inside the sandpit. Do you know of anyone who might be able help with this? If so we would love to hear from you.

Leave a message for Shirley on 07791 276 150



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