

# **Weekly Newsletter**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Classes for September 2021**

After the very tricky last 18 months we have planned our next school year to mean as little change as possible so the current years 1, 3 and 5 will remain with the same teachers in the same classroom.

We are unable to do this for Years 0, 2 or 4 because of our mixed year group structure.

### Year 0

Reception children will be split into 3 to join Dove Tree with Mrs Drew, Beech Tree with Mrs Bingham and Lime Tree with Ms Kneebone and Mrs Westrope – we will email a list direct to these parents to show how they have been split. They will of course continue to see their friends at playtimes and lunchtimes.

## Year 2

Beech will be joining Golden Cedar upstairs in the last classroom from the front with Mrs MacLeod and Mrs John (whilst Mrs Gratton is on maternity leave)

Lime will be joining Chestnut in the second classroom from the front downstairs with Mrs Vitali

Dove will be joining Mountain Ash in the first classroom at the front downstairs with Mr Monro.

#### Year 4

Golden Cedar will be joining Trumpet upstairs in the room next door to their current classroom (second from the back) with Mr Tye

Chestnut will be joining Ginkgo upstairs in the first classroom at the front with Mr Gude

Mountain Ash will be joining Flame upstairs in the second classroom from the front with Ms Fernyhough and Ms Sharpe (whilst Mrs Barton Wilkes is on maternity leave)

We are anticipating with the easing of lockdowns that the children in Rec, Years 1 and 2 will be able to mix indoors as well as outside by September. This would also apply for Years 3 and 4 and separately for Years 5 and 6 – fingers crossed.

### Wind In The Willows - The Year 6 Show!

We are really excited about being able to put on a Year 6 Production – Wind in the Willows. Due to the schedule of current government announcements, we can't confirm exactly when the show will be or what format it will take. We are working towards putting it on in the last week of term, hopefully to a live audience. We will keep you posted but in the meantime, put Wednesday 21st July in your diary.

# Reminder Year 3 and 4 Trip to Totnes Castle - This Friday

The trip to Totnes Castle is this Friday. Home packed lunch and drink please.

## Mini and Junior Duke

Hope you had a wonderful half term. We are now in the final half term of the year. Remember to bring in your booklet when you have completed your Junior or Mini Duke challenge. You only have to complete 7 out of the 10 challenges to be awarded your level and receive your certificate and badge. Please email any photos of you completing a challenge to my email address below. I can then forward photos on to Dawn (Award Organiser) who will put some of them in the National Newsletter. This year has been very different so if you need more time to complete your challenge then no problem. Have the summer holidays and bring in your booklet in September.

Go for it – you can do it. Happy Duking <a href="mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk">helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk</a>

## **PTA**

There will be a Bags2school collection scheduled for Thursday 17th June. If you have any bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery, soft toys, curtains, towels of bed linen please save this ready for your collection. The bags will be available from the front entrance and the Heathway entrance but any black sack or bag will be fine. The textiles are then weighed and we receive payment for them. The items are sorted and sold all over the world. Please note that they no longer accept duvets/blankets, school clothes/uniform, textile off cuts and carpets/rugs. We would also ask that the bags be dropped off on the day at the front entrance to avoid obstructing the corridors and classrooms. Many thanks, Emily

Kind regards - Hilary Priest

