



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Royal Wedding and Royal Dress Up Day – THIS FRIDAY!

The Grove school will be celebrating the royal wedding on Friday and we would love the children to dress up as brides, grooms, Kings, Queens, Princes and princesses and other royal guests.

Dementia Champion session for adults

Next Thursday 24th May we are holding a Dementia Champion session where you can learn more information about Dementia. All the staff here found it extremely useful. Everyone is welcome and it starts at 9am in our Studio, please could people sign up asap so we know how many people to expect.

Acorns Tree unit class trip

On Friday 8th June Acorn Tree class would like to go to Pennywell for the day. Letters have been sent out but we are missing quite a few permission slips and voluntary contributions. * See the note below.

Willow Tree class

Next Monday Willow Tree class would like to go to Totnes Castle and on Tuesday 12th June they would like to go to Goodrington Seashore centre for the day however we are missing quite a few permission slips for both trips and voluntary contributions. * See the note below.

***Voluntary Contributions for school trips**

We ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of school trips. The contribution amount is calculated by adding together all the costs involved i.e. coach and entrance fees for each trip and is then divided by the number of children in that particular class. We will not stop children from attending if people don't pay, however if there isn't enough money to cover the cost of it then we will have to cancel trips which would be a shame for the children. We are always willing to set up payment plans for people who need help with this. Please see Rebecca to arrange.

Cyclo Cross

There was a good turn out for the last Dartmoor School Sports Partnership, cyclo cross meet of the year. Riders were nervous, but excited at the mass start, they were determined to get around the course which took them through the woods and around the sports field at Stover. All cyclists performed brilliantly, special congratulations to Danny, who came second in his first ever race! Well done to all of the cyclists.

Central Venue Football League

In the penultimate competition of the football league season, Grove 'A' team were on fire, winning all of their matches against teams in the Totnes Learning Community.

For the first time in the season, The Grove had two teams competing, the 'B' team played brilliantly for their first time playing in the league, especially as most of the teams consisted of year 5 and 6 players and the 'B' team was a mix of year 3, 4 and 5. Well done to all of the players, we are looking forward to the playoffs in July.

Cake Sale Thursday

This week is the turn of Flame and Ginkgo to bake. Please drop all cakes off in reception, thank you. Thank you to Kapok and Willow who baked last week and raised a massive £87.50.

Pick A Pocket

Once again Fiona in Willow Tree class is asking all those with inventive and creative juices to activate! I need small prizes (they sell for £1.00) for the Summer Fair pick-a-pocket. They have to be homemade and small enough to fit in my apron pockets. Prizes in the past have included hair clips, bracelets, bags with marbles in them etc. Boys or unisex prizes most welcome!

Leadership and management update

Last week we interviewed for a new Special Needs Coordinator as Ali Stewart will be leaving us at the end of next week. We are very pleased to have appointed Tonya Stirrup to the post who will start with us in September; in the meantime, I will be holding the fort in this area. We have been looking at classes and teachers for September and will announce these after half term and of course we are in the midst of formal statutory assessments with SATs in Y2 and Y6, Phonics testing for Y1 and end of Early Years judgements for Reception children. We try to keep this all as low key as possible and the younger children enjoy doing their quizzes and the older children generally enjoy the challenge. After half term Michelle Rundle will be taking more of a pastoral care role in school so Laura Cummings will be filling the TA position in Y5 until the Summer holidays. We are also planning ahead for smooth transition strategies for the children as they start to think about moving onto the next year group. Our transition dates which are really crucial to the children are the 10th, 11th and 12th July. They will be spending the mornings of these dates with their new class teachers and in their new class formats. If you have any suggestions of how to ease these transitions we would be happy to hear your ideas.

Praise assembly

The next praise assembly is Bay Tree class on Friday 15th June at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Please come along support this exciting event. Tickets for the Ladies Clothes Swish are now available from Alex Mack, Kellie Bishop, Jenni Rowe or Rebecca at Reception. They are £5.00 each to include a complimentary drink! Please feel free to contact any of the above for more information.



Family Cook and Explore Workshop here at The Grove School

Anna Thomson from Nourishing Families is offering a Family Cook and Explore workshop on **Tuesday 19th June after school for children and parents**. The idea is to explore different ingredients using our senses and the five flavours. Anna is a mum to three primary school aged children and a registered nutritionist, see <http://www.nourishingfamilies.co.uk/> for more info.

In the workshop we'll be making two simple recipes using local ingredients, which we'll be tasting together - please bring boxes to take away the remainder to share with family.

This event is funded by the Network of Wellbeing and is free to attend. Places are limited to 6 families and offered on a first come first served basis. You can book by email: hello@nourishingfamilies.co.uk or text: 07786 225757. Ideally it is for one child and one parent, but if you have more than one child wanting to attend please get in touch.



The poster features two young children in the foreground, a boy on the left and a girl on the right, both wearing light blue cricket shirts. The boy is smiling and holding a cricket bat, while the girl is looking up and pointing towards the sky. In the background, a cricket field is visible with other children playing. The text 'ALL STARS cricket' is at the top, and 'Big Moments' is written in large blue letters across the middle. Below this, a blue banner reads: 'All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!'. At the bottom, there is an orange section with details about the program.

ALL STARS
cricket

Big Moments

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Dartington & Totnes CC
Foxhole, Totnes, TQ9 6EB **5 - 8 Year Olds**
5:30pm - 6:15pm, Fridays (June 1st - July 20th)
Contact: kavan.throgmorton@williamsbuild.com
Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

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