



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good bank holiday weekend. The weather is definitely improving so if you want your child to wear sun cream please apply it before school. There are a lot of varieties now that last all day. Hats may also be useful but please make sure everything is labelled – especially jumpers as the children take these off as soon as they warm up and we have a huge pile of unclaimed jumpers. If you wish to look through the lost property please contact Rebecca on the front desk for access.

Family Survey for the government

The Government children's commissioner has reached out to ask you if you could help your children complete this survey as part of a family review.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OCC-family-review/>

Spanish at home

We teach Spanish from Year 3 upwards in school and we have just started using an online teaching programme called <https://www.languageangels.com/schools/>

As part of our membership we get home learning access for you to enjoy at home. You can log on under this website link above and click on **home school** and use **TheGr9689** as your password and **lahome** as your username (that's a small L to start not a capital i) and you will find lots of fun Spanish-based things to enjoy at home. There are games, Spanish Karaoke and fun activities you your child to try. Even though we don't start teaching Spanish until KS2 you can use this whatever age your child is if you wish to.

Date for your diary - Monday 4th July

From 3:20pm until 5pm on Monday 4th July we will be having an open afternoon in which classes leave out examples of work, displays and the classrooms and whole school environments. Parents/carers can come in with their children to look around school at their class and other classes too. It's a good opportunity for parents to meet their children's next teacher. Children must be accompanied at all times by their own parent/carer who will take full responsibility for them for this open-door event. Please no wider family members or friends for this event.

Current reception children's classes for September

The 45 children in the Acorn Unit will be separated into 3 groups of 15 and join the current year one children. The staff will take into consideration many factors including: friendships, group dynamics, gender, special educational needs and academic ability. If you would like to make us aware of any specific preferences you would like taken into consideration, please email Hilary Priest, head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk by Wednesday 11th May at the latest as we are deciding this currently.

Class groupings and Teachers for September 2022

Class groupings and teachers will be announced after half term.

Safeguarding your children outside school

The NSPCC have lots of great advice about how to keep your children safe, happy and keep their well-being in mind on a number of topics such as when to start teaching your child how to be out alone or home alone for older children, divorce and separation, online safety, as well as so much more. See this link for access:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>

JUNIOR DUKE

To all you busy Mini and Junior Dukers – please keep up all your hard work and efforts with your challenges. Remember – as soon as you have completed 7 or more challenges, you can bring your booklet into school, you can then have it checked by your class teacher who will then give it to me so that I can award you with your certificate and badge.

It would be great to see some photos of all the amazing things you have been up to – these can be shared on our website. Please send these photos to helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk HAPPY DUKING

Children's University Update

Firstly, it's still not too late to sign up to the Children's University scheme. Just visit Rebecca for a sign-up sheet. Secondly, if you're looking for fun (and free) online activities to do at home, then check out the link below. Each activity will earn you a stamp in your passport.

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/business-partners/partnerships/childrens-university/online-learning-resources>

Lastly, Plymouth University will be holding in-person graduation ceremonies for those children that have achieved their Gold award (100 hours logged). These will be on the 9th and 10th of June and are expected to be busy. If you have the hours and would like to attend, then please let us know and we'll get you booked on.

PTA Cake Sale

A very big thank you and huge well done to the Reception Team for last weeks Cakes Sale – an amazing effort. It was wonderful to see so many cakes and bakes and it was even more fun to see the enthusiasm of the children. We raised an impressive £113 which will take some beating! So with that in mind it is the turn of Lime Tree Class this week. I would be so grateful if any of the Lime Tree children, parents or carers could bake or donate cakes for this week. Please drop off your bakes and cakes in the morning, either at the front entrance with Rebecca or at the back entrance (we'll be at one of the tables on the back field). All cakes will be 50p (cash only), there will be tables set up at both entrances and we ask for you to not crowd the cakes and patiently wait your turns. Next week will be the turn of Beech Tree class so please get your best recipes at the ready!

PTA Summer Fete

I am so excited to add the date in the diary for the Summer Fete, we are holding this on Friday 15th July 17.00 – 20.00. The plans so far promise to be a fun filled event of games, stalls, food, drink and music. As a committee we are really keen to reuse and recycle as much as possible for our summer fete. There are a number of items that we would really appreciate you donating. Some products might have to be “nearer the date” so over the next few weeks I'll be sending reminders to have a clear out of the cupboards and give some of your toys/gifts new homes! This is an idea of what we would really appreciate:

- 1) Raffle prizes. We are really grateful to local businesses/companies for your donations to our raffle. This always gets a lot of interest so if any of you are able to personally make a donation or ask a company on our behalf that would be great. Anything from a voucher or a hamper made up or a product from a shop would be ideal
- 2) Teddy bears and cuddly toys. A much loved stall at the fairs. We antibac wash and rename the toys for the children to adopt.
- 3) Small toy amnesty. Rather than buying more plastic prizes etc we love to reuse what many of us have sat in draws and cupboards at home. These also make exciting and sometimes slightly unusual lucky dip prizes.
- 4) Tombola prizes. Bottles, jars, chocolates and unwanted gifts are ideal for this stall so please have a check through cupboards or pick up an extra bottle when you next do your shop!

Please drop all donations off at the front desk with either EMILY ROWLEY or JENNI ROWE written on it. If you have any questions please email me pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Playground Toys

Whilst having a clear out and organise for the summer fete I also wonder whether you can have another look for any toys or games that would be suitable for the breaktime toys in the playground. Things like small cars, dolls, happy family, my little pony, books, building blocks, action figures are loved by all the children. It would be ideal to have these donated rather than having to make new purchases so please have a good spring clear out and drop them off at the school with JENNI ROWE written on the bag/box. Thank you

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

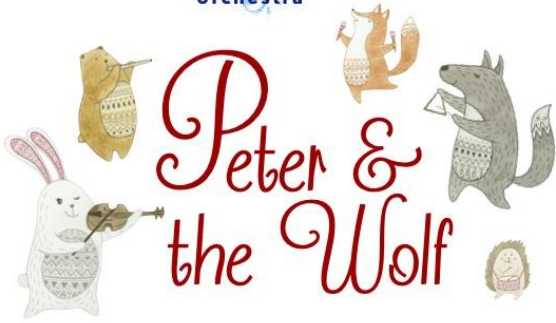
Adverts – please note that the school is neither recommending nor supporting the adverts below. If you wish to advertise in our newsletter then please contact the school for details.

Bikes for sale

2 children's bikes for sale, approx 13 inch frames. Suitable for Yr 5/6 children. £30 each.
Fiona Kendall. Staff 07807 234653



Dart Music Festival presents



Saturday 7 May 2022 St. Saviour's Church, Dartmouth TQ6 9DL

5pm Family event: open rehearsal with a free taster session for children to explore musical instruments - limited tickets, please book in advance info@dartmouth-orchestra.co.uk

7.30pm Evening festival concert, free to attend

Prokofiev - 'Peter and the Wolf' Dvořák - Symphony no. 8 in G major, Op. 88 B.163

Soloists: Flute - Judith Hall; Oboe - Nigel Backwith; Clarinet - Sue Hadow; Bassoon - Helen Simmonds
Narrator: James Osben Musical director: Tim Pilbers Leader: Brenda Willoughby

www.dartmouth-orchestra.co.uk

All Dart Music Festival gigs are free to attend on a strictly first come first serve basis but the festival costs over £80,000 to run so PLEASE give generously to our collectors.



DARTINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION @DARTINGTONRA

EXTRAVAGANZA

A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING DAY CELEBRATING EVERYTHING AT MEADOWBROOK

MUSIC OUTSIDE AND LOTS OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 22ND MAY 12-8PM

+ POLLEN TRIBE + FUNBASS + BE WATER JAM +
+ POOL PARTY + BIKE MAINTENANCE + TENNIS +
+ FOOTBALL + YOGA + PARKOUR + NATURE
ACTIVITIES + KUNG-FU + ROUNDERS + PERSONAL
TRAINING +
+ PIZZLOGICA + NEW LION BREWERY + BIG KEBABSKI +

Suggested donation: upwards of £5 per household.
All funds raised will go to the swimming pool refurbishment!

Restoring Nature.

Rewilding and Regenerative Agriculture Literary Festival
Saturday, 14th May 2022
at Lower Sharpham Farm, Totnes, Devon

Discover how rewilding and regenerative farming practices are restoring nature: improving food security, reducing the use of chemicals, rebuilding soil fertility, employing more people on the land and creating places that benefit us all!

Ambios manage Lower Sharpham Farm and have teamed up with the East Gate Bookshop to host a one-day, family-friendly festival. The day starts at 10:00 and finishes in the evening. There is no parking on the farm, but it's a beautiful 40-minute walk from Totnes, or we are running a Bob the Bus Shuttle from The Rotherfold between 9:00 and 10:00.

- Authors and Speakers throughout the day
- Forest School activities
- Locally-sourced food
- Beautiful location
- Live Music
- Fully-licensed bar and BBQ

Tickets are £15 for adults and £8.00 for under-18s; under-8s are free of charge, so are well-behaved dogs on leads!

Food and drink is not included in the ticket cost. Food at the event will showcase local produce, however you are welcome to bring your own food if that's more convenient!

For more information and to purchase tickets call into the East Gate Bookshop or visit: www.eastgatebookshop.co.uk/restoring-nature Alternatively, purchase tickets online at: www.ambios.net/restoringnature/

We would love to see you there: Saturday 14th May for a brilliant day out in nature and on the farm!



➤ Brand new girls only football session.
 ➤ Run by Totnes and Dartington FC, in association with the Devon FA and The FA.
 ➤ FA Qualified Coaches with up to date DBS.
 ➤ To book -
 ➤ To enquire, contact Anthony Goss 07530867454 or Alan Blake 07890921554.

Have Fun!
 Make Friends
 Play Football

Girls aged between 5 and 11 years old (Primary School) | 4pm – 5pm (Arrival from 3:30pm) | Monday's at Meadowbrook, Dartington



1. BOOST CONFIDENCE **2. MEET NEW FRIENDS** **3. GETS GIRLS ACTIVE** **4. INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL**

Youth Dance Theatre

Exploring movement, improvisation and choreography through Contemporary Dance and Theatre.



Ages 3-5 9:30 - 10:15am Ages 3-5 £7 per session
 Ages 6-9 10:30 - 12pm Ages 6+ £11 per session
 Ages 9-12 10:30 - 12pm

Weekly Saturdays starting May 7th 2022
@ Space, Dartington Estate

Booking essential as places limited.
 For more info please contact Sarah Veevers 07387553237 physicaltheatre22@gmail.com