



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Security around the school site – changes from tomorrow

We do have a secure site at school but there are some ways where we feel we could improve further with your assistance. From tomorrow the entrance at Heath Way will only be open from 8.45 -9.15 and 3.10 -3.30 and closed for the rest of the school day. Any parents, carers or visitors needing to come into school will need to use the front/main entrance (double glass doors). This avoids visitors making the long walk past the children in the playground and in their classrooms

We are awaiting the delivery of a new gate for the Heath Way entrance which will be self-closing and on a timer for school opening and closing times and the buzzer will be disconnected.

We are really pleased that Leechwell gardens has become such a great place to play after school as we will have to enforce our policy of all children and parents to be off site by 3:30pm unless in a club or attending Orchard club.

This will secure the site much better after school as at the moment it feels like a more vulnerable time for our children and staff. It is an Ofsted requirement to have a secure Primary School site and of course it is by far the best approach for your children so we really appreciate your assistance in keeping to these changes.

Many thanks for your help.

Footballs

We have had a couple of accidents recently involving footballs as the very hard professional footballs are being brought into school. The field isn't big enough to manage this type of football and the numbers of children we have but children who like to bring their own ball are welcome to bring a soft football to play with between 8:45 and 9am when we are on duty.

What's happening in school this week and next

Year 4 are involved in a project run by LIVE MUSIC NOW. It is a music project that commemorates the genius of Yehudi Menuhin. It is great fun and really inspiring. If you would like to know more, please visit this link below.
www.menuhinsviolin.org.uk

Basketball Central Venue League

Two teams represented the school in the Totnes Learning Community Basketball League, held at KEVICC. There were five teams, from two different schools in the league. After this second meeting the 'A' team narrowly won the competition by beating the 'B' team by one point! Lucas said, "It's the best school tournament we've had all year."

George said, "I really enjoyed it. I'm so proud of me and my team for coming first place."

Children's Artwork

A selection of children's artwork from Key Stage 2 has gone on display at St Mary's church. The artwork will be displayed for six weeks. Parents, carers and any other people who are interested in viewing the work are very welcome to view it at St Mary's.

PTA Summer Fair Raffle

We are collecting prizes for the raffle. If you, or your business can donate any prizes they would be greatly appreciated. Please see Sophie Clark or Kellie Bishop in the Beech/Carob Unit or email sclark@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA Summer Fair Book Stall

We need good quality new or used books for our stall. You can put these in the tombola boxes outside each classroom.

PTA Bakes

Thank you to Maple Tree class for their lovely cakes last week. Together with the ice lollies we raised a fantastic £56.00. Our PTA bake day is **Friday** this week and it is the turn of Flame Tree Class to wow us with their sweet treats. Please leave cakes with Rebecca at Reception ready for the sale at 3.10pm.

PTA Disco Thursday 25th May help needed for Years 3 and 4 and 5 and 6

We are still looking for adult helpers for the Year 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 disco. If you can help please call or see Rachael Gillespie 07879 405905 or see Kellie in Beech Tree class.

PTA Meeting

Please do come along to our PTA meeting tomorrow at 3.30pm. You will find us in the reception unit and feel free to bring your children along, activities and a snack will be available in Carob Tree class. We will be discussing Disco, Summer fair and other fundraising ideas.

The Governors and Leadership team

The team is working very hard ensuring safeguarding is still our top priority and that our systems keep our children as safe as possible at all times. We have also received training on mental health and are considering ways of teaching the children how to care for their own mental health throughout their time at The Grove School.

Praise Assemblies

There are no praise assemblies this week and the next praise assembly will be on Friday 16th June at 2.45 and will be Beech and Carob Tree Class.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Please see on the next page an advertisement regarding Education Funding Cuts.

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20th May

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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 20th May at St John's Church, Bridgetown
3.30-4.30PM

THE THEME IS
"The king who would not listen"

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE