



## Weekly Newsletter

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Governor News from The Grove School Governing Body**

We currently have three vacancies on the governing body and we would like to encourage any parents or carers who have skills in Children's writing, Finance, Public Relations, Human Resources, Premises Management or Health and Safety to get in contact. Also, if you know anyone who is not connected to the school but has the appropriate skills and might be interested in joining the governing body please ask them to get in contact to find out more.

We meet 10 times a year in a mix of morning and early evening meetings, serve for a 4-year term and are a combination of parents, members of staff and people from the wider community. You do need to be able to visit the school during the day from time to time. If you are keen to share the responsibility for the strategic direction of The Grove School we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to find out more about being a governor or to discuss this informally with one of us, please contact the school office at 01803 862018 to speak to the Headteacher, Hilary Priest, or email the Chair of Governors on [chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk).

Thank you for handing in your questionnaires. If you still have one to complete then please fill it in as soon as possible. There is a sealed box in Reception and it is confidential. Feedback from everyone is really important.

### **Peripatetic Teachers**

We are pleased to have found a replacement guitar teacher, Steve Dow, to join our team of peripatetic teachers. If your child is interested in guitar lessons please contact Steve directly on 07947 307990 or [stevedow@ymail.com](mailto:stevedow@ymail.com). Our current music teachers offer violin, piano, flute, saxophone, clarinet, recorder and guitar lessons. Contact details for all of our music teachers can be found on the school website.

### **PE events**

We have had a busy couple of weeks for PE events. Yesterday, all of year 5 and 6 had rather a damp morning at KEVIC at a Dartmoor 3 ball festival, where they learnt lot of the skills and played the game, which is a striking and fielding game unique to our School Sports Partnership.

Last week we had a wet evening at KEVICC, playing football in the penultimate match of the season, well done to all the players!

Well done to all the cross country participants who all completed the course and thank you to all the parents for your support. There is a picture of the participants on the last page.

### **Children's Kitchen**

There is a change to our menu on Thursday. Instead of Thai Chicken Curry we will be offering Spaghetti Bolognaise.

### **Help needed moving some outside tables and bench units**

We need four really super strong parents to help lift some outdoor furniture upstairs to the outdoor learning classroom. We were thinking of moving them first thing in the morning before school starts. If you could help please let reception know.

### **What is happening in school this week**

Key stage one had a beach safety talk presented by the RNLI. Key stage two will have theirs next week. Birch Tree Class and Flame Tree Class went to KEVICC for a striking and field festival. On Friday Birch Tree Class are returning to KEVICC for a Design and Technology workshop.

### **Press Officer Update for our school**

We are delighted to have Tasha Fossick as The Grove Schools new press officer. Her son Zavi is in one of our reception classes.

### **Sports Day**

Our annual sports day is on the afternoon of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Fingers crossed for dry weather. Your children will be given their team letter next week which includes information about what colour kit to wear.

### **Toys in school**

We prefer children to leave personal belongings especially toys, trading cards (i.e. Pokémon cards) at home. This prevents the items being lost and children being put in difficult situations.

### **Praise Assemblies**

Praise assembly on Friday is Walnut Tree Class at 2.45pm. Next week it will be Ginkgo Tree Class assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May (last day of the half term) at 2.45 pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



Some of The Grove children who participated in the Cross Country running event.

### **Breast Feeding Top and Campaign**

Reception parents Philippa Doyle and Lisa Lessware have launched a breastfeeding top and campaign to improve breastfeeding rates across the UK. They are pitching in the Virgin Media Business Voom competition Impact Award which will provide funding, marketing and mentoring to further their cause. Please can you spare two minutes to vote for their campaign before voting closes on 23rd May: <http://tinyurl.com/bshirt-voom>

### **Messy Church**

Saturday, May 21st  
3.30-5.30pm  
At St John's Church, Bridgetown  
the theme is "PENTECOST"  
Come and join in the fun!

### **Library Lego Builders**

Every Friday from 3:30 to 4:30  
Different themes each week  
Last week's was 'Dinosaurs'!  
Come along and build a lego creation to display in the library