



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

Lime Tree class went on their trip to Bygones yesterday. Next week on Thursday 10th October Year 6 children have been invited to attend the Junior Life Skills workshops at Totnes Pavilions. The children will be learning life skills in areas ranging from beach safety to internet safety as they complete different activities within these areas.

Tempest Photos – Tuesday 8th October

On Tuesday next week Tempest photos will be here to photograph individual children. If you would like their pre-school brothers and sisters to have their photo taken with them then please be here from 8am. These photos will be taken between 8am and 8.45am.

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Reminder for consent or to decline via the link

The Immunisation Team will be here at school on Thursday 21st November administering the nasal vaccination to all Primary school children from Reception to Year 6. This vaccination programme is recommended to help to protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the secure consent portal via the following link: <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon> and follow the online instructions.

We request that consent (or refusal) is provided electronically **27th October 2019**.

This is to ensure our nurses have sufficient time to clinically process the information prior to the school visit. Information to assist you in completing the electronic consent is detailed on the consent portal including FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to one of the school Immunisation Nurses regarding the nasal vaccination.

If you have any difficulty completing the form or do not have electronic access, please contact a member of our team, who will be happy to assist.

CAP Workshops Reminder



In November we would like CAP to come into school to deliver some workshops to the children however as a school we cannot finance all of this and therefore we are asking for a £3.50 donation per child from all parents. CAP takes a fresh approach to assault prevention, aiming to reduce fear by focusing on what children can do, rather than on what they can't.

Their workshops are designed to build children's confidence and self-esteem, and are lively and fun. Children learn through drama and discussion with trained facilitators, about their rights to safety, strength and freedom. We encourage them to be proud of these rights and to respect the rights of others.

Through the workshops children learn that they have the ability to protect themselves in unsafe situations.

The website is www.safestrongfree.org.uk

Thank you in advance for your support in us all working together in keeping your children safe.

Dart Hockey Club League

Dart Hockey Club run an annual League for schools for year 5 and 6 children and any year 4 children who are Club members. The children do not need any prior experience, but will need gum shields and shin pads. Sticks can be borrowed from the club. **The dates are: Monday 4th /11th /18th /25th November and Monday 2nd December 4:00 - 6:00** at KEVICC on the Astro. A letter will be sent out nearer the time for children who are interested.

School Council

Thank you to the classes for voting. This term the new school councillors are: Esther and Gabriel from Ginkgo, Billy and Dora from Chestnut, Max and Daisy from Flame, Archie and Mai Mai from Mountain Ash, Oscar and Alice from Grey Birch and Ben and Zofia from Trumpet Tree. We meet every Friday during assembly for 15 minutes, with Ms Caldwell, and are busy organising a movie night as well as talking about Growth Mindset.

As well as the movie night we are looking at children's understanding of 'Growth Mindset'. The principles of Growth Mindset are being taught in all classes.

Pies for Parkinson's

Don't forget our charity pie competition this Sunday. You can enter a pie for a chance to win a prize or simply come along to offer support and eat pie! All pies must get to the Barrel House Ballroom for 12:30. The judging will begin at 1pm. If you enter a pie, please bring along a list of ingredients to help people with allergies and intolerances. After the judging the pies will be cut up and sold for £3 a slice. This event is in memory of our dear friend and Governor, Simon Gifford Mead, who loved a good pie. All proceeds will go to Parkinson's UK.

Easy Fundraising

Our supporters have now raised £4.15 for The Grove School Devon, just by using #easyfundraising when they shop online. This is GREAT, so a HUGE thank you to anyone who's used #easyfundraising to raise a FREE donation over the past month! Let's see if we can raise even MORE in October! Just remember to use #easyfundraising every time you shop online. If you haven't signed up to support us yet, you can support us for FREE too!

Visit: <http://efraising.org/BtV82ivoqz>

PTA update following last Wednesdays AGM – Message from old PTA

All of the committee members stood down from their posts at our AGM last Wednesday, making way for a new committee. The previous members had all been in post for nearly three years and felt it was time to let someone else take on the reins. We were thrilled to hand over to Emily Rowley, who is the new Chair, Rebekah Cole Vice Chair and Laura Cumming as the new Treasurer. We know they will be fantastic! It was also great to see some new faces at our AGM who were all keen to offer ideas and help.

Finally, Jenni and I would like to thank all the staff members, parents, grandparents and friends of the Grove School who have supported and helped us along the way. We could not have done it without your support, Thank you!

PTA Updates and Forthcoming Events – Message from new PTA

Firstly, a huge thank you to Kellie Bishop, Jenni Rowe, Kiri Jeavons and Karen Jarvis who have stepped down from their roles in the PTA after many hugely successful fundraising efforts. They have left big shoes to fill and continue to be supportive in the new adventures they lay ahead.

A new committee was elected at the AGM last week, and it was wonderful to welcome new parents/carers; the discussions were enthusiastic and supportive – thank you for your time and ideas – keep them coming! If anyone else would like to join the committee or would just like to be included in the group that we have created to share ideas and provide help when needed, please contact Emily Rowley (PTA chair) pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk or 07730897959

DISCO Thursday 17th October - Our next event is the creepy crawly Halloween disco on Thursday 17th October in the school hall. The children love these events – a chance to show off their crazy dance moves and demonstrate their individual styles! Parents drop off (but if you can stay and help please let us know – we rely on this to run the events and it's only for an hour), children get a sweet, biscuit, juice and glitter tattoo. All of this for just £3 and the children won't need any extra money.

Just a reminder that all children are signed back out so please be patient at collection – this is to ensure the safety of all the children.

KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) from 3:30 - 4:30 – Please pre book and pay for your child's place with Rebecca. Children can bring their Halloween/disco clothes in and we will help them get changed and then take them to the disco. Pick up is at 4.30 and you will need to sign them out.

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5, 6): 4.45 – 5.45 – An adult will need to sign children in and out.

Friday 18th October (Last day for half term) - We have a mufti day coming up on Friday 18th October– we would really appreciate any sweets or donations (suggested donation £1). We use these to make up sweet cones for the Christmas fair (Friday 13th December) which are a huge success.

Friday 22nd November - The movie night raises funds for our school – to buy things like whiteboard pens and balls for the children. They chose and voted for 2 films: 'Sing' and 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets'. The movie night is being held on Friday 22nd November 5.30-7.30. Tickets are available from Rebecca.

Parent Consultations

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November will be holding our Parent Consultations from 3.30 until 6pm.

Praise Assembly

Praise assembly this week is Ginkgo Tree class on Friday at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly is Chestnut Tree class on Friday 11th October at 2.45pm.

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.

Wolf Theatre Club – After School – 3.15 until 4.15

6 Weeks with Gareth Wolf in the Hall on Tuesdays £18

Starting October 15th then again on November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Dec 3rd, and 10th

Contact Gareth on garethwolf@gmail.com to book in

Totnes Library

Code Club is on tomorrow (and every Saturday) for anyone 8years+! Learn to code and have fun from 10-11am at the library.

