



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Communication with school**

Communication with school is essential for parents so this is a quick guide into how best to let us know what you or your child needs. Emails that are general school topics such as lunches or queries about calendars, events etc please contact [admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk). This is also useful for messages during the school day as phoning can be difficult as we are not overly staffed.

Emails to your class teachers are encouraged for quick and efficient ways of letting them know about anything to do with your child or family or to arrange to make an appointment.

These are the email addresses of the class teachers:

Reception Acorn Unit: [sclark@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sclark@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk), [cathyb@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:cathyb@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Y1/2 Willow Tree [sams@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sams@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk), [hannahw@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:hannahw@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Y1/2 Lime Tree [alisonjaldwell@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:alisonjaldwell@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk), [hmoore@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:hmoore@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Y1/2 Banyan Tree [rpaga@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:rpaga@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Y3/4 Gingko Tree [adriang@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:adriang@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Y3/4 Flame Tree [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk), [vickym@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:vickym@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Y3/4 Kapok Tree [katherinek@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:katherinek@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk), [mbrudenell@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:mbrudenell@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Y5 Bay Tree [vicbarton@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:vicbarton@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Y6 Guava Tree [agratton@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:agratton@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

For a special needs enquiry please contact Ali Stewart on [alis@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:alis@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

For any correspondence with the Headteacher please contact [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk).

If you have a kitchen enquiry please contact Roisin on [kitchen@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kitchen@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

If you wish to contact the governors please contact the chair of Governors Mike Waterson on [chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:chair@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

If you are not keen on email then a written letter dropped with the class teacher or front desk is also effective. If you need to urgently speak to someone then please do phone us and if we don't answer, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We are happy to make appointments to see parents if you need to talk, we also have the parent consultations when you will have an appointment to discuss your child's progress. Unless it is completely unavoidable or something it would be useful for the staff in school to know immediately please try to avoid the beginning of the school day for communicating as it is really important staff are settling children into their school day.

## **PTA AGM THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017**

Our AGM is next week and we are working hard to arrange the agenda. If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meeting, please let us know and we can add it in 'Any Other Business.'

We have made the decision to hold the AGM at 7.00pm, in the school hall, offering cheese and wine. We really hope this will attract a few others to join our hard working PTA. The AGM will start at 7.30pm with the doors being open at 7.00 to mingle and grab a drink before we start. Karen Jarvis has kindly offered to lock up at the end.

If any of you have any questions or anything you want to discuss before the AGM, please either come and see us after school or email [PTA@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

A few additional dates for the diary;

Thursday 2nd November - DISCO

Saturday 2nd December - CHRISTMAS FAIR 11AM-1PM

## **Homework policy**

We have updated our homework policy which you can find on our website. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions. We are particularly trying to investigate what activities parents feel are most successful as home learning. Please email me directly on this at [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

## **Flu Vaccinations in form of a nasal spray**

From October 2017 NHS England are offering all children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4, a flu vaccination administered in the form of a nasal spray. The vaccination will be administered at school by a specially trained Boots Pharmacist. All children in these years have been given an information pack today which contains a consent form for you to complete and hand in the reception. Please could you return the form by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September (next week).

## **Netball For Us**

We very much need more parent netball players on Tuesday nights. We play 6.45-7.45 at KEVICC. It is for fun and fitness and all levels are welcome. Please do come along even if you haven't played since school - we need you! Find Kate (mum to Rosa Yr 5) or Vicky (mum to Anna Yr 5 and Theo Reception) if you want to know more or join our Facebook group Netball For Us. We pay a small fee for insurance and court hire.

## **Cultural Club**

This term, Mrs Priest, Mrs Milnes and Miss Clark will be running a cultural club. The intention is to learn about different cultures around the world. As part of this we will learn about languages, traditional food, dances, customs etc. The club will be taking place on Wednesdays after school. If there are any parents of different nationalities that would be willing to share their personal experiences and knowledge we would love your help! Handwrite This could be as a one-off session. If you would like to help, please email [sclark@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sclark@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk).

## **Lots of lost property**

We have only been back a few days and the amount of lost property we have is enormous. Today at 3.15 we will lay all the clothes out on tables for you to claim. There are a lot of school jumpers and fleeces. Please handwrite children's names on the white clothing label inside and then the item will make its way back to the person it belongs to.

## **Staff news**

We are happy to announce that we have employed Jo Crook for the TA position we advertised over the summer.

We are also looking for a B Grade Teaching Assistant for 30 hours in Reception, working all week to assist in the Early Years Team. This is a temporary position until July 2018. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office for an application form. Closing date is 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please note safeguarding is our highest priority as a school and this position will require police checks. Experience as a TA in Early Years, paid or voluntary, is essential. Meal Time Assistant role is included in this position. Please note that due to high numbers of applications for posts we are unable to contact candidates who have not been shortlisted, but if you haven't heard by 29<sup>th</sup> September you should assume you have been unsuccessful.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

**MESSY CHURCH**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30-5.30PM

St Johns Church, Bridgetown

the theme is

**BUILDING A HOLY TEMPLE**