



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

Banyan Tree Class will be going on an afternoon walk around Totnes Castle tomorrow. Please could parents/carers ensure that their child comes to school with a waterproof coat and wearing appropriate footwear. Next week Years 3 and 4 are going on their trips to Cockington.

Year 6 parents meeting Monday 25th September at 3:30-4pm

Parents from Year 6 and their children are invited to attend a session in Guava tree class room talking through anything that is unique to Year 6. If you cannot attend we will send you out a handout with all the information on and please feel free to use our emails to ask questions.

Information about our assemblies

We have assemblies each day in school (which the new Reception will start to join as the year progresses). On Mondays and Fridays we have a whole school assembly. On Thursdays we have a whole school singing assembly and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays we have Key Stage or class assemblies. Key Stage I have a 'birthdays assembly' each week where children's coming of age is celebrated.

Each week class teachers decide which children may receive a praise certificate for something outstanding they have achieved and we decide on a 'class of the week' for a great team effort. We also like to share children's successes out of school and so children are welcome to bring in certificates, medals and trophies to share with the school. We have regular sporting celebrations for our sports teams efforts and for the swimmers.

Each term we follow an assemblies theme which follows through the assemblies in the school. This term we are following a theme of 'values' in our assemblies. We are looking at looking after others, honesty, kindness, teamwork, perseverance, manners, forgiveness, respect, positivity, patience, contentment, tolerance and then to link with Christmas – thankfulness. Being one of the only non-church schools in the area we maintain a broad perspective to suit all beliefs and concentrate on good moral values, British values and customs and try to be thought provoking and reflective. We also hold a termly assembly specifically about bullying, with an awareness and 'what to do if' theme.

Birthday treat

You may notice the occasional child out of school uniform. Last year the children decided that they would like to wear their own choice of clothes for their birthdays (or the school day nearest to their birthday) as a way of celebrating their special day. Children don't have to do this – it is up to them if they want to 'stand out' for their day.

The Governors and the Senior Leadership Team

Each week we will put in the newsletter a brief summary of what the governors and the SLT of the school are working on. The Full Governing Body will be meeting next week for the first meeting of the school year. The Chair of Governors is Mike Waterson.

The Senior Leadership Team meets at least weekly as a team and more often in working groups and consists of Hilary Priest (Headteacher), Sam Wilkinson (Deputy Headteacher), Helen Fernyhough (Leading Practitioner), Sophie Clark (Early Years Team Leader), Ali Stewart (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and Sandie Lovell (School Business manager). We discuss any management decisions, any matters arising and work through our School Improvement Plan targets.

The Grove School PTA AGM tomorrow

The PTA AGM is tomorrow evening at 7pm in the school hall. Cheese and wine will be on offer! All are welcome and it would be lovely to see some new faces. If you are unable to attend but would like to keep up-to-date with the PTA, please email pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk and we will put your name on our mailing list.

Central Venue Football League

The first of three fixtures for this term took place on Monday night on the new Astro at KEVICC. The team got off to a brilliant start to the season, drawing one game and winning all the others. Well done!

Swimming Volunteers

If anyone is an experienced swimming teacher and is able to help with small groups in the swimming lessons, please let us know.

Clubs

A list of clubs that we are running has been handed out today. Please complete the green form and return to Rebecca by Friday 22nd September. Clubs will then start week commencing 2nd October to allow for preparation. We don't offer clubs for Reception children as they tend to be too worn out to manage them.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Local Drama Clubs and Youth Theatre.

'Totnes Young People's Theatre' is starting a brand new drama club for age 9 -12 on Wednesdays on the Dartington Hall Estate, 5.30 – 7pm, £5. All welcome. Our workshops are really good fun and play focussed, with a theatre trip planned for December and a youth theatre festival of performances Spring 2018.

For details and information see www.dartington.org/whats-on/typt.

Contact: devontheatreclub@gmail.com