



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for this term. Our last day of school is **Tuesday 23rd July and we are back on Tuesday 3rd September.** Many thanks for your support over the last year and we wish you all a very happy summer holiday. Children can wear summer clothes on last day of term.

Many thanks

Many thanks to Emily M, Macey and Lara for their hard work raising money by making and selling bracelets and cards – they raised a grand total of £6.45. They still have a few bracelets to sell if anyone would like to buy one.

SATs results

We are pleased to present our SATs results again this year and if you would please join me in thanking the staff for all their hard work and determination. All individual results will accompany the children's school reports on Friday.

EYFS (Reception) 84% achieved 'Early learning goals with a good level of development' in all prime areas

Year 1 phonics 85% passed

KS1 Year 2 SATS

Reading 70% working at expected, 16% working at Greater Depth

Maths 79.5% working at expected, 32% working at Greater Depth

Writing 73% expected, 9% working at Greater Depth

KS2 Year 6 SATS

Reading 78% working at expected level 47%, working at Greater Depth

Spelling and Grammar 88% working at expected level, 59% working at Greater Depth

Maths 94% working at expected level, 34% working at Greater Depth

Writing 94% working at expected level, 38% working at Greater Depth

Science 94% working at expected level, no Greater Depth possible.

Children passing all three Reading writing and Maths 75%

School reports

School reports will come out on Friday via the children. If you need us to post an extra copy for a second parent then please let us know. If you wish to discuss the report with the class teacher then please let us know and we will do our best to speak to you as soon as possible.

Parent Survey Update

The governing board discussed the responses from the recent survey this week. The response rate and quality of comments was very good, thank you again. Specific highlights are that 99% of parents / carers feel their children are safe at school, 93% feel their children are happy at school and 94% feel they are well taught. These really are

brilliant reflections on the quality and effort of staff across the school, and represent a wider upward trend over three surveys since 2016.

This year we enabled comments for all questions, which has given us the detail needed to explore areas of concern for parents. Examples include homework, the curriculum, financial challenges and feedback on progress between parent teacher evenings. When we return in September we will open up a dialogue on these.

News from the Governors – July 19

The governors have been busy recently with a Resources Committee, a Teaching and Learning Committee and a Full Governing Board meeting in the last week. We have looked at SATs results, finance, catering, parent survey (more will be written about this later), staffing, SEN, buildings and various curriculum areas.

OFSTED have a new emphasis on looking at how the curriculum fits together, rather than just looking at SATs results, so the school and governors have been looking closely at foundation subjects, e.g. Geography, Art, PE, History and Music etc to ensure that we have a broad curriculum which is relevant to our children. Governors have been into school to talk to leaders of the various areas to learn more about their role and how they are working to promote their area of expertise within the school.

At our Full Governor meeting on Tuesday we welcomed three new governors onto the board: Sam Gothard who is a parent governor and is a child psychiatrist; Claire Jones who is a midwife, and Neil Maslen, who works in school improvement in Plymouth. They are all, or will be, parents at the school and will be fully involved from next term. We thank Maddie Eaton for all her work for the governors as she is stepping down as a governor. We are still looking for a governor who is not a parent but has links with the local community so we can have better links with our local area.

I would like to thank the PTA for all the work they have done in fundraising for the school, over the last few years. Their contribution has been invaluable.

Of course, thanks too to all the staff at The Grove, who make it a successful and happy community.

I hope everyone can have an enjoyable break over the summer.

Mike Waterson, Chair of Governors

Year 6 Final Performance

The whole school are going to watch the performance of our Year 6 production 'Porridge' today. We will all be walking to The Ariel Centre/Theatre at KEVICC.

Summer Fair Update

Thank you to everyone that came to the Summer Fair last Friday. We were very lucky with the weather and we raised £2800 profit. So a big THANKYOU to everyone involved.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week is a joint Year 5 on Friday at **2.40pm** in the hall. Year 6 Leavers assembly is on Tuesday 23rd July at 2pm.

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.

Can you spare just a few hours a month to befriend and support a young person in care?

Becoming an Independent Visitor can be very rewarding for you and life changing for a young person in care, being a consistent and supportive person in their life.

Find out more www.nyas.net/services/independent-visitors/
email volunteering@nyas.net



NYAS Independent Visitor service is putting on a talk *An introduction to Understanding and Managing Dyspraxia* by Dr Emma Tremaine, Wednesday 31st July, at the Young Devon Café, 3 Fore Street, Totnes 7 - 9pm. You are very welcome to attend if you can & please let Simon Heyes, simon.heyas@nyas.net or 07767 168481, know. Dyspraxia affects co-ordination, as well as other skills such as planning and processing. Dyspraxia is associated with increased anxiety and poor health, particularly if individuals are not recognised and supported. Dr Emma Tremaine, a doctor and psychiatrist based in Devon is dyspraxic herself <https://www.thedyspraxicdoctor.com/> NYAS provide volunteers to befriend children in care and if you are interested in volunteering this is also an opportunity to find out more.

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019



An out-of-this-world adventure
at Totnes Library

Sign up anytime from Saturday 13th
July to get your starter pack!

Read 6 books of your choice during the Summer Holidays, and collect stickers and prizes along the way! This year's Challenge theme is **Space Chase**, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. All finishers get a certificate and medal, plus entry into a prize draw for a pair of tickets Woodlands Family Theme Park, and a chance to come to the finishing party.

Turn over for info on all our summer events or visit devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/totneslibrary, visit our Facebook page. Email totnes.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk to book.

www.spacechase.org.uk

Free Cat Care Talk: Monday 29th July, 2pm - Totnes Library

How do you say hello to a cat? What things does a cat need to be happy and healthy? Find out at this free session with Cats Protection, including cat crafts and where you'll learn all about cat behaviour and how to look after your cat. There will also be cat crafts. The event is aimed at children 5-12 years old (with a parent)

Tennis for Kids Summer Holiday Course

Totnes Tennis Club is running a "TENNIS FOR KIDS " summer holiday course.

It is a subsidised course aimed at those who are not already involved in our coaching programme.

It is for ages 4-8 years.

Children aged 9 years or older must contact me (Tonia)

All information and how to book is included within the online links below.

<http://tennisforkids.uk/TotnesTennisClub>