

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers.

What's happening this week and next

Birdwood House Exhibition is open from 9.45 until 4.45 daily. Please do pop in. Clubs have started this week please return the consent slip before the club starts. We are still missing quite a few.

Forest school kit

Please could you make sure your child has forest school kit in for their weekly forest school sessions – wellies, waterproof coat, old clothes, waterproof trousers if you have them. It is particularly horrid weather currently and this will help to preserve their uniforms and shoes from the mud but also free them up to engage fully with the activities without worrying about their clothes.

Days to bring in kit:

Acorn: Monday and Thursday

Willow: Wednesday

Lime: Friday

Banyan: Wednesday Morning

Gingko: Tuesday Flame: Tuesday Kapok: Tuesday Bay: Friday Guava: Tuesday

Gymnastics Festival

On Friday 2nd February from 10 until 12.00 Midday, Ginkgo, Kapok and Flame will be going to KEVICC for a Gymnastics Festival. If anyone is available to help walk the children there and back please come and see us.

Swimming Awards

As from September last year the water skills swimming awards that children achieve when they go swimming on Mondays have changed by becoming harder. The tests are designed to encourage watermanship, confidence, versatility, skills and endurance. Therefore children may get the same water skills award that they already achieved the previous year.

Sports Leaders Key Stage 2

Every half term, four sports leaders have been nominated to help organise activities during Key Stage 2 lunch play. These activities are not compulsory, but as a school we are keen to promote physical activity during this time. This term the leaders are Lily, Poppy, Toby and Sam. They will be asking the children which activities they would like to join in with. There is a large variety and they are skipping, tag rugby, netball, golf, gymnastics, tennis, hockey, football, basketball, dancing, athletics, rounders and cricket.

Sam Lyndon

Sam Lyndon, our School Sports Co-ordinator from KEVICC, came into school on Monday. The children in Lime, Willow and Banyan worked on their gymnastic skills and Ginkgo worked on their tennis skills. He will be coming in to work with those classes for the next few weeks.

Safer Internet Day 2018

On 6th February we will be taking part in Safe Internet Day. During this day every class will take part in activities that will help them understand how to stay safe when using the internet. The theme for this year is 'Create, connect and Share Respect'

Here is a reminder of websites that are helpful for families to use at home there are links to these on school website in the 'About' section-'parent information'

https://www.tigermobiles.com/2015/05/how-to-protect-your-children-on-their-smartphone/

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/

https://www.bbc.com/ownit Website for 8-12 year olds

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Travels in Antartica

Year 3 and 4 are learning all about Ernest Shackleton and his Endurance Expedition in Antarctica. You might like to take your child to this event in Harberton's St Andrews Church on Thursday 22nd February. In Search of Emperors – Travels in Antarctica.

Leadership and management

The governors have a meeting on Thursday about the school's vision for the next 5 years. We are hoping to share our ideas with you shortly. The Teaching and Learning committee are also meeting and looking at the school improvement plan and progress towards our goals, mental health, data protection new guidelines, pupil premium, equality and the impact our curriculum has on our children's learning.

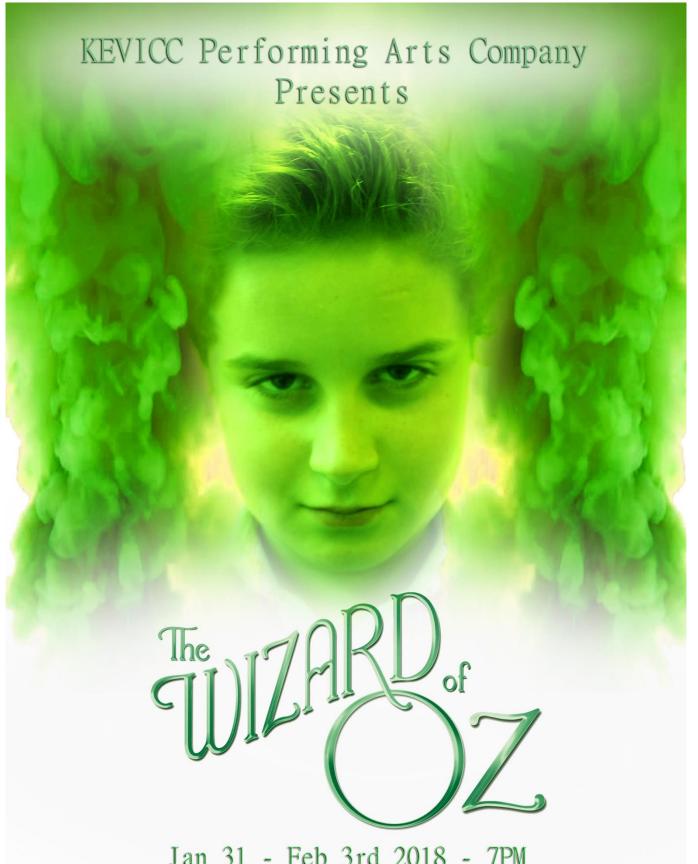
The Senior Leadership Team meet every Tuesday and are currently looking at planning our new school improvement plan which runs annually from April and once we have been given the budget figures for our school we will be looking at planning our financial outgoings to try to balance within our next financial year!

Praise assembly

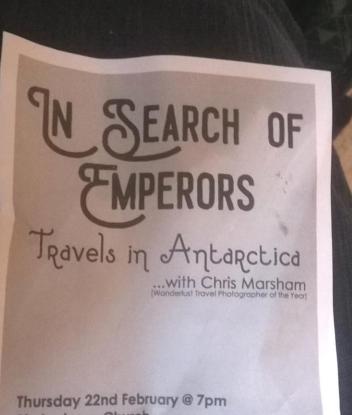
This week's assembly is Flame Tree class at 2.45pm on Friday. The next praise assembly is Banyan Tree class on Friday 2^{nd} February at 2.45.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



Jan 31 - Feb 3rd 2018 - 7PM KEVICC Ariel Theatre - Tickets £9 and £7 Students £8 and £6 - From Finance 01803 869200



St. Andrews Church Harberton

Tickets: £8 (£5 children/students)
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