



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening this week and next

Willow Tree class went to Goodrington Seashore centre yesterday. There will be more about this next week. Year 6 are busy rehearsing for their performance which will be on Tuesday 3rd July.

Class Lists

Today your child will have been told and handed a paper copy of their class list and teaching team for September. If you haven't received it then please let us know. We will not be emailing these out so if you are a parent who relies on our emails then please give us a call or send us an email and we can arrange to get it to you in another way.

Reception Class Pennywell Trip

Reception had a fantastic day at Pennywell Farm last Friday. All of the children were beautifully behaved and a credit to our school. The children were in their element - feeding the animals, milking the goat, talking to the turkeys and holding piglets, guinea pigs, mice and chicks!

Arts and Crafts Tuesday 19th June

This club will not be on next week due to the 'Nourishing families' workshop being held in school. There is also a space for one more family to attend the nourishing families workshop which will be held in school. If you are interested please contact Anna at hello@nourishingfamilies.co.uk

Behaviour after school

Please ensure that you keep a close eye on your children's behaviour after school and remember that if they are in school uniform they represent our school and we will hear about it. We have had a complaint from a parent with very young children about a couple of our children being unkind after school in Leechwell garden. This is very disappointing and completely against everything we encourage as a school – please ensure this wasn't and isn't ever your child that the complaint is about.

Our Kindness tree and kindness focus for this half term

In the main hall way we have re-energised our 'tree' into a Kindness tree. The children are adding acts of kindness that others have shown to them – feel free to add your own experiences of others being kind to you and share them with your children. We are also encouraging the children to note their own acts of kindness to others either in verbal or written form. Please continue these conversations at home with questions such as 'what have you done today to be kind to others?', 'Has anyone done anything kind for you today?' etc. Each class are also having their own special kindness focus this half term:

In **Guava Tree Class** the children chose a system they would like to show how kind they are. They have a range of buckets, one of which they are filling with varying sizes of pompoms whenever somebody does something kind for them. The other they are filling with a note about what the act of kindness was, so that they can refer back to them and challenge themselves to perform that act of kindness! Year 6 children are also working on short sketches promoting kindness to share with the other classes.

In **Flame Tree Class**, they are working really hard on being very kind to each other. They are doing really well. In class, they have a bucket that we are filling with fluffy balls! Whenever someone in our class carries out a random act of kindness, they put a fluffy ball in the bucket because it makes them feel warm and fluffy inside. They are also making posters that they will put around the school, reminding people to be kind and smile. They are making our very own kindness books. In the books they are going to write down all the things that they do that are kind and that make other people happy. They are also going to hand our kindness book around their class and friends are going to write things about them to make them feel good inside – they will be able to keep these books and take them home. Finally, they have compliment slips that they can fill in and give to each other to keep. Remember – kindness costs nothing but is invaluable both for the giver and receiver!

In **Kapok Tree Class** Kapok class, have got 'Guardian Angels'! The children pick a name out of the pot, they are then that class member's Guardian Angel for the week. This means they have to show acts of kindness towards that person. This is all done anonymously.

Fill The Bucket. This is based on a story, how full is your bucket? Everyone feels better when a compliment is made to them, we have a bucket to fill with cubes. Every time a compliment is made to another person a cube can go into the bucket, when the bucket is full, the class can have a reward.

Willow Tree Class will be spotting wonderful behaviour, kind acts and being super friends. If any member of staff spots something. The children will be able to add a spot to our class ladybird. When the ladybird is full of spots we will all have a class treat

In **Banyan Tree Class** they are going to make a book of kindness, where the children can draw or write about the kind things others have done for them.

Bay, Ginkgo, Lime and Acorn will update you in next week's newsletter.

Dementia Sessions with children

Last Thursday and Friday 269 children became Dementia friends. All children attended a session to learn a little about dementia and how they can help people living with Dementia. Staff were blown away by how kind and thoughtful our children are. It has been lovely to receive such positive feedback from parents, your comments are valued. Any parents keen to attend an information session please let Rebecca know and Mrs MacLeod is happy to organise another date.

Half marathon challenge for Dementia

Thank you to those who have supported our Dementia Friendly School Challenge and to those who have donated towards us achieving our ideas for this. I was meant to be running in the Plymouth Half Marathon but couldn't due to flu! Instead I have signed up to the Torbay Half in a couple of weekends time. If you would like to donate to our cause please drop it off with Rebecca at Reception. Many thanks.

Staffing news

We are advertising for a class TA for 3 days a week in KS2 for September. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further details and a closing date.

Mrs Moore is due to leave us on the 4th July as Mrs Luff will be returning from maternity leave in Lime Tree Class. Many thanks to Mrs Moore who has been completely fabulous in this maternity leave cover and all the best for her new adventures in Spain.

PTA Thursday Bakes

Tomorrow is the turn of the Acorn Unit to bake. Please can your cakes be left either at your child's classroom or with Rebecca at reception. The cakes will be available to buy from 3.10pm. Our cakes sales raise a huge amount of money each week for the PTA. All money raised by the PTA goes to enhance our School and purchase much needed resources. The PTA really appreciates your support with the cake sales, baking, buying and enjoying the cakes! The children really look forward to Thursdays!

Bake Dates for this term;

Acorns - Thursday 14th June

Lime and Banyan - Thursday 21st June

Willow and Kapok - Thursday 28th June

Ginkgo and Flame - Thursday 6th July

Whole school donations for the Summer Fair - Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July

Bay and Guava - Thursday 19th July

Clothes Swish

Our Clothes Swish on Friday evening went really well. Thank you to Jo Palmer who provided manicures, One&Eight Jewellery, Annamai who was selling beautiful silk Thai dresses, Joli's who provided seated massage and 'Don't Let Devon Go To Waste.' They all gave up their time to make our Clothes Swish extra special and add to the atmosphere of the evening. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event, especially Alex Mack who suggested and organised the evening. Whilst having lots of fun, we managed to raise just under £300.00!

PTA Summer Fair Friday 13th July 5-8pm

The preparations for our summer fair are well underway, but we really need your help on the day! We are in desperate need of people to man the games stalls or help on the craft table for an hour or so. We pay in hot dogs and tea! If you are able to help, please email us and we can add you to the rota. We are unable to run these events without your support and the Summer and Christmas Fairs are the main source of income for the PTA. In the current climate, we need all the funds we can get to support our school.

Keep an eye out for Tombola donation boxes - donations can include; wine, beer, chocolates, smellies, children's books, good quality items. Also we still need items for the 'Pick a Pocket' Apron.

Praise assembly

This week's praise assembly is Bay Tree class on Friday at 2.45pm. Next Friday it will be Banyan Tree class at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Full-Time Caretaker Required at KEVICC

37hrs per week

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