

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

Flame Tree class will start their swimming lessons next week. On Monday we will be sending out the parent consultation letters to arrange appointments. The next parents evenings are taking place on Monday 2^{nd} and Tuesday 3^{rd} March.

Clubs

Have started this week and then will be on week commencing Monday 3rd February, Monday 24th February, Monday 9th March and Monday 16th March. There are no clubs during the last week of this half term and the week when parent consultations take place.

TA Position

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to cover the summer term, full time temporary post. You don't need experience but a good level of maths and literacy is essential. Please let us know if you might be interested.

Year 6 Leavers Year Book - Please contact kath.northam@btinternet.com

Laurie's mum Kath is organising a Year 6 Yearbook. The yearbook would consist of each child having a 'profile' page, and then I would hopefully be able to get pictures of group activities from across the years (and potentially class photos from across the years.) Sports/assemblies/school plays/residential and a guess the baby feature. The book will be about 64 pages long (if every child has a profile page).

If you would like your child to appear in the yearbook, each book will cost £16. You would need to send me several high res photos, by email including cute baby/toddler photos, a recent school photo if you have one, and a filled in questionnaire (details below). If you don't want a copy of this book but you don't mind your child appearing in the group photographs you don't need to do anything.

If you don't want your child appearing in the book at all (for safeguarding or other reasons), please let me know and I will make sure that I photoshop out or leave out images of your child.

I hope this all makes sense! Please email Kath at the photos/questionnaire and payment by the end of March. You can pay me via PayPal on this email address (please be sure to reference your child's name) or grab me in the playground. I will probably design the bulk of the book and then put the final pages in after the year six play, so the book is ready by the end of term. Any questions then please ask.

Last Fridays Mufti and/or Bring-a-teddy day, Australia Wildfires Fundraiser

Maishe in Willow Tree Class wanted to do something and the school raised an amazing £315.92. Below is a letter from the WWF.



Supporter No: 522537491

Thank you so much for responding to our emergency Australia Fire appeal and for your generous donation of £315.92 to help save the area's precious wildlife and support our long-term work to tackle the climate crisis.

The battles we fight are not easily won, but we need to be ambitious to reverse the devastating loss of nature. We're determined to change hearts and minds to make it politically, socially and economically unacceptable to degrade our planet's precious natural resources.

We're tackling the main problems that are driving nature's decline – notably deforestation through our food system and climate change. We couldn't achieve any of this without our supporters, so thank you once again – together we can achieve great things - together we can #fightforourworld.



PTA Meeting- TONIGHT at 7pm at The School in the studio

We are looking forward to seeing everyone new and old tonight. This is your chance to discuss ideas and make decisions on how the money that we raise will be spent. We will also be planning our fundraising efforts for the year ahead so any suggestions for this would be welcomed. If you are not able to attend but would like us to consider your views please email me in advance at pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. The PTA are a really friendly, kind and welcoming group so please do join us if you can. Many thanks, Emily Rowley

Praise Assembly

Praise assembly this week will be Mountain Ash on Friday 31st January at 2.45. Next week it will be Lime Tree class.

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.

Totnes Ultimate Frisbee (TQ9ers)

Totnes Ultimate Frisbee (TQ9ers) are looking for people (men/women) to come and join our team. Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact team sport played with a frisbee. Two teams of up to seven players compete on a playing field with the intention of scoring points at the end zone. No previous experience necessary, We meet each Tuesday at KEVICC sports hall in Totnes @8pm. Find us on Facebook if you're interested...

Library Events

Awesome Owls and Birds of Prey - Wednesday 29th January: 2:30-4pm

Meet owls and birds of prey in the library, and learn more about them. For all ages, tickets £3 per person

Woodland Animals Crafts and Stories - Friday 21st February: 10:30am-12:00pm

Come to this half-term craft and story event at Totnes Library, featuring hedgehogs and other woodland animals. There will be a charge of £1 per child to attend this event, all ages are welcome.