



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

It has been themed week and the classes have been doing lots of activities that will have made them 'think'.

Children have been challenged to take risks and discover that making mistakes is a good thing.

Kip Pratt alongside 5 other music teachers from Plymouth university were in the Studio on Tuesday working with Ginkgo, Maple, Flame and Snowbell tree classes! There was a bit of dancing, a lot of music and fun. Here are what some of the children from Snowbell thought 'It was fun. I liked playing the instruments,' George. Seren 'I enjoyed using the picture of the troll to do a dance to and I liked playing instruments.' Emily 'It was fun because we got to see the people playing Can't Stop the Feeling by Justin Timberlake

On Monday some children will be attending Dart Hockey League which is being held at KEVICC.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent consultations were very successful with the majority of parents attending, it was really clear that your children have settled into their new classes successfully and you are all so supportive with helping your children at home.

Governors

The Governing body consists of:

Mike Waterson – Chair of Governors - Co-opted governor

Laura Partridge – Vice Chair of Governors - Co-opted governor

Hilary Priest – Headteacher

Simon Gifford Mead - Co-opted governor

Russel Mackenzie- Co-opted governor (and teacher of Y4)

Karen Jarvis – staff governor (HLTA in Y3)

Karen Henderson – Co-opted governor (also parent of child in Y1)

Gillian Tubbs - Co-opted governor (also grandparent of 2 children at The Grove)

Hilary Price - Co-opted governor (and Chair of Governors of St Johns School)

2 vacancies – parent governors – election to follow shortly

1 vacancy Local Authority Governor

Leadership team

This week we are observing 'questioning' in all the classrooms during our school's 'thinking' themed week. We have been developing questioning in lots of different ways – teacher to child, child to teacher, child to child to child – to develop deeper thinking skills and an ability to verbalise thought processes to enhance learning and retention. We have two governors joining us for this session.

School Council

This week the school council members asked their classes what charities they would like to raise money for. Nearly every class wanted to help towards the refugee crisis so this term we will be fundraising for Cry see their website for more information www.cry.org.uk. Later in the year we will do a fundraiser for an animal charity and the Devon Air Ambulance.

Gymnastics Club on Wednesdays

This is the first week of the **new group** of children attending the gymnastics club on Wednesday after school for 4 weeks.

Shear Soccer

Booking forms are available at Reception. Years 1 and 2 will start next week on Tuesday 8th November and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will start on Wednesday 9th November

Chocolate Mufti Day

The PTA were overwhelmed at the amount of chocolate donated by parents. You are all so generous! Thanks very much, we will be using this to create bundles of winning prizes for the tombola at the Christmas Fete on 3rd December (Save the date!). See the picture below of all the chocolate!

Pick a Pocket

We need people to make small prizes for the Pick a Pocket that will be at the Christmas Fair. The children pay 50p per item so please keep it small. Boys items are very welcome.

Praise Assemblies – all assemblies will be on Fridays at 2:45pm

Praise assembly will be Snowbell Tree Class this Friday. The next praise assembly is Willow Tree Class on Friday 11th November at 2.45 pm.

Teacher planned absences

We have staff attending Forest school training next week. Miss Clarke will be covered by Mrs Kneebone, Mrs Luff will be covered by Mrs MacLeod and Mrs Bickerstaff will be covered by Mrs Moore. We are very grateful to the PTA and all of your fundraising to support this training.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Refugee Aid From Taunton

Children's Winter Clothing

Lucy Slemmings is collecting children's winter clothing for RAFT, which is currently filling containers for shipment to Syria. If you have any outgrown or surplus children's winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves etc (including baby snowsuits) please bring them to school this Friday 4th Nov - there will be collection boxes by reception both before and after school. Many thanks.

Chocolate Mufti Day Photos

