



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

Willow Tree class are on their trip to Dartington Deer Park tomorrow. Football League at KEVICC has been changed to tomorrow and all parents have been emailed about this. The last day of term is this Friday and we are back on **Tuesday 4th June**. Tempest photography will be here on Wednesday 5th June to take the class photos.

Simon's Cabin

We are naming our new cabin in memory of Simon Gifford Mead and his enormous contribution over many years to our school. It looks fantastic and we have to thank our team of strong helpers who carried it all up there for us and to the PTA for paying to have it built, many thanks to all, it looks fabulous and it will be very well used.

Class lists for September 2019

Your child will be handed a paper copy of the class list and allocated staff for September on Wednesday 5th June 2019 for you to see. We will not be emailing out the lists. In terms of GDPR and privacy we are asking that any parents who do not want their child's name to be on a list that goes to other parents then to let us know before the 24th May 2019. We do not put surnames or any other identifiable information on the list other than first name and occasional initial of a surname if there is more than one child in the same class with the same name.

Reminders

Acorns are going on their trip to Pennywell and payment and forms need to be in by Friday. The 1st Instalment for forthcoming Year 6's residential is due on Friday please.

After school

All children playing on the field after 3.15 need to be supervised by an adult. We have had some complaints from some parents about children's behaviour on the field and we are sorry to hear about this but children are solely parent's responsibility after 3.15pm once they have been collected or left the school building having been given permission from their parents to walk home alone (We do advise no younger than Year 5/6). If you have given permission to your child to walk home then they should leave the school premises immediately and walk straight home, not play on the field unaccompanied. If you are supervising your child after school until the gates close at 3:30pm then please ensure they are behaving well within our school rules. Particularly, the children know to stay off the flower and vegetable beds and stay off the grass on the grass bank as the foot fall is killing our greenery.

2019 Parent Workshop

The Behaviour Intervention Support Network, **bis-net**, are offering training to parents and professionals involved in care for a child with behaviour support needs. The workshops will take place in Ivybridge. All dates are in June and the courses will run from 9.30am until 2.30pm. Please see Michelle for further details or click on the link.
<https://www.cedaonline.org.uk/bis-net/training-and-workshops>

Clubs

School clubs will be starting week commencing Monday 10th June and running for five weeks. Gymnastics club will be running on Mondays. Club letters have been sent out today, so please look in your child's bookbag. Shear Soccer will start that week and run for 6 weeks.

News from the Governors - Parent Questionnaire 2019

Feedback from parents is valuable, and helps us ensure that the school remains a fun, supportive and continuously improving place for all pupils. It has been two years since we last ran our parent questionnaire and we would love to hear from you again on how we are doing. The survey will be open for the next four weeks, and we will report the results back to you before the end of the summer term - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TheGrove2019> - thank you.

Plastic Free School meet at Borough Park

We are working towards becoming a plastic free school. In order to be awarded this we need to plan and carry out a couple of objectives. One of these is to do a plastic clean-up. Therefore on Wednesday 29th May Miss Dodwell and Miss Fernyhough will be at Borough Park at 10am (children's play area by the pavilions). We would like children and parents of the school to come and join us to collect plastic in the park. All children need to be with an adult. Please bring your own gloves. We will be grateful for support.

Upcycling Plastic Free Totnes

Upcycling Plastic Free Totnes would like to ask parents and children to start collecting plastic and metal bottle tops that they have found lying around or that they would be throwing away. If people could bring these into school there will be a collection bucket by reception. The tops will be used in an Upcycling Plastic Free Totnes Art Project which will hopefully also link in with The Grove Plastic Free School initiatives.

PTA Cake Sale

This week is the turn of Acorns and Flame Tree class to wow us with their sweet treats. Please can all donations be left with either your class or Rebecca at reception. Thank you to Beech and Bay who baked for us last week.

PTA Totnes in Bloom

We would like any donations of plants, composts, watering cans and gardening tools for us to add to our beds and borders.

PTA Summer Fair

We are busy planning for our Summer Fair on Friday 12th July from 5pm until 7pm. We will soon have boxes out to collect any tombola you can donate. We would love things like; wine, chocolate, smellies, new unwanted gifts etc. We will also be asking for your pre-loved teddies. Watch this space! Any offers of help on the day would be greatly appreciated as we cannot run these events without your support.

Pick-a-pocket gifts

The Summer Fair is only 7 weeks away. If you are creative and would like to make something small for the pick-a-pocket lucky dip we would be very grateful. Fiona Kendall in Beech Tree class would love your amazing creations. Thank you.

Raffle Prizes

We are in need of raffle prizes. If you work for a company or own a company who could donate something, we would really appreciate anything you could offer. Thank you to those who have already donated.

Praise Assemblies

The next praise assembly will be Chestnut Tree class on Friday 7th June at 2.45 in the hall.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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