



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week

Some Year 6 children are learning how to ride their bikes safely on the road in their week-long Bikeability course. The rest will be offered a week later in the year. We have Claire Barker, children's author, visiting to launch the 'Turn the Page' initiative. Claire has written the Knitbone Pepper Ghost dog series. On Wednesday evening a large group of our keen athletes are competing in a cross country running race. On Tuesday next week Year 6 will be dancing their Elizabethan dances at I am in the Civic Square. The teaching staff have been sharing staff meetings this week and next with the teachers from St Johns school so the two schools can share great ideas and practice.

Senior Leadership Team

Our senior leadership team is made up of 6 members of staff, these are Hilary Priest (Headteacher), Sam Wilkinson (Deputy Head), Sandie Lovell (School business finance manager), Ali Stewart (SENCO), Sophie Clark (Early Years Lead) and Helen Fernyhough (Lead teacher for Devon). We are a strong team and highly dedicated team that strive to make our school the very best it can be. We ensure teaching and learning in the school remains outstanding, through supporting and challenging staff. We arrange for our staff to listen to high quality speakers so they remain motivated and up to date with their practice, the most recent being Mike Hughes (Google him he's amazing!). The team are incredibly committed to building on the schools amazing successes and through our supportive, professional approach are developing techniques to enable our children to become thinking masters.

Flu Vaccinations in form of a nasal spray

From October 2016 NHS England are offering all children in Years 1, 2 and 3, a flu vaccination administered in the form of a nasal spray. The vaccination will be administered at school by a specially trained Boots Pharmacist. All children in these years have been given an information pack today which contains a consent form for you to complete and hand in the reception. Please could you return the form by Friday 23rd September (this Friday).

Scarlet Fever

We have a number of children off school at the moment with a high temperature. We also have some cases of Scarlet Fever. If in doubt please check with your doctor as to whether your child's high temperature could be Scarlet Fever and will need further treatment before they return to school.

Clubs

You should have a notice letter with your child's club allocation today (please look in book bags). Clubs will then start next week. Gymnastics club was really popular this term and we have had to split the club into two groups for 4 weeks each. We don't offer clubs for Reception children as they tend to be too worn out to manage them.

School photos

On Thursday September 29th the Totnes Times will be in school at 9:15 to take their picture of the new Reception children. If you do not want your child to be in this photo which will be published in the paper then please let staff know.

On Monday 10th October from 8:30am Tempest will be in to take all the children's individual and sibling photos. If you have younger siblings whom you wish to be in a photo with your school aged child please come early from 8:30am on that day.

The Grove School PTA

Thank you to those who attended the PTA AGM last week. The new PTA Chair is Andy Doyle. More details of the rest of the team and events and projects planned will follow.

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

The first Praise assembly planned is Maple Tree Class on 7th October.

Teacher planned absences

There are no absences planned this week.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Creative Saturday Dance classes at KEVICC Rhythm/Movement/Fun

from September 2016 : most term time Saturdays

9.30 – 10.20am Ages 5 – 7

10.30 – 11.20am Ages 7 – 10

11.30am – 12.20pm Ages 10 – 13

Cost £60 per term : contact Sarah McNally
smcnally@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk for more information

Nursery Cook Required

Can you cook for a BIG family?

Would you like a nice job in the middle of the day in a
happy smiley environment?

Then please ask us about our vacancy for a cook at
Rainbow Nursery.

We need someone to keep hungry tummies full and little brains healthy, preparing a home cooked lunch for 40+ children and a 'sandwich' tea for approx. 20 children on a daily basis.

Working hours will be 9.30am – 1.30pm Monday to Friday.

The closing date for this post is Tuesday 4th October,

please email rainadmin@daisyplaycentre.co.uk

or call 01803 863447 for more information

Babysitter available

Scarlett Roderick -age 15 (sister of Pepper Roderick Y5)
Reliable and mature (references can be provided if required)
Call 07866 958458