



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

Yesterday some children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended a Cross Country event at Stover. Snowbell Tree class are preparing for their residential next week. They are going to Adventure Okehampton and fingers crossed for warm and dry weather. Our school choir have been invited to sing at the opening ceremony of Leechwell Gardens which is today at 3.30. On Thursday Lime Tree class are going to Stover Park. They are enriching their Science topic investigating habitats. The children will take part in sessions throughout the day led by the Ranger, these will focus on comparing various habitats within the National Park. They will investigate the habitat around the lakes, within the forest area and take part in some pond dipping. More on this next week.

Comic Relief FRIDAY 24th March

The Walking Red - all children and staff can dress head to toe in red, wear an item of red clothing or a red nose. You can then pay a donation of £1.00 per person and all the money donated will go to Comic Relief.

School uniform reminder

Please could you ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. We currently have a vast array of colours of shoes and the uniform choice is for dark shoes/trainers. Children can add colour to their uniforms by choosing their own socks/tights. Trousers/shorts rather than jeans please. Remember if it is a child's birthday they are welcome to come in their own clothes for the day nearest to their birthday as a special treat.

Our School Uniform is:-

For Boys

- Plain grey or black trousers or shorts
- Gold School Polo Shirt or one of a similar yellow colour
- Burgundy School Sweatshirt or one of a similar burgundy colour
- Any colour socks

For Girls

- Plain grey tunic/skirt or grey or black trousers or shorts
- Gold School Polo Shirt or one of a similar yellow colour
- Burgundy School Sweatshirt/Cardigan or one of a similar burgundy colour
- Any colour tights or socks
- Red/White or Yellow/White checked summer dress
- Red/yellow/white/grey leggings to match skirt worn. No leggings without skirt.

Footwear

- Black shoes or trainers
- Dark coloured winter boots
- Summer Sandals – no 'Crocs' or flip flops

School Uniform reminder continued

Pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery with the exception of a watch and stud earrings. If pupils are wearing stud earrings they must put tape on these when doing P.E.

Safety notice regarding scooters and bikes

Please ensure that children of any age do not use (ride) their scooters and bikes within the school grounds, which includes the field and playground.

Construction Toys needed

Key stage 2 would like to ask for any construction toy donations for their play time. This would include Lego, Blocks, Sticker bricks and any other items that they can use to build with.

Year 5/6 Handball Competition Finals

Last Wednesday, eight children from Snowball Tree class represented The Grove at the finals of the South Dartmoor School Sports partnership, at South Dartmoor. They had won the Totnes Learning event. They played against teams from the other learning communities in the partnership, who had won their competitions, there had been 48 schools in total. The team had some challenging games and came tenth overall, well done!

Clubs

This is the last week for clubs except Shear Soccer will still be on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March.

TODAY Leechwell Gardens New Play Structure official opening

The official opening of the new play structure in Leechwell Gardens will be on Today from 3.30 until 4.15 pm. It will be opened by the Mayor of Totnes, Cllr Eleanor Cohen and guests. Miss Smith's school choir have been invited to sing at the ceremony. All parents and children are very welcome to attend.

Grove School Wild Wings Orchestra performance

The orchestra is going to perform an excerpt from "Swan Lake" and "Don't Worry, Be Happy" at 2.45pm on Thursday 23rd March. Parents of children in the orchestra are invited to attend as well as anyone who wants to watch and enjoy the music.

The Governors and Leadership team

The governors had a very busy meeting last week. We considered the proposals for the classes next year and agreed to the amendment where Years 5 and 6 will be kept separate for the coming year. Though we do feel there are benefits for cross-year working.

We considered the school budget for the coming financial year which is tight, though we are fortunate to have obtained a little extra funding. We considered the Headteacher's report which explains the many varied activities the school has been undertaking and how the pupils are progressing. We discussed the new School Improvement Plan which states how the school is planning to improve over the next year. In addition, we are arranging a meeting between staff and governors to set out a longer term vision for the school.

Finally, we discussed the lead governor roles, visits to the school and how best to recruit the skilled governors we need to fill the gaps in our committees – namely Finance, buildings and Health and Safety (if you know anyone with these skills please let them know we have governor vacancies and they can make a real difference to our children's education).

Mike Waterson, Chair of Governors

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week is Snowbell Tree Class on Friday at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly will be Beech and Carob Tree classes on Friday 31st March at 2.45 pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

WildWise

Sat 1st April

WildWise's Forest Rangers Day: a day of bushcraft skills & adventures for kids aged 8-12 years.
10-4pm Dartington Estate £30 p.p. 01803 868269

Mon 3rd April

Nightpaddle on the River Dart: open canoes by moonlight!
Soak in the atmosphere of stars, firelight & stories.
Includes campfire supper, nocturnal wildlife & storyteller. 6-10.30pm
Totnes £35 adults; £12 kids (under 13) 01803 869269

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Messy Church

Saturday, 25th March 3.30-5.30 at St John's Church, Bridgetown
Big Bags of Money. We want to know what you are good at!!!"
We Looking forward to seeing you there.

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