



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

On Friday Snowbell Tree class are off to The River Dart Country park after all their hard work this week with SATS. Maple Tree class have been learning about Horrible Science and doing a few gruesome things - ask your children about this as it involves the human body and our stomachs!

Congratulation to the Bickerstaffs

Mrs Bickerstaff had a baby girl weighing in at about 7 pounds on Thursday early morning. Congratulations to the whole family on their new addition who they have named Lara.

Gifted and Talented opportunities

Last week, Isla, Anna and Oliver J from Maple Tree class spent a morning at KEVICCs doing some inspirational writing. All 3 children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Oliver said "It was interesting! It really got me thinking".

Anna said "I enjoyed our tour of KEVICC! It helped to inspire us when planning our stories".

Isla added "I liked that we all got to choose different themes for our poems and different genres for our stories".

KSI Athletics Competition

Last Wednesday twenty children from Year 2, took part in the first Totnes Learning Community Athletics Competition for KSI children, organised by Sam Lyndon. The children competed in a range of athletic activities, including; running, jumping, throwing, hurdling and relays. The score for the team was added up as the children rotated around the activities. The children were brilliant, trying their best both individually and for their team. Four teams represented The Grove, every athlete came home with a certificate and a medal! Well done athletes! The Green team were 1st, Yellow team 2nd, Red team 3rd and the Orange team 4th. Also, Sam Lyndon is coming in for the next five weeks on a Monday to work with KS2, teaching athletics and striking and fielding games.

PTA Bakes

Thank you to Gingko Class for their lovely cakes last week. Together with the Ice Lollies, we made a whopping £128.00! Tomorrow is the turn of Maple Class to bake. Please leave cakes with Rebecca at Reception ready for the sale at 3.10pm.

PTA Disco Thursday 25th May help needed for Years 3 and 4 and 5 and 6

Thank you to Rachael Gillespie who has been working hard to organise our school disco. This is going to be a wonderful event for all the children. We need 10 helpers per disco for this to go ahead and if you can help contact Rachael Gillespie 07879 405905 or see Kellie in Beech class or you could pop along to the next **PTA meeting at 3.30pm on Thursday 18th May.**

PTA Summer Fair

We've already had lots of offers to help at the summer fair, so thank you all. If you would like to offer any help, either with setting up, helping on a stall or manning the BBQ for an hour, we would love to hear from you. Please see Jenni Rowe (Banyan Class) or Kellie Bishop (Beech Class) or pop along to the next PTA meeting. Tombola donation boxes will be outside classrooms this week!

The Governors and Leadership team

The Teaching and Learning committee met last week. There was a presentation from Mrs MacLeod about RE. RE is statutory part of our curriculum and we must follow the Devon guidelines. We enjoy RE as a subject through the school and it is very powerful in teaching children about rights, wrongs and morality. It lends itself well to philosophy and for us all, education and understanding about the different religions brings tolerance and acceptance. We are not a church school and are very careful not to align ourselves to any religion – instead we celebrate the diversity we have within our school, community and nation. The senior Leadership Team are working on our safeguarding protocols and you will find a new draft policy on the website for child protection and Safeguarding following the release in April of a new Devon model policy.

Praise Assemblies

The next praise assembly will be on Friday 16th June at 2.45 and will be Beech and Carob Tree Class.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Holiday activity day Monday 5th June

Karen Jarvis is hoping to run an activity day to help raise funds for the school on the 5th June, the extra Monday of Half term. The day will be based on forest school activities and games. To be able to plan the day Karen would like to know the numbers of children interested by 12th May so that she can organise adults to help and equipment.

There will be a cost of £15 for the day this will all go to the PTA fund raising for our school.

Due to child ratios this is open to children from year 1 to year 6.

Please could you let Karen or Rebecca know if you are interested.

This will be on a first come first served basis due to limited numbers.

Shammi (Seema's mum year 3)

I'm looking for a permanent reliable child minder for Fridays and Saturdays between 5.30 pm and 11.00 pm.
My contact number is 07894435345

Harberton Rounders Fun Day + children's races (for under 8's)

Teams of 8, ANY AGE (children 8 plus) or just come along and make up a team on the day.

Saturday 1st July from 12 noon at Harberton Playing Field.

BBQ TEAS BAR

In aid of St Andrew's Church, Harberton. £2 per player.

Contact Wilke Wing 01803 866091 or Jan Carne on 01803 862290 ENTRIES NEEDED BY 3RD JUNE