



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

Flame Tree Class have started their swimming sessions at Totnes pavilions. **Bag2School** will be collecting from the school on Thursday 23rd February, please bring your bag (or bags!) to the front of the school (Blueball Hill entrance) and help us have a really good collection. More fundraising ideas are being generated and implemented (see below for more information about these). Parent consultation letters will be handed out on Friday.

Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone that took part and donated. We raised £276.93.

Material Request

Nicola Pook and Sarah Skinner members of the PTA are asking for donations of old plain bed sheets for this year's carnival float. They need the sheets to make bunting. The theme for this year's float is 'Willy Wonka and the chocolate factory' Last year children from Year 6 created large playing cards for the 'Alice in Wonderland' themed float which came 1st. A picture of the float can be seen below.

Pancake Day Racing

Please come and support our PTA fundraising Pancake Day Racing. It starts at 1.30 Monday 27th February.

1:30 – tea and cakes for parents in The Studio

2:30 – (outside if the weather is dry OR in the hall if the weather is dreadful) - children will sing a pancake song together and then have a pancake race in teams (Year 5 will be out of school swimming until 3pm)

3:15pm pancakes and cakes for the children and parents on sale

Easter Hamper

Kellie Bishop one of our TA's in Early Years has kindly made an Easter Hamper. Towards the end of this week Kellie will be selling 'lucky squares' to win the Easter Hamper. The hamper has lots of yummy Easter eggs, an Easter bunny (teddy not real) and a £20.00 voucher for Morrisons (that they kindly donated). Look out for Kellie at pick up time. All monies raised will go to the school. Draw will be made when all the squares are sold!

Leadership and Management

More funding issues are arising in Education which are hitting schools hard. One of the most recent issues in Devon is that they are reclaiming £33 per child in every school (£33 x 240 children for us) due to a county overspend in SEN.

And you may have heard of the Apprenticeship Levy charge schools are being faced with also:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-38496455>

These are difficult times for schools but the Leadership team are working hard to ensure it doesn't affect the quality of education we provide at The Grove.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week is Lime Tree Class on Friday at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly is Willow Tree Class on Friday 3rd March at 2.45 pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Totnes Carnival Queen and Attendants 2017 **Saturday 19th August 2017**

Have you heard about the carnival float this year? It is going to have a new theme with lights and with music. We also need a new Carnival Queen and attendants so we hope you will come along to our Queen and Attendants choosing evening at the Methodist Hall on **Friday 24th March 2017 at 6.30 pm** to enter our competition. We need two junior attendants aged between 7 and 10 years old on 19th August 2017.

Entry is free so come along mums and dads to enjoy the evening and support The Carnival 2017.

A Children's Singing Workshop (for children in Year 3 and above)

Saturday 11th March (Free of charge)

Parents are able to choose if they wish to stay or not

using Popular music to encourage, educate and inspire children not only to sing, but to sing well!

At The Parish and Priory Church of St Mary, Totnes

Workshop to start at 10 am all people are DBS checked

Informal concert of music studied during the day beginning at 2.15 pm

Director – Mr Stephen Tanner

To book a place and to find out more details, please phone 01803 770515 or email jandietz@hotmail.co.uk

60's Disco at KEVICC

Friday 10th March

7.30 pm Redworth Dining Room

£5.00 Tickets available from Gazebo and The Ariel Centre.



Totnes Carnival Queen Float 2016