



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class teachers for September 2017

Reception Early Years Foundation Stage unit - Acorn Class	45 children taught by 2 full time class teachers Miss Clark and Mrs Bingham
Y1/2 class – Willow Tree	Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Westrope
Y1/2 class – Lime Tree	Mrs Moore (Mrs Luff will be on maternity leave) and Ms Caldwell
Y1/2 class – Banyan Tree	To be appointed (Mrs Bickerstaff will be on maternity leave)
Y3/4 class – Flame Tree	Miss Fernyhough and Mrs MacLeod
Y3/4 class – Kapok Tree	Mrs Kneebone and Mr Brudenell
Y3/4 class – Gingko Tree	Mr Gude
Y5 class – B..... Tree class (tba)	Miss Barton (newly appointed)
Y6 class – Snowbell Tree	Miss Smith

Children in current Reception, Y1, 2 and 3 will also get their class information letter handed out today. This will list all the children in the class and the class teacher/s. This will not be emailed. Please call the school on Thursday if you have not received a copy or you want to know before your copy arrives, we will endeavour to get copies posted to parents who may not receive the copy with the child.

Before school play

Just a note in case you were not aware that traditionally this has always been a time for just KS2 to play before school on the field if they wish to. Apologies but no KS1 at this time of day.

Online safety

This is a useful website for online safety information – worth a read: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

We have also attached some guidance from Scomis for young children – it is aimed at pre-school children but useful for Foundation Stage and KS1.

What is happening in school this week and next

Year 4 Violin performance has taken place today and parents were invited to watch. The performance took place in the studio. Class photos were taken this morning and we will let you know when the sample photo is handed out for you to place your order.

Backdrop Scenery Help needed

Our Year 6 production is in a few weeks time and we are looking for volunteers to help paint our backdrop scenery. If you would like to help please let Rebecca at reception know. All resources will be provided.

Sports Day

Sports Day was going to take place today has been postponed due to the weather. It will now be on Tuesday 13th June. It has been entered onto the school calendar which you can find at <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Praise Assemblies

There are no praise assemblies this week. 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

Totnes Christian Festival 2017

Vire Island
Saturday 10th June from 12.00 until 8pm
Free Admission
Live Music – Street Food – Exhibitions – Storytelling – Circus Skills and more

Family-Friendly BioBlitz Event

From 5pm Friday 9th June till Noon Saturday 10th June
BioBlitz: A 24-hour wildlife survey event including family-friendly and educational activities and competitions.
Lower Sharpham Barton Farm. Free Entry. Food and Camping available.
01803 732747. lemurs@ambios.net/www.ambios.net/bio-blitz

For Sale

Buggy Board and Fixings (missing strap)
See Fiona Kendall in Reception class



Welcome to Scomis' summer term edition of the Online Safety Newsletter for Early Years

For Parents and Carers:

Welcome to the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for parents and carers of 0-5 year olds.

Here at Scomis we receive requests from parents and carers for help and advice on how to keep children 'safe online'.

Each term Scomis will publish an Online Safety Newsletter for Early Years settings in Devon which will include this special section for parents and carers.

We will signpost resources and good websites where parents and carers can access advice, guidance and information for 0-5 year olds.

Learn Together

In the first issue (January 2017) of our Online Safety newsletter we highlighted the importance of setting up Broadband Filters and Parental Controls.

More and more pre-schoolers are using their parents' devices to play games, use apps and watch TV programmes.

- 32% children 3-4 view the Internet via parent's device
- 47% parents are concerned about how much time their children spend online

Explore together – Talk to your child about what the internet is and explore together

Put yourself in control – Install parental controls on your home broadband

Use passwords – Keep your devices out of reach, set passwords on all your devices and don't share them

Search safely – Use safe search engines such as

Swiggle or **Kids-search**

Be involved – encourage use of devices in communal areas such as the lounge or kitchen

Manage access – Set your homepage to a child-friendly site like **CBeebies** and create a user account for your child

Help them learn through games – Choose free, safe, fun and educational online games to play with your child

Set boundaries – Set some rules about how long they should spend online

Read more and view an interactive video:

e-safety tips for parents: Under 5

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

Fact: There are more than 1.6 million apps available to download from the Android and Apps stores.

Child-friendly apps for 2 year olds:



CBeebies Storytime

Great story-time app full of familiar characters

- Age : 2+
- Cost : Free
- Available on **Android and iOS**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/cbeebies-storytime-app>



Digiduck's Big Decision

Interactive e-safety story

Story created to help parents teach children aged 3 – 7yrs how to be a good friend online.

- Age: 3+
- Cost: Free
- Available on **Android and iOS**

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/digiducks-big-decision-the-app>

How much screen-time is okay for under 2's?

Commonsense Media suggests that time spent with screens shouldn't replace time spent with a child's loving caregiver. They recommend trying the following ideas in small amounts of time (15 or 30 minutes):

- Explore new words, ideas, sounds, and pictures online
- Scroll through all your pictures, name the people, and talk about them

Read more and view CommonsenseMedia's video on 3-TV Watching Tips for Toddlers:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/babies-and-toddlers-the-definitive-answers-to-screen-time-questions>

The NSPCC and O2 have joined forces to provide parents with the skills and support to keep children and young people safe online.

How?

Website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

Telephone helpline: 0808 8005002 to access expert advisors.

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