



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening this week and next

Tomorrow Years 5 and 6 will be going to KEVICC (Ariel Centre) to watch their performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Year 1 and 2 will be going on an educational visit to Torquay Museum tomorrow. The visit is linked to their current History topic about Mary Anning and her contribution to the discovery of fossils. The museum will give the children the opportunity to learn more about Mary Anning, the history of the local coastline, and to view and handle fossils.

Y1/2 Spring Concert

We are very excited to announce that KS1 will be performing a spring concert in the last week of term. Parents will be invited into school to watch the children perform and will then be given the opportunity to look around the children's classroom. We can't wait to welcome you all and celebrate the children's achievements this term. Each family will be given two tickets for their children's performance. Dates will be as follows:

Tuesday 5th of April at 2.15pm – Dove Tree Class

Wednesday 6th of April at 2.15pm – Beech Tree Class

Thursday 7th of April at 2.15pm – Lime Tree Class

We will prioritise other year groups for this type of sharing experience in the Summer term.

Mental health course for parents

Michelle has found this great course for parents who have children who are struggling with their mental health. See link.

<https://www.compassioninaction.co.uk/parents.html>

School entrances

We are happy to let you know that you may now use whichever of the two school entrances work best for you as a family rather than by year group. You will need to let us know if this is a change for you as staff will need to redirect the children to the entrance of your choice at the end of the school day.

Parents have mentioned to me that the best bike route for safety reasons is to come to the front of the school as the road at the back is quite frightening at times for bike users. If you do prefer the front then children will need to wheel their bikes through school to park them at the back, which is fine for them to do.

Parents with a car have noted it was easier and less congested to drop at the back as they can park easier.

Drop off and pick up is still from the far side of the field and from the front of school.

Either Mrs Wilkinson or I will be on duty at the front and back of the schools at drop off and pick up should you need to pass any messages on to staff in the classes.

World Book Day

We had a fantastic day last Thursday with lots of the children dressing up and sharing their costumes with each other in our fancy dress parade. Each class celebrated in a different way with live author events, chasing the Big Bad Wolf out of the fire escape and sharing books and stories. The book swap was a great success and most of the children were able to find a suitable book to take home. Thank you for the wonderful donations and supporting this new idea.

Egg/potato Character Competition

Well done to all of the children who took part in our egg/potato competition. There were so many great designs and ideas, and East Gate Bookshop enjoyed judging them. Our overall winners were Grace from Lime Tree Class for KS1 and Rory from Chestnut Tree Class for KS2. Thank you to East Gate Bookshop for supporting our competition and providing prizes for our winners.



Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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Creating beautiful smiles for life!

<https://www.operationofhope.org>



Our granddaughter Harriet is travelling to the **Mpilo Hospital in Bulawayo Zimbabwe** for a week in May with a medical team of volunteers to carry out cleft lip and cleft palate surgery on children. Changing their lives forever.

There are four teams each staying for a week. Teams are made up of volunteers that include Surgeons, Doctors, Anaesthetists and Nurses from seven countries

The trip has been arranged by the American/Canadian charity 'Operation of Hope'.

The charity has to purchase all the surgical equipment. PPE. Medicines etc that they require and this has to be shipped out and be in place at the hospital ahead of their arrival.

Harriet and the other team members are raising money for the charity to help with the cost of the purchase and the transport to Africa of the equipment and medicines

Val and I are holding a Coffee Morning at St Johns Church Bridgetown on Friday morning the 18th March from 10am to raise funds for this purpose.

Please come along and bring your friends. Ron.

COME TO OUR COFFEE MORNING
AT
ST JOHNS CHURCH
ON
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH
10AM

ANGEL HEART AND RATTLEBOX THEATRE PRESENTS

THE TALES OF ROBIN HOOD

A SHOW FOR
THE YOUNG
OLD AND
MIDDLE
AGES...



SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 5PM
LITTLEHEMPSTON COMMUNITY SPACE
(at the church – TQ9 6LY)

Tickets Adult £7 Children £5 from 01803 866133
More info: www.littlehempston.com/events