



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your understanding about the school closure at the end of last week in the extreme snowy weather. It is never an easy decision to close a school but once the red weather warning came in on Thursday morning it became apparent that the school opening would not be possible and this would be extraordinary weather conditions. This also meant that it was not possible to put out a newsletter last week as I was evacuating staff and children with a journey so they would not be trapped in Totnes. – so, there isn't actually a Spring 7 letter!

Keys Found

A red Exeter college lanyard was found outside the school with some keys attached to it.

Parent Consultations

Letters have been sent home with the children for our Parent Teacher consultations which will be held on Mondays 12th March and Tuesday 13th March next week. Please could they be back asap. Unfortunately due to continuous cuts to our budget we cannot afford to run a crèche any more. If you wish, children can accompany parents into the main hall but are expected to wait quietly please.

World Book Day will be on Friday 23rd March

Come dressed as a book character and help raise money for your class. Any donations received will pay for books for your child's class. Children have been given their World Book voucher in school today. These can be exchanged for a selection of free books or £1 off ANY book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more.

School meal price

As from Tuesday 17th April (after Easter) we will have to increase our school meal price from £2.40 to £2.50 per day due to rising staff and food costs. Thank you for your understanding and we are proud that we are still offering a well-prepared hot meal for less than the local average price. This will only affect KS2 as KS1 still have their meals paid for by central government.

Cross Country Competition change of venue

The Cross Country Competition event that will be taking place next week on Tuesday 13th March will now be held at Haldon Forest Park with postcode EX6 7XR. Go Ape area is where the start will be.

PTA School Disco News

A big thank you to all who helped with our school disco. Special thanks go to Rachel Gillespie for organising and Jen Marshall for DJ'ing. These events take a lot of planning and staffing to ensure they run smoothly and we couldn't do them without your generosity. Both children and adults had a fantastic time. The disco managed to raise a massive £473.46 which will help the teachers to purchase much needed resources for their classrooms.

PTA Thursday Bakes

As our first Cake Sale could not go ahead last week due to the snow, this Thursday we would love to have cakes from the Acorn Unit, Lime Tree and Banyan Tree Class. All cakes can be brought into school first thing and left at either the Child's class or with Rebecca at Reception. Cakes will be available to purchase [from 3.10pm](#). We do need help to man the stall, so if you could help at all, please let us know. Maybe you could help when it's your child's class is due to bake?

One and Eight will be selling their beautiful jewellery alongside the cake sale on Thursday. They can only accept payment with cash and prices will start from £5.00. Come and grab a special Mother's Day gift with your cakes! See the poster below.

Bags2School

Bags2School will be collecting again [on the 25th April](#). We will send bags out just before our Easter break, but remember you can use any bag. This raised over £100 for the School last time, so let's see if we can beat that total.

PTA Bag Pack

We are going to book another Bag Pack at Morrisons soon. This is an easy and effective way to raise money for our school. We will need a guarantee of adults and children to help on the day for it to go ahead, this could be for just an hour or a few hours. If you are interested please let us know and we will keep you all informed of the date. We will get a rota printed up when we have a date and pop it in reception for you to sign up.

Keep an eye out for our choctastic Easter Hamper. Tickets will go on sale shortly!

If you want to keep up to date with the PTA then you can access our minutes on the school website or email pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk and we can add you to our mailing list. We welcome fresh ideas!

Praise assembly

Praise assembly this week is Kapok on Friday at 2.45pm. Next week we will have two praise assemblies as we missed Willow Tree classes due to the snow. Therefore Willow Tree class will be on Thursday 15th March at 2.45pm and Guava Tree class will be on Friday 16th at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dear Mrs Priest,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's very high standard of achievement in reading in the 2017 key stage 2 assessments.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading at the end of key stage 2. This means that your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England for achievement in reading.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

One & Eight Jewellery Sale

End of line styles & Samples

Perfect Mothers Day Present

On Thursday 8th March from 3pm
(outside reception class, next to Bake Sale)



Wanted Netball Players

More netball players are wanted to join our friendly team at KEVICCs sports hall every Tuesday evenings from 7pm until 8pm.

If you have not played since school or haven't even played at all – don't panic, we welcome all abailites. Come and give it a try.

Desk Space Available

If you are getting cabin fever working from home and want to meet lovely people, drink nice coffee and be in the center of town, then Castle Street is where it's at! We have desk space available now our lovely period building, less than one minutes walk from the Totnes Brewery. Shared office with friendly people. Desks are £150 + VAT per month all in. Contact andy@weheartdigital.co.uk to arrange a viewing.

Smile! It's Saturday! Children's Day

Saturday 10th March 2018 at
Dart Vale Dental Care, Totnes



Competition to win
£25 iTunes Voucher

Tooth Brushing
Demonstrations



Appointments available for existing patients
and new patients of Dart Vale Dental Care



To book your child's appointment,
call us on 01803 840200 or email us on
reception@dartvaledentalcare.co.uk
including your child's name, date of birth
and your contact number