



## Weekly Newsletter

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### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Half term is upon us next week so school will close this Friday and reopen on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. I hope you have a great week and the children (and staff) can recharge their batteries for the run up to that time of year beginning with C that we don't just quite mention yet!!

### **What's happening in school this week and next**

On Tuesday the pharmacist was here to administer the nasal flu vaccinations to those children whom had requested it. Last Friday we welcomed visitors to the school to promote last weekends 'Turn the Page' event. Nicola Davies came along with Sam from the Rare Breeds Farm with Barn owl Jake to share Nicola's new book 'A First Book of Animals'. The children enjoyed joining in with some poems and were delighted by our feathered visitor. All children took home competition details, due in this Friday, with a chance to win some of the books presented at the 'Turn the Page' event! Today Year 3 and 4 went to KEVICC for a Tag Rugby festival which is part of their curriculum.

### **Chocolate Mufti this Friday**

The PTA are collecting chocolate (instead of paying £1.00) for the Christmas fete, so if you want to wear your own clothes the cost is a bar of your favourite chocolate! Please do join in with this, the more we get, the more chance you will win it back on the 3rd December!

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

Are on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please note that we are running the two Reception classes consultations together with both teachers as Reception is being run as a 'unit' rather than two separate classes. The PTA would like to have a cake stall on both of these days to keep you well fed. If you are able to make some Halloween cakes for the PTA to sell, we would be very grateful that you will have helped to raise some money towards exciting projects for the school. Please deliver your contributions on 31<sup>st</sup> October. There will be a crèche for children in the studio for you to use.

### **Governors**

Following our extra ordinary governors meeting on Monday we are delighted to inform you that Mike Waterson is the new Chair of Governors, with Laura Partridge continuing as Vice Chair. We also are very pleased to welcome two new governors Gillian Tubbs, an ex- primary Headteacher and Grandma of children at the school and Hilary Price, the current Chair of Governors for St Johns school who will bring a wealth of Governing experience. We have some applications already for the new parent governors so will keep you informed after half term of elections.

### **School Council**

A number of children from the school council asked for us to celebrate Halloween as we are in school on that day. The School Kitchen have agreed to put on a spooky lunch! The school council members have been telling each other about their forest school sessions, where they go each week, what tools they have been using and what activities they have been doing. This is part of the school improvement plan so that children are learning outdoors each week and developing their use of different tools. After half term we will be doing a fundraiser and each class will be choosing a charity, details to follow.

### **Gymnastics Club on Wednesdays**

This is the last week for the first group of children attending the gymnastics club on Wednesday after school.

### **Shear Soccer**

Due to demand Adam from Shear Soccer will be running shear soccer for Years 1 and 2 on Tuesdays and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the usual Wednesday. Booking forms will be available from reception when we come back after half term. The next Shear Soccer club will start the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November (Adam is on a course during the first week) and run for 6 weeks.

### **Praise Assemblies – all assemblies will be on Fridays at 2:45pm**

Praise assembly will be Banyan Tree Class this Friday. The next praise assembly will be Snowbell Tree Class on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45 pm.

### **Teacher planned absences**

There are no absences planned this week.

### **Donations request for the Reception classes – please contribute if you can**

Acrylic Display dome/ Cloche

Teapot

Teacups

Small non-glass vase or decorative jar for flowers

Material

Old clothes airer

Pegs

Old pots and pans

Cooking utensils

Container for mud

Left over bags of compost

Decorating brushes and rollers

Wooden planks

Crates

Logs (to make a seating area)

Items that could be used as planters to add a bit of greenery to our outside area!

Child size outdoor brooms

Water and Sand Play - We would like to add to our plastic equipment with metal/ wooden/ safety glass items for pouring, scooping and sifting: e.g. Colanders, measuring scoops, small bowls, jugs, whisks

“Small Lego” The children are desperate to use Lego but we only have Duplo. Any donations of Lego would be much appreciated!

Expired foods that can be used in play e.g pasta, corn flour, lentils, rice, out of date tins.

Trays/bowls for mixing and for sensory materials e.g shaving foam, gloop etc

Whisks, pestle and mortar

Buttons, beads, garlic press, animal reachers, spider catchers, wind up toys, shaped hole punches

Small world toys - dinosaurs, farm, wild animals, etc,

baskets to store books and toys.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

### **Refugee Aid from Taunton**

'Many thanks to all who donated items last week for refugee aid - there was a great response enabling 7 sacks full of mother and baby items to be sent on to Taunton for shipment to those most in need. After half term Lucy Slemmings will be organising another collection; this time of children's winter wear (warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc) for shipment to Syria, so if you have any outgrown or spare items please put them to one side for collection soon

### **Party at the Barrel House Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

We are having a party at the Barrel House on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to bring parents together to have fun and raise money for the year 6 residential and Unicef. Tickets are £8 and there will be a live band, auction of promises, "adult" pick a pocket, Djs and dancing. Tickets are limited and selling fast so do buy soon if you would like to come. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grove-party-tickets-28056578983> or see Kate (Lucas/Rosa), Lisa (Elsie/Rose), Jeanette (Felix), Jo (Greta), Amy (Bess/Joe) or Alice (Hannah) We really need some promises too for the auction so if there's anything you can offer be it a massage, holiday cottage weekend, gardening etc etc please see Jeanette and Jo or email [jeanettestevenson@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettestevenson@gmail.com). Thanks for your support!

### **Teignbridge Trotters**

Will be staging a **1-mile Fun Run** within the grounds of Stover School, Starting at **10.25am on Sunday 6th November 2016**

This always proves really popular and gives the 100+ children and adults a chance to complete a safe, measured 1-mile course in beautiful grounds. Prizes for 1st & 2nd M/F U8, U10, U13 & U15 - Awards for all finishers - Entry £3.00 - Entries on the day as well in advance.

<http://www.teignbridgetrotters.co.uk/our-races/templer-ten>

At 11.00 the multi terrain 10-mile course starts, 90% off road and runners will have the pleasure of running through the picturesque Stover Country Park as well as the fields at Teigngrace.

The Race HQ at Stover School offers fantastic facilities; plenty of toilets, changing rooms, showers, baggage store and free parking. There will be hot and cold refreshments available before, during and after the race, including our famous Trotter cakes!

### **Humpty Dumpty Childcare /Playclub**

Our Playclub is regulated by Ofsted and offers both after school and holiday care during half term, Christmas, Easter and Summer Holidays for children up to 12 years old.

To find out more about October Half Term and Christmas holidays, visit our website:

**[October Half Term holiday information](#)**

Call 01803 866 863 or visit the [Humpty Dumpty Childcare website](#) for further information, or to book your place.