



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in the school this week and next

Devon Fire Service were here on Thursday giving a talk on Fire Safety which included talks on smoke detectors, how to ring for an emergency and the different services they offer not just dealing with fires to Year 2 and Year 5 children. A few children went to KEVICC yesterday for a Badminton tournament. Ginkgo Tree class went to Dartmoor yesterday and we will read more about their trip next week.

Leadership and management and the School funding crisis

You may have been following the news and funding crisis for education such as the new 'Fairer funding formula' that is currently proving difficult for us. This is a useful website link which puts this situation for us into real terms:

<http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#/schools?chosenSchool=8782461>

The Governing body

The governors have two meetings this week. The Teaching and Learning Committee, will be considering how to improve attendance, checking the website, looking at the impact of our SEN policy and educational visits and also planning monitoring visits to the school. The Resources committee have an extra meeting to look at ways to improve the building further.

School Council - Fundraising for CRY

Thank you to the parents and carers in Willow class who donated cakes and apologies for the poor communication, not letting you know it was for Friday! This Friday it is Banyan Tree class turn to bake - please leave the cakes in the staffroom or hand them to Ms Caldwell on the stall after school.

The children will also be doing a sponsored Biathlon next week, running and scooting/cycling around the field every afternoon! Could each child bring their bike/scooter, as well as a helmet on the following days -

Monday - Banyan Y1/2 and Flame Y5

Tuesday - Lime Y1/2 and Snowbell Y6

Wednesday - Carob & Beech YR and Maple Y4

Thursday - Willow Y1/2 and Ginkgo Y3

When you bring the bikes or scooters to school could you please park them by the cycle rack next to the field. If that space has been filled up lean them against the fence. The sponsorship forms will be sent home by the end of the week. Thank you in advance for all your support with this

Clubs

All letters confirming children's clubs were sent out yesterday. Please return them before the club starts. Clubs will start next week and finish at 4.15 prompt and pick-up is from the pirate ship.

The PTA

The PTA are looking for a volunteer to be Vice Chair of the PTA. Does anyone have any space to store some of the PTA things. At the moment we are storing them at the school but the school needs the space now. Can anyone help? Please contact Andy Doyle or email pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Staff Absences

Miss Smith will be out on Thursday and Mrs Moore will be out Friday learning all about Mike Hughes.

Praise Assemblies

The first praise assembly for this year will be Ginkgo Tree class on Friday 3rd February at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Totnes Panto is now on this week until Saturday

‘Puss in Boots’

7.30 pm nightly and a Saturday Matinee at 2.30 pm

Tickets £10 per adult and £7.00 for concessions

At Civic Hall, Totnes

Messy Church

Saturday 21st January

At St John's Church, Bridgetown at 3.30-5.30PM

The Theme is "The centurion's servant" (Luke 7)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope to see you there!

Community Tree Planting

There is a Community Tree Planting Event taking place in Bridgetown for Saturday 21st Jan - 21 trees are being planted to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

Meet at Furze Road at 11am wearing your wellie boots and gardening gloves – plant trees along a planned route around Bridgetown and then join in the free bar B Q after.

Anyone with family memories or stories that relate to those who served, suffered or died with an association to Totnes are invited to contact Bridgetown Alive! (contact Deborah Oakey at the daisy Play Centre 01803 864737 email debora@daisyplaycentre.co.uk) or Cllr Hodgson so that they can be part of this event.