



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone and happy 2018, we hope it is a good year for you all.

Social Media

There have been a number of reports into social media use among 8 to 12 year olds. The report found that most social media platforms have a minimum age limit of 13, but research shows a growing number of children under 13 are using social media, with 3 in 4 children aged 10-12 having their own accounts. Please can you ensure that your children do not open an account before the age limit to protect them from the detrimental affects social media can have on the young and talk to them about the potential impact. You may find these links useful:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/490001/Social_Media_Guidance_UKCCIS_Final_18122015.pdf.pdf
<https://riseabove.org.uk/article/online-stress/>

Gamelan

Friday last week was an incredibly exciting day for Key Stage 2 children, as they experienced what it is like to use and play together, a set of traditional Balinese gamelan instruments. The sounds and sights coming from the studio were incredible, as each class produced a full piece of music, whilst playing the range of instruments – what a great musical and cultural experience! This day was initially thought-up by Eve and Isla Belsey, who also fund-raised so that there was no extra cost to the school; thank you so much to these two girls! Thank you also to their mother, Ursula, who has been in touch with the school finalising details and to Saj, the gamelan teacher. You should find attached a flyer about a gamelan group she runs at Dartington Hall, where the instruments came from, should you wish to join in the fun! You can find out more if you call Saj on 07919 178701 or email

dartington.gamelan@gmail.com

Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6 – Wednesday 17th January

As you may be aware from the media, the increase in the number of overweight and obese children is a major public health concern. In Devon, our Public Health team wants to have the best possible information on children's health to help us tackle this. So every year, as part of a national programme, all children in Reception year and Year 6 have their height and weight checked and recorded. Letters have been sent out today and if you do not wish your child to take part, please complete the form on the back of the letter and hand in to Rebecca.

Anti Bullying

Thank you to Mark Allford for the booklets which coincides with our anti bullying week in which we talk about what bullying is and it's affects in our assemblies and in classes and what to do should children be concerned.

Exhibition of artwork

Next week the school will be opening an exhibition of artwork from every class, which will be exhibited at the Birdwood House Gallery. The exhibition, which is entitled, Green Spaces, will reflect the importance that the natural world has on our health and well-being. The exhibition will run from Friday 19th January until Friday 26th January.

We will need to man the gallery during school hours and so would very much appreciate offers of help from parents and families who would be able to offer some time. We are hoping to set up a rota of volunteers who could commit to a day and length of time, from one hour onwards. If you are able to help, please contact Rebecca Rockett, by telephone, email or in person. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

Christmas performances

After all the generous donations from everyone who watched all the Christmas shows each class has spent their share on the following:-

Reception - butchers doors and water trays

Lime Tree Class - sand tray and imaginative play resources made from natural materials

Banyan Tree Class - large plastic construction bricks

Willow Tree Class – imaginative play resources

Kapok Tree Class – Lego

Ginkgo Tree Class – Wet play games

Flame Tree Class - games

Bay – Board games and resources for golden time

Guava Tree Class – is still being decided as the class would like to look after something living!

Flame Tree Class

Flame Tree class will be going swimming on Monday 15th January for 5 weeks. Please remember your children's swimming kit those days.

Praise assembly – Fridays at 2:45 (unless otherwise stated) Families and friends welcome

26th Jan – Flame Tree Class

2nd Feb – Banyan tree Class

Thursday 8th Feb – Acorn unit

23rd Feb – Bay tree Class

2nd March – Willow Tree Class

9th March – Kapok Tree Class

16th March – Guava Tree Class

23rd March – Lime Tree Class

Thursday 29th March – Ginkgo Tree Class

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



Cursive handwriting made easy!

Dear Parents,

We are now part of the Letter-join handwriting scheme and any of our pupils wishing to practise their handwriting at home can now log in to the Letter-join website on iPads and tablets as well as desktop and laptop computers. There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources as we use at school.

How to log in to Letter-join

DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOG-IN

Simply go to www.letterjoin.co.uk and log in, using the Desktop log-in boxes, with these details:

User name: ak7092

Password: home

Letter-join will work on the following browsers on PCs:

- Google Chrome
 - Firefox
 - Safari
 - Opera
- We cannot recommend using Internet Explorer for Letter-join.

IPAD AND TABLET LOG-IN

Go to www.letterjoin.co.uk, select the Tablet Login button and log in using these details:

User name: ak7092

Swipe code (starting at top left):



Letter-join will run on the following tablets:

- iPads running at least iOS7 through the Safari browser.
- Windows 8 tablets (8 inch and bigger) using the built-in browser.
- Android tablets (8 inch and bigger) using Google Chrome, Firefox or Opera.

Once logged-in, you will be able to watch how to form all the letters of the alphabet using the same style that we use at school. You can then trace over the letters and words on your tablet and print out the worksheets from your PC for real handwriting practice.

We are limited to the number of users who can log in to this account, so please only log in with this username and password/swipe code for your own personal use.

Gamelan more info

This week years 3, 4 and 5 had a visit from Saj Collyer and the beautiful Balinese Gamelan from Dartington Hall.

Saj runs a children and adults mixed group where all ages and all levels can learn to play this beautiful set of tuned percussion from the island of Bali.

The group meets only in term times and sometimes plays in concerts and festivals...last year saw us playing at Port Eliot Festival!

The Family Gamelan Group meets on a Thursday at 4.30-5.30 at Studio 3, Space at Dartington. Classes cost £4 per adult £4 for the first child and £3 for subsequent children. This terms starts 11th January.

Please call Saj on 07919 178701 or email dartington.gamelan@gmail.com for any more info or just turn up!

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S
BEST LEGO BUILDER?

LEGO MASTERS



Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

TUESDAY'S CHILD



Saturday, 6th January is OPEN DAY

9.30am - 12.30pm at the Ariel Centre, Totnes

Come and Join Us - It's FREE!



KEVICCs, Totnes TQ9 5JX
Saturday Mornings 9.30 - 12.30

Come and have fun with Recorders, Choir, Tuned and Untuned Percussion, Senior Ensemble, Concert Band, String Group, Jazz Band, Beginners Guitar, Acoustic and Electric Guitar, Folk Group, Song Writing, Sing & Play (for 5 - 8 year olds) and much more!

w: www.sammtotnes.org



Nourishing Families Taster Workshop

Intro session offered as part of the TTT Skillshare a Programme

18th Jan 1-2:30pm REconomy Centre, Totnes

Cost: free/by donation

FAMILY FOOD

Making it work for everyone

A series of six workshops to help you with everything around feeding a family.

Come along to the first session to find out more:

Tuesday, 23 January, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Children welcome

You are welcome to bring your child along to the workshops, however there will not be staff available to look after them. The workshops are designed around you being able to care for your child and you will be responsible for them at all times.

Where: South Hams Children Centre, Pathfields, Totnes TQ9 5TZ

Cost: Free (donations welcome) for parents with at least one child under 5

Bookings: 01803 847 626

southhamschildrencentre@actionforchildren.org.uk



Session 1 Introduction	23 Jan
Session 2 WHEN, timings of meals	30 Jan
Session 3 WHERE and HOW we eat	6 Feb
Session 4 WHAT is a balanced diet?	20 Feb
Session 5 PICKY and FUSSY Eating	6 Mar
Session 6 Final SUMMARY session	13 Mar



Each session includes tea and coffee, a short group session then informal discussion and quizzes for parents with free play for children. We'll have different food tastings each week and an online support group.

Family Food is led by registered nutritionist Anna Thomson of *Nourishing Families*. Mum to three, she brings lots of personal experience to these practical workshops.

For more information:

www.nourishingfamilies.weebly.com

 @nourishfamilies



Lost Cat

She is a small, slim tabby called Dotty.

We live in green and white cottage on 19a Cistern St, at the top of the high street. She is microchipped.

The went missing Monday night 1st January.

Could you please let us know if you see her. Thanks so much. Amy 07704659998 (Bess yr 5 and Joseph yr 2 mum)



TAODS presents a magical family pantomime:

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

DIRECTED BY: DAVE WAISTNIDGE
WRITTEN BY: PHILIP MEES



Totnes Civic Hall

January 23 to 27 at 7.30pm

Bar open for refreshments from 6.45pm

Matinée January 27 at 3pm

Bar open for refreshments from 2.30pm

Tickets £10 / £7 cones

January 23: all tickets £7



Box office: www.taods.com/tickets

An amateur production by arrangement with Stagescripts Ltd