



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class lists for September 2018

Your child will be handed a paper copy of the class list and allocated staff for September on Wednesday 13th June 2018 for you to see. We will not be emailing out the lists. In terms of GDPR and privacy we are asking that any parents who do not want their child's name to be on a list that goes to other parents then to let us know before the 12th June 2018. We do not put surnames or any other identifiable information on the list other than first name and occasional initial of a surname if there is more than one child in the same class with the same name.

What's happening this week and next

Tempest Photography were here this morning taking class photos. Copies and details of how to order will be sent out next week. Thursday and Friday will be when all the children will have their Dementia Friends session in school. On Friday Acorn Tree class are on their trip to Pennywell Farm.

Lime tree class visit to Totnes Castle tomorrow morning

As part of our learning about Castles we are heading off to Totnes Castle from 9.30-11.45! It is forecast rain so please get your child to wear a waterproof coat and trainers/walking boots. The children will be wearing their school uniform and back in time for lunch.

Canopy for Willow Tree Class

We are very grateful to Mrs Jenni Rowe and her husband Mr Mark Rowe for donating the lovely canopy for Willow Tree classroom. It will give the children some welcome shade as that classroom gets the full sun all day. Many thanks also for them transporting, delivering and fitting it during the holidays with Mrs Wilkinson and Cherry – it is wonderful!

Governor News

The Teaching and Learning Committee meet five times a year and try to cover all aspects over the course of the year. We met just before the half term holiday. As usual we covered a wide range of topics. We reviewed the school's activities around the new Data Protection regulations: the school has a staff lead and a governor lead. Policies and procedures have been reviewed and audited. As always we will continue to take the utmost care with the information we have about pupils and their families, children's safety is paramount.

Governors keep a close eye on school performance, and the school is gathering data from SATs and other regular monitoring. One focus this year has been encouraging the performance in maths, using the White Rose maths scheme. The school is also reviewing the wider curriculum e.g. science and Art and Craft and Technology. There are new pages on the website covering these last two areas.

In Special Educational Needs, a new lead has been appointed for September and governors discussed how the system was working. Mental Health is an area of focus and children are being helped to share their feelings using simple imagery. Home learning was discussed, and changes have been made after consultation. Governors also agreed policies on Educating Children in Care and also Attendance which is a key component of children getting the most out of their education.

Active Lives

We have been asked, randomly to take part in the Active Lives survey. The survey which will be done in school for Years 1, 3 and 5. For taking part in the survey the school will receive £100 and a report on how active the children are, which will be useful. There is a letter for the children taking part in the survey with more information. If you wish your child to opt out of the survey please let the class teacher know by tomorrow. All Year 1 parents have also been asked to complete a survey.

Shear Soccer

Shear Soccer starts next week. Tuesdays Years 1 & 2 June 12th, 19th, 26th, July 3rd, 10th & 17th and Wednesdays Years 3,4, 5 & 6 June 13th, 20th, 27th, July 4th, 11th & 18th.

Clothes Swish Friday 8th June 7.30-10.00pm @ The Grove School

This is the last week to grab your ticket for this fun event. We have already sold 40 tickets so it looks like it is going to be a great evening. Tickets are £5.00 and include a complimentary glass of bubbly. You can get your ticket from Alex Mack at the beginning and end of the day or Rebecca at Reception.

Summer Fair Friday 13th July 5-8pm

We are in need of helpers, glitter tattooists, face painters and people to man the stalls. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already, your help is greatly appreciated. We also need good quality tombola prizes, children's books and Raffle Prizes. Any donations can be given to Kellie Bishop or Jenni Rowe.

Praise assembly

The next praise assembly is Bay Tree class on Friday 15th June at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest