



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope everyone had a nice half term.

What's happening in school this week and next

Year 5 have started swimming. Willow, Banyan and Lime are going to Dynamic Adventure this week. Thursday is the PTA discos for all year groups. Monday and Tuesday are parent consultation evenings. Craft club which is held on Tuesdays after school will start a week later on Tuesday 14th November and run for four weeks because of parent consultations.

Themed week – 'I am a scientist'

This week is themed week in school and all the classes are having extra sessions on Science based areas:

Reception – Acorn Unit are looking at 'changes' within cookery, making their own butter, mixing substances and investigating seasonal changes within Forest School.

Year 1 / 2 - Willow Tree class are looking at chemical reactions and friction, Lime Tree class are looking at the sea and underwater inhabitants and the food chain, Banyan are looking at suitability of materials for different functions.

Y3/4 – Gingko, Flame and Kapok Tree classes are working together to look at states and matters – how things change, water cycles, fair tests, interpretation of data, liquids, solids and gases.

Y5 – Bay Tree Class are looking at the adaptation of animals to their environments, space (as in the planets etc) and designing parachutes to save Eggburt when he is dropped from a height!

Y6 – Guava Tree class is looking into chemical reactions with Harry Potter transfigurations and light and shadows.

KEVICC Bonfire and Fireworks

KEVICC are holding their annual fireworks event on Friday 3rd November. This year there is a BBQ, Bar and Hot drinks. The event opens at 6pm with the bonfire being lit at 6.30pm and the fireworks display starting at 7pm. Entrance is £4 adults and Children £2 with under 3's are free.

Shear Soccer

Shear Soccer always starts the second week of each new term. Adam has texted all the regular participants but if anyone else would like to book on then please get the information from Rebecca. This term the dates are Tuesdays Year 1 & 2 November 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, December 5th & 12th and Wednesdays Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 November 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, December 6th & 13th. Please could you let Rebecca know if your child has signed up each term so that the school is aware of which children are going to this club and not being picked up at the usual time.

No Table Tennis Club Thursday 2nd November

Unfortunately Table Tennis club will not held on Thursday 2nd November due to school PTA discos being held.

School Council

The Harvest assembly was A-ma-zing. The school councillors read poems, chose some harvest songs and talked about why they wanted to support the homeless charity in Totnes. Huge thanks to you all for your donations. Mark Hatch, from the homeless shelter, thanked the children for their kindness and was grateful that the school council thought of the homeless in Totnes. We will be doing our last delivery of donations to the shelter sometime soon.

Poppy Day

Is on Sunday 12th November and the school supports this. Year 6 visit each classroom. Poppies, wrist bands and reflectors are a suggested donation of 50p and friendships bracelets and snap bands are £1.00.

PTA News

A big thank you for all your kind sweet donations. They will be used for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December and for the Disco tomorrow.

Disco Thursday 2nd November

4.30pm until 5.30pm Reception, Years 1 and 2

5.45pm until 6.45pm Years 3 and 4

7.00pm until 8.00pm Years 5 and 6

Entry will be £2.50 per child and this will include sweets, a glitter tattoo, a biscuit and drinks. Fancy dress is optional! (No scary outfits please) Every child must be signed in by an adult in school – please do not drop them at the door (Even the older ones). Only children attending The Grove School can attend.

Christmas Card Designs

Don't forget your Christmas card designs need to be in by next Wednesday so they can be printed in time! If you haven't got a letter or need another, either email the PTA or see Rebecca.

All the profit from the Christmas cards will go directly to your class teacher so they can purchase some much needed resources. Please support if you can. See below for some ideas!

News from the meeting

At our last meeting the PTA voted unanimously in favour of adding to our play equipment along the bank. The new play equipment will include two additional forts, a tunnel, Amazon climbing posts and an open slide. We hope to get this project going as quickly as possible!

We are also well underway planning for the Christmas Fair, if you are able to offer any help, please email the PTA. Any help would be greatly appreciated as we cannot run these events without it. Keep a look out for donation boxes for the Bric-a-Brac!

Table Top Sale

Tables are filling up quickly, so if you'd like one get in touch. Come along to browse, sell or enjoy a hot drink and slice of cake. Saturday 11th November 10.30-2.00 in the School Hall.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Collection is next Thursday 9th November, don't forget your bags. You can leave them outside of the main entrance.

Leadership and management

Following another cycle of very successful performance management reviews across the whole school we have an addition to our Senior Leadership Team. Please congratulate Mrs Abby Gratton in joining the SLT. I now have a great team of senior leaders in Mrs Wilkinson (Deputy Head and Literacy Lead), Miss Fernyhough (Leading Practitioner and Science Lead), Ms Stewart (Special Needs and Disabilities Coordinator), Miss Clark (Early Years Lead), Mrs Lovell (Business Manager) and now Mrs Gratton (Maths Lead).

Praise assemblies

The next praise assembly is Guava Tree class on Friday 3rd November at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly is Bay Tree class on Friday 17th November at 2.45.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



Xmas Party at Barrel House

Some parents have organised a Grove Xmas party again at the Barrel House to have fun and raise money for the school PTA and UNICEF. There will be live music from Hot Love and DJs. Tickets are now available to buy at reception at only £6 each. It was brilliant last year so tickets will sell out so don't be disappointed!

Family and children's arts, crafts and theatre workshops that are FREE

Free Drama workshops for children offered by the Dartington Live Programme. London based 'Fevered Sleep' working with age 8-11 on Sat 25th or Sun 26th November, 10am – 4pm. No experience necessary.

Free Creative movement workshops for children aged 4-8, Saturday 25th Nov. 10.30am-12 & 2-3.30pm, Dartington. Offered by 'Second Hand Dance' in connection to their show 'Grass'. Book early to avoid disappointment. Box Office: 01803 847070, e: boxoffice@dartington.org

Free Community Arts and Crafts day in Totnes Civic Hall, Saturday 28th November, 10am – 4pm. Come and 'create' Christmas decorations with professional artists; one to take home, one for the Market Square Christmas Tree. Organised by Totnes Town Council.

BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORKS

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 17

6.00 BBQ, BAR & HOT DRINKS

6.30 BONFIRE

7.00 FIREWORKS

@KEVICCparents

@BeanBugTrike

@ElfieTheJester

@NewLionBrewery

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There will
be cake

£4 ADULTS

£2 STUDENTS/KIDS

£1 PARKING (SUGGESTED DONATION)