



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

Years 1 and 2 are busy rehearsing for their performance of 'The tale of the Christmas Tree' which is on today at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC. Reception are singing lovely songs preparing for their Nativity which is being held on Friday at 2pm in the school hall.

Year R Nativity

The children have all been enjoying our Nativity preparations. Thank you all so much for providing costumes, they all look amazing! A parent has kindly offered to video the show and make it available to purchase. Parents will be able to purchase a digital copy for £5.00. We have also taken some lovely photographs of the children. These will be available to order for £2.00 per print (5x7). All purchasers will be required to sign to agree that the video/photographs are for personal use only and they will not reproduce, distribute, post on social media or publish on the internet.

If there are any parents who do not wish their child to be photographed or on the video then please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible.

All money raised will be used to purchase resources for Reception.

Many thanks for all your support,

Year R Team

Reminder of safety notice regarding scooters and bikes

Please ensure that children of any age do not use (ride) their scooters and bikes within the school grounds, which includes the field and playground.

Chat and Show in Lime Tree Class

It's fabulous that the children have been enthusiastically bringing in their learning from home, as well as their favourite books to share with us. So that we can have time for them to talk more about what they bring in and the rest of the class can ask questions, we're introducing a new system from January. Your child will have a particular day in the week for their Chat and Show, as follows:

Whales and Turtles: Monday

Seahorses: Tuesday

Seals: Wednesday

Swordfish: Thursday

Octopuses: Friday

It would help to prevent things getting lost if they bring in their Chat and Show things on the correct day.

Many thanks,

The Lime Tree Team.

Hi 5 Netball - Year 5 and 6

Last Wednesday, a few members from year 5 and 6 had a very busy evening. They competed in a Hi 5 Netball competition after school, managing to finish before the Christmas production! The team competed against other schools from the Totnes Learning Community, finishing in 4th place which was a brilliant result as many of the other teams had older team members. Well done to everyone and thank you to all the parents for their support.

Dart Hockey League

For the last five weeks, year 5 and 6 hockey players have gallantly played in the hockey league, playing in all weathers, at KEVICC. It was organised by Dart Hockey Club. For a few of the players it has been the first time they have played! The teams were put in either the Championship division or the Plate according to their position after the first two weeks.

The 'A' team finished in second place after a very closely fought battle and the 'B' team finished in third position in the Plate a fantastic result, well done to both teams for their superb sportsmanship. also thank you to all the adults for their support, especially Jaime and Michelle.

If anyone is interested in playing hockey, Dart Hockey train on a Monday evening from 6 and they always welcome new players.

Governor report from Chair of Governors Mike Waterson

On Tuesday we had our Full Governors meeting and welcomed two new governors to our team, Suzanne Bryant who is a teacher in Torbay and a parent at the school and Nicky Rajska who lives locally and has experience in fund raising for schools. We are also sorry to say goodbye to one of our governors, Gillian Tubbs. Gill has had a role in safeguarding and also supporting the early years children; we thank her for her efforts. The governors are still looking to recruit members with experience in buildings, health & safety and finance.

We had a busy meeting looking at the Head's termly report, the school improvement plan and results of national tests. These were all looking at ways the school can continue to improve and do the very best for every child.

The governors monitored the budget situation and checked and updated school policies to ensure all our processes are up to date. Finally, we planned a range of governor visits next term to look at different aspects of school life.

I would also like to say I really enjoyed my visit to see the Snow Queen production and am looking forward to the year 1 and 2 Christmas show. Well done to the staff, children and parents for putting together such excellent shows. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Mike Waterson, Chair of Governors

Christmas Lunch

The date for our whole school Christmas Lunch is Wednesday 13th December. We would like parents and carers to come in and help with setting up and serving on this lovely festive lunch day. Crackers have already been ordered! Christmas lunch is free for Reception, Year 1 and 2. KS2 lunch will be the usual £2.40.

School party day – Friday 15th December

All parties will be on Friday NEXT week so children can all come in party clothes. The Children's Kitchen menu for Friday is Party Lunch and this will consist of pizza, sandwiches, cocktail sausages, cheese and pineapple, sausage rolls, crisps, crudités etc. £2.40 for KS2 children. KS1 have free school meals.

PTA Christmas Fair

Wow - we raised a massive £2,493.33 profit. Thank you so much to everyone involved in setting up, participating, clearing away, donating wonderful prizes, making great gifts and everyone else that came to enjoy the wonderful fair. None of this could have been done without our very hard working PTA team who had to sort, organise and source and all in their own time voluntarily.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards that the children designed themselves have all been handed out this week.

Praise assemblies

Acorn units Nativity is on Friday 8th December at 2pm all are welcome.

Kind regards
Hilary Priest

Cot Bed for sale

https://www.mothercare.com/cot-beds/tutti-bambini-barcelona-cot-bed---beech-white/218835.html?cgid=nursery_cotbeds#sz=90&start=37

second hand cot bed with mattress for sale, near perfect condition. £60.

Delivery possible. Please contact the school office if interested.



Saturday Morning Creative Dance at KEVICC

- 50 minute sessions suited to the childrens age group
 - Showcasing opportunities on a termly basis
- Links with KEVICC's prestigious dance show 'Sprung' in April!
- Engaging stimuli and themes for children to work with
 - Child centered classes; giving ownership and responsibility to them for their creations.

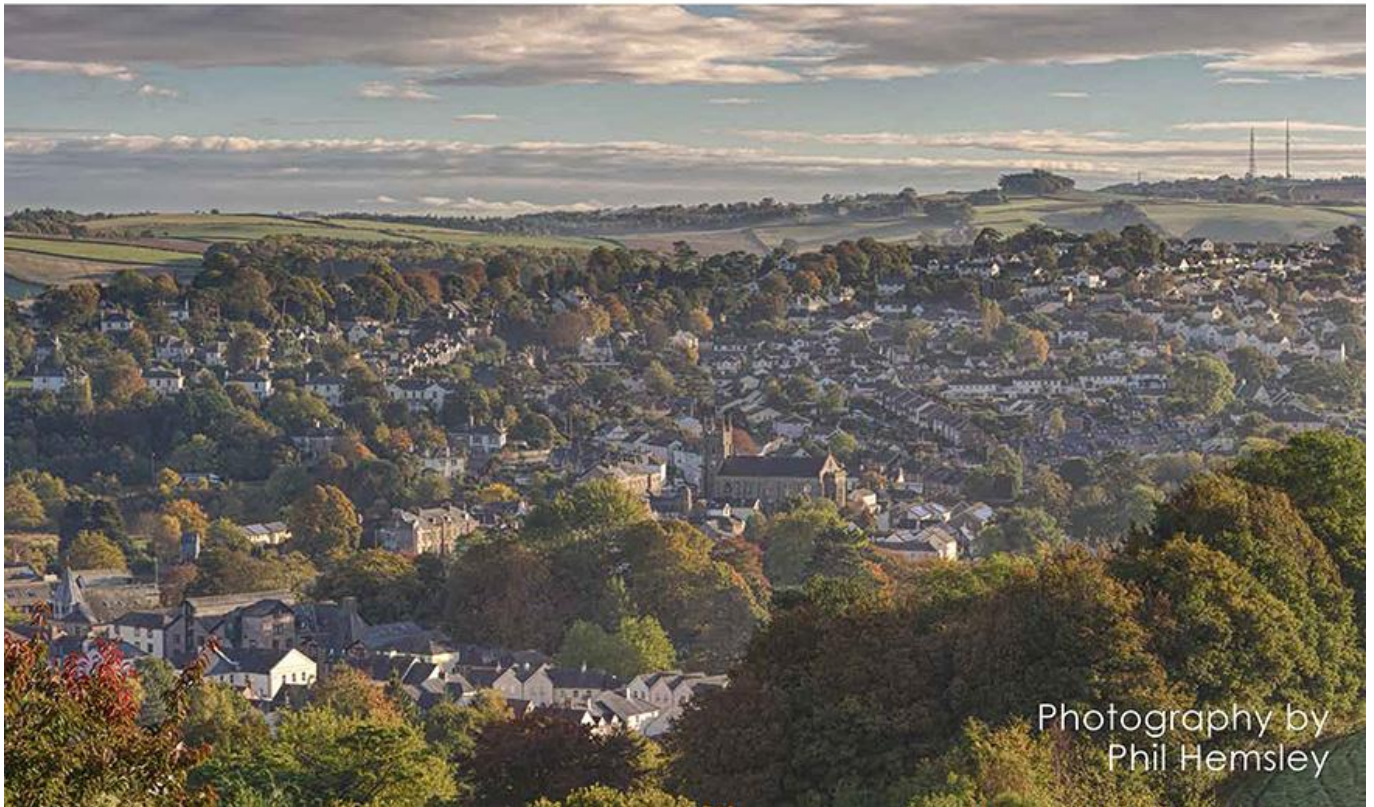


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CALENDAR
2018



Photography by
Phil Hemsley

This very high quality double A4 calendar retails at **£10** and I would be happy to make a **£2** donation to the PTA (or optionally for the Year 6 Residential fund) - **for each calendar sold** via the school / PTA. Hopefully some of the customers might buy extra copies to send to relatives as Christmas presents too!

<http://www.philhemsley.co.uk/page/totnes-2018-calendar-5350>

*For orders through **The Grove Primary School** - please choose either 'voucher code' **GROVEPTA** or **YR6RESI** so that a donation can be made to the school fund option of your choice... along with your child's **class name**, so it can be delivered to you via the school