



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 6 production**

This year KS1 and Reception will not be going to Kevicc to watch the Year 6 show. We are becoming a larger school now and it would be fairer for Year 6 family and friends to have the spaces in the afternoon to watch the performance. If you have a KS1 child who is a sibling of a year 6 child and you want us to take them to watch the afternoon production could you please let us know and we will take them with the KS2 children. If you don't let us know we will assume they are going with you in the evening and you don't want them to watch the afternoon show. Please remember each person watching either performance must have a ticket – even babies in arms – this is a KEVICC fire safety regulation.

### **Mental health**

Your child may talk about 'their bucket' and what 'fills their bucket' with nice emotions and what 'empties their bucket' with things that make them sad or angry. This is something we have talked about in school to help the children articulate their feelings. We also use the term 'flip your lid' with the children which comes from the YouTube clip of Dr Dan Siegel's hand model of the brain which will give you a little more insight and is a useful thing for parents to also understand <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gm9CIJ74Oxw>

### **Governor News**

The Resources Committee of the Governors met last week. We discussed school budget, which is very tight this year, but currently going to plan. I have written to Sarah Wollaston, our MP about the reduction in our school funding. We discussed lettings policy charges and remissions policy and our "business continuity" plan. We have a new finance lead who has financial expertise and has undergone training on school finance.

We are grateful for a kind donation of £1000 from the Castle Bookshop towards school funds which will be very helpful.

The governing board are looking for someone with buildings and health and safety expertise to take over from a long-standing governor. If anyone knows someone who might be interested, please contact me via the school.

Mike Waterson, Chair of Governors

### **Zebra Crossing**

Please don't pull up on the pavement next to the zebra crossing to let your children out - it is endangering other children by doing this.

Please don't let your children climb into the bushes or shrubberies in our grounds as it is killing our lovely plants.

### **Thursday PTA Bakes**

Thank you to Acorn Class for all their cakes last week. Tomorrow is the turn of **Willow and Kapok** to bake. Please could you leave your bakes with either your child's teacher or Rebecca at Reception in the morning. Cakes will be on sale [from 3.10pm](#). If you can spare 30 minutes to help man the cake stall, we would be really grateful. You just need to arrive about [3.00pm](#). The cakes will be all set up and ready to go for you! Thank you for your continued support baking, the PTA and the children really appreciate it.

Dates for this term are:

**Willow and Kapok** - [Thursday 28th June](#)

**Ginkgo and Flame** - [Thursday 6th July](#)

**Whole School Bake Off** - for the Summer Fair Cake Sale - [Thursday 12th](#) and [Friday 13th July](#)

**Bay and Guava** - [Thursday 19th July](#)

### **PTA Summer Fair Friday 13th July 5pm-8pm**

With just over 2 weeks until our summer fair we are still in need of people to help on the day, we need people to help with the stalls from 6.30pm. If you can offer any help, please email us at [pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch) or pop in and see either Kellie Bishop in the Acorn unit or Jenni Rowe in Banyan.

Our tombola boxes around school are looking pretty empty, we really need good quality items for the Tombola stall, Children's Book Stall and the Bric-a Brac stall. Things like; Children's Books, Chocolates, Wine, Beer, Bubble bath, Smellies, sweets, bottles of pop, games, good quality toys etc. Please donate what you can, the Tombola stand is always very popular with the adults and children, so get donating!

We would also love to hear from you if you can offer a raffle prize, maybe the company you work for or your own company could donate a small prize. So far we have some great prizes from Fifty5a, Pennywell Farm, Delphini's, Dynamic Dartington, White Hill Holiday Park, Longcombe Garden Centre, LoveYoga, Riverford Field Kitchen, The Cott Inn and much more. Thank you so much to all who have donated. Look out for the raffle tickets which will go on sale next week!

### **Pick-A-Pocket Prizes**

Fiona in Willow Tree Class is looking for some lovely handmade prizes for pick-a-pocket at the summer fair. Please speak to Fiona if you would like more information or would like to make some prizes

### **Praise assembly**

This week's praise assembly is on **Thursday at 2pm** and will be Ginkgo, Kapok and Flame. Next week's praise assembly will be Acorn Tree unit on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the normal time of 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

### **Schumacher Community Kitchen Presents**

A Secret Supper on Saturday 30th June at 7.00pm

We would like to invite you to a delicious 3 course organic vegetarian feast at Schumacher's Higher Close dining room, followed by an auction with prizes donated by many wonderful local people and businesses.

All proceeds will go directly to Cancer Lifeline South West and the Breast Care Unit at Torbay Hospital.

Tickets are £25 per person. Please book through Dartington Box Office 01803 847070

[boxoffice@dartington.org](mailto:boxoffice@dartington.org)

Bring your own bottle

**Full-Time Caretaker Required at KEVICCs**

37hrs per week, all applicants welcome male or female

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