



**Weekly Newsletter**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last day of half term tomorrow and it is mufti day, all donations are going to the NSPCC. We are back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. We hope you have a lovely week off.

**What's happening this week and next**

Totnes Learning Community football league is on tonight after school at KEVICC. Katherine Kilburn has been in school today leading a gymnastics INSET course for teachers from other schools. Kapok class children worked with the teachers and were brilliant gymnasts. Poppy enjoyed the session as they did many activities on the apparatus.

**National Funding Formula**

Attached to this email is a letter regarding the National Funding Formula for you to read. Please write to Sarah Wollaston voicing your concerns as parents to support the campaign to have a fairer UK funding system for education for all children in the UK.

**No clubs tomorrow**

Construction club and table tennis club will not be on tomorrow as it is the last day of term. Also because of the PTA discos being held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February there will be no table tennis that day either as the hall is needed.

**Shear Soccer**

Shear Soccer is due to start again on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February for Year 2 and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The course will run for 5 weeks.

**Swimming**

Flame Tree class have a swimming lesson on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February the first day of term. Ginkgo Tree class start swimming on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and we are still missing quite a few consent forms.

**PTA Meeting update**

We had a good meeting last Thursday and we are all looking forward to our school disco on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. If you would like to receive a copy of our minutes please email [pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) or you can go to the PTA link on the school website to find them.

Our PTA Thursday Bakes return on the Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of March and it is Acorn Tree class turn to bake first! Please see the posters around school for your classes date to bake. If you are not a baker, we could always do with an extra pair of hands on the cake stall, so maybe you could help when it's your classes week? Please speak to Kellie in Acorn Tree class or Jenni in Banyan Tree class if you can help or have any questions.

We are looking for a commercial strimmer, so Peter our caretaker can maintain some of our garden. Do you have one you could donate? We are still keen to accept donations of good quality games, construction toys, happy land toys etc for classrooms and playtimes.

Don't forget Rebecca has the Car Park Rota if you are able to spare an hour to help raise much needed funds for the school. Please speak to Rebecca, Kellie or Jenni if you would like more information on this.

### **Mufti Day tomorrow**

The NSPCC were here a few weeks ago delivering their Speak out and Stay safe assemblies and workshops. We would like to raise some money to make a donation to thank them for coming. Therefore we will have a mufti day tomorrow with donations of £1.00.

### **Praise assembly**

Praise assembly tomorrow is Acorn unit at 2.45. The next praise assembly will be Bay Tree class on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



## Dartington

**Tickets are free; carers and family members welcome**

**Songs & Scones - Live Music Now + SW Music School  
Tuesday 13th February, 3pm, Space Studio 3, Dartington**

This concert is aimed at Senior Citizens + Carers/Family Members and is suitable for people living with dementia  
Please inform the Box Office of any Access Requirements we can assist with - 01803 847070

Tickets are free but please book them below

The concert is for 1 hour and will be followed by refreshments in the Garden Room Cafe

Stephen Evans

President



### **HALF-TERM COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL-CHILDREN**

Calling all school-children during half-term! Spot the most flowering purple-crocus beds to win a prize!

February is the month when the Giant Ruby purple crocus flowers as an early Spring reminder of Rotary International's commitment to the END POLIO NOW campaign which is now very close to ridding the world of the terrible POLIO disease.

Purple crocus will soon be spotted in and around Totnes in places such as the Shady Garden in Fore Street and the War Memorial at Ashprington.

Schoolchildren under 16 are challenged to add to this list of purple crocus sites, then send their list to Totnes Rotary Club, organisers of the competition. Entries with the longest lists will be included in a winners' draw and a prize awarded.

Send your list, with your name, age and telephone number to [derekmescher@gmail.com](mailto:derekmescher@gmail.com) by 1<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.

= minimum 12 sites

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