



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has flown by. School finishes this Friday at 3:15pm and reopens on Tuesday 6th June.

Manchester

The attack on Manchester this week has hit us all hard and we stand strong together as a nation against terrorism but there is no doubt that as parents it raises issues about how to help our children through these terrible moments. These are two great resources on these links which may help you address these with your children:

Newsround - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

Childline - <http://bit.ly/2fSnj6A>

Standing up against school funding issues

Thank you to all the staff and parents who managed to attend the march for better funding in education on Saturday in Totnes – the school really appreciates your support. Alan Salt, the principal at KEVICC, spoke from the heart on behalf of all of our schools who are all feeling the economic crunch of larger outgoings with no change to incomings.

Clubs pick up clarification

After school clubs- please pick up your children only from outside the front entrance. Your children will be brought to you there, you don't need to buzz the buzzer, please just wait outside.

Shear soccer - please wait outside the back gate, and your children will be brought to you and passed through the gate. (sorry if you didn't receive this information from Shear soccer).

Orchard club – please buzz at the front entrance for Laura to answer, you may walk to the studio to collect your child then please ensure you leave school through the front entrance only.

We have made the decision not to allow adults to watch clubs on site as it is a safeguarding concern. We have to ensure that all people wandering on site during time that children are present have DBS checks (except for drop off and pick up times when children are carefully monitored as a higher risk time of day). We know this is less convenient for you but we know you will understand it's crucial to keep all of your children safe all of the time, including after the school day has ended. In general, the new security measures are working well and we really appreciate your support.

MUFTI – This Friday – sweets donations please

To finish the half term we are ending with a mufti day for the children – we are asking if possible for contributions of sweets which will be used in the school fair coming up on the 7th July.

PTA Disco Thursday 25th May

We hope to see almost all of the children at the discos tomorrow

Reception and Years 1 and 2: 4:30-5:30pm

Years 3 and 4: 5:45-6:45pm

Years 5 and 6: 7-8pm

Entry will only be from the front school entrance and the disco will only be in the school hall as the rest of the school will be locked.

Costs:

Please send your child with enough money for them to enjoy the disco and with instructions about what you would like them to spend it on!

Entry is £1 and includes a drink and a biscuit (and the disco!)

Glow sticks 50p

Glitter tattoos 50p

Face paint (small designs) 50p

Sweets from 10p.

Children will be signed in and signed out and will need to be brought and collected by a responsible adult (including Year 5 and 6 children, who may normally walk home by themselves, must be dropped off and collected by an adult).

Adults are not allowed to stay with their children due to numbers allowed in the school hall for events, but if you are free and want to volunteer to help and stay then please let us know as soon as possible.

No siblings please, only school children and children of those volunteering to help.

Please remember the hall is a beautiful sprung Maple wooden floor so no stilettos or shoes that may damage the wood will be allowed.

Sports day

Reminder that Sports day is on Wednesday 7th June after half term starting at 1:30pm. We have sports day on site and parents are welcome to follow their children's activity group around to watch and cheer. We group children in family groups so if you have more than one child in school you can follow the single group and don't have to tear yourself into two!!

If it is poor weather we will postpone and supply you with a new date asap.

What's happening in school this week

As part of our PE curriculum Years 3 and 4 went to an Athletics festival at KEVICCS today. The event was led by Sam Lyndon the Sports Leader and other children from Totnes Learning Community. Children learned some of the skills involved in athletics.

PTA Bakes

Thank you to Flame Tree class for their lovely cakes last week. We raised a fantastic £90.50. It is the turn of **Snowbell Tree Class** to wow us with their sweet treats **tomorrow**. Please leave cakes with Rebecca at Reception ready for the sale at 3.10pm.

PTA Meeting

The PTA meeting was very well attended last week and we discussed the discos, the school fair and other fundraising initiatives. Andy Doyle is finding it hard to balance work and school so Kellie Bishop and Jenni Rowe have stepped forward to be co-Chairs of the PTA. Both are parents/grandparents of our school as well as staff and we really appreciate their commitment. Many thanks to Andy for all of his contributions during his time as Chair. We can see the next phase of the play equipment in our sights!

We are doing really well with our fundraising and really appreciate all the positive comments and commitment to help. Coming up we have another bags 4 schools event so if you are clearing old clothes and shoes over half term please keep them for us for the 20th June. You can drop them off with us from 12th June, we will store them in the classroom next to Y3. We are always looking for parents to spare an hour on a Saturday from 10:30 to man the car park. We raise a lot of money like this, so please let us know if you could help. Another date for your diary – 17th June parents and children to help raise money from bag packing in Morrisons – please look for the letter in your book bags. Next meeting, all welcome, Thursday 15th June 3:30pm in the Reception classroom. The AGM will be on Thursday 21st September at 3:30pm in school.

The Governors and Leadership team

We have a new PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) policy on our website which will run from September. We have included teaching children how to stay safe, care for their mental health, be aware of online safety, online awareness and online etiquette. There are some useful links at the end which you might find handy. We are finalising staffing and class groups which we will announce after half term. Announcements will be on Wednesday in the newsletter for class teachers and Friday for class groupings – this will affect the current Reception class and Year 3 predominantly, but also who the Year 1s and Y2s will be mixed with when Y2s and Y3s. Parents will receive a letter of which class grouping their children will be in along with the others in the class.

Praise Assemblies

There are no praise assemblies this week and the next praise assembly will be on Friday 16th June at 2.45 and will be Beech and Carob Tree Class.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Forest Rangers Day

Wed 31st May - WildWise's Forest Rangers Day: a day of bushcraft skills & adventures for kids aged 8-12 years.
10-4pm Dartington Estate £30 p.p. 01803 868269 info@wildwise.co.uk / www.wildwise.co.uk