



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Transition sessions for all children**

To coincide with Kevicc's Y6 transition sessions we will be running our sessions in the children's new classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will also be welcoming our new starters on the same days so it will be a great few days for the school preparing for September. The children will be spending their mornings with their new teachers in their new classrooms with the whole class. We have found three successive days are very beneficial to the children in easing anxieties about change over the summer holidays. Children should just go to their current classes in the mornings and we will arrange the rest!

### **Sharpham Trips last week**

Maple Tree Class had an interesting walk to Sharpham, finding out about plants that we could eat and plants that can be used for stings and bites - Plantain was a new one for all of us! We were really lucky to be invited into the barn at Lower Sharpham Barton Farm to have our lunch with some new born lambs. We also found out lots about bats!

### **Cross Country Running**

Wow, what a result to finish the year! Well done to all the competitors! The Year 5 and 6 team and the Year 3 and 4 team both finished in second place, out of 14 schools in the School Sport Partnership Cross country competition. This is the first time we have been placed in both team events! A brilliant achievement! Lilly retained her gold medal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Moss, won a bronze medal, it was his first competition! May, Rose, Bess, Tom, Zak and Ethan were all very close to medal positions. Well done to the whole team for their brilliant sportsmanship and team spirit!

### **New teacher for Banyan Tree class for September**

We are delighted to announce we have found a fabulous teacher for the rest of Mrs Bickerstaff's maternity leave. We have appointed Miss Page for this position and are very pleased that she can do the transition sessions next week, although the Y1's have already met her when she did an interview lesson with them!

### **Year 6 End of Year Production tonight**

We still have some spare tickets for their production of "The Amazing Adventures of Superstan" today at KEVICC, Ariel centre. The performance is at 6pm. Please see Rebecca for tickets. You are all welcome. All the children will be seeing the 1pm performance.

### **Peripatetic music teachers**

Our music webpage [http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/music\\_lessons/138177](http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/music_lessons/138177) has been updated with information about pupil absence. If your child has lessons in school then could please read this.

### **Active Lives Survey**

If your child is in Year 2, 3 or 4 you will have received your letter giving you information about the pilot Survey. Year 2 parents, please can you complete your Survey, the link is on the letter. Your children will be completing the survey in school, please let the class teacher know if you do not wish your child to take part. As a result of taking part in the survey the school will receive over £600 of table tennis equipment. Thank you for your co-operation in completing the survey.

### **Willow Tree Class**

Tomorrow is Katherine's Kneebone last day in Willow class and Hannah Westrope is returning to work after maternity leave next Thursday.

### **Summer Fair Update**

#### **We need cakes!**

We would love you all to bake this week for our cake stall on Friday. You can bring your cakes into school from Thursday leaving them at reception.

Thank you for all the sweet treats last Thursday, Lime Tree Class raised a total of £56.50.

Our bakes will return as normal next Thursday, with Gingko and Maple Class baking for 13th July.

Our Summer Fair is this Friday, there will be all the usual games, crafts, food and drink for you all to enjoy. Dartmoor Brewery have kindly donated two barrels of Ale and R D Johns have donated all our BBQ food, we are overwhelmed with the generosity of our community. We have also been given some wonderful raffle prizes, so make sure you've all purchased a raffle ticket or two! There is a list of raffles prizes on the last page of this newsletter. You will have the chance for a last minute entry as tickets will be on sale at the Fair. We really hope to see you at the Fair and that you and your families enjoy the evening. The gates open at 5pm.

### **Praise Assemblies**

Praise assembly this week on Friday at 2.45 is Willow Tree Class. Next week's praise assembly is Flame Tree class on Friday 14th July at 2.45.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

**The WildWise 'Younger Games' - Aug 11-14 - Fri 5pm to Mon 4pm - Dartmoor**

*An exciting & action packed camp for all those wannabe WildWise Hunger Games tributes who are too young for the WildWise Hunger Games*

*but don't want to miss out on the fun. Survival skills, bushcraft and nature awareness will feature throughout.*

**25% off Special Offer for The Grove School** only £170 per child (8-10 yrs)

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**Bridgetown Alive!**

Would like YOU to NAME our new park in Bridgetown found between St Johns Primary School grounds, parkers Way and Pathfields. We hope you can see the exciting play space that is being developed there.

The park will be opened on Friday 21st July at 5pm with lots of Play, FREE Bar B Q and lollies – everyone invited.

To Enter.....

- Please use an A4 piece of paper
- Write the name of the park at the top that you think would fit it well.
- Write one sentence about why you have chosen that name (or explain to a parent and ask them to write it for you)
- Please provide a drawing of the park.
- Put your name and age at the bottom of the page.
- On the REVERSE please write your phone number and address and parent email.
- All entries should be handed in to the school administrator by Tuesday 11th July

Entries will be displayed at the Grand Park opening

The winner will help us to open the park, when the exciting new name will be used for the first time.

**Job Vacancy at The Daisy Garland based on Totnes High Street**

We have a brilliant opening for a full-time Fundraising Officer, to work in school hours. Competitive Salary, and benefits.

Please visit our website at [www.thedaisygarland.org.uk](http://www.thedaisygarland.org.uk) for full job description and how to apply. (Click on 'Hot off the Press' on our Homepage)

### **Raffle Prizes!**

Bottle of Rose wine kindly donated by the Dartmouth Inn.

Pie and a Pint for two kindly donated by the Albert Inn.

A Goody Bag kindly donated by Inspired buys.

Bottle of white wine kindly donated by Simon (Governor).

Dinner for two kindly donated by the Seven Stars.

Bottle of red wine worth £40 kindly donated by the Steam Packet Inn.

Two Course meal for two kindly donated by the Waterside Bistro.

Meal voucher kindly donated by Pie Street.

A voucher kindly donated by Annie's.

Tickets kindly donated by Exeter Football Club.

£20 voucher kindly donated by Venus Café.

Meal voucher kindly donated by Riverford Field Kitchen.

Tickets kindly donated by Kents Cavern.

Activity voucher kindly donated by Dynamic Adventures.

Family Pass kindly donated by Pennywell Farm.

Stadium Tour kindly donated by Plymouth Argyle.

Meat Hamper kindly donated by Luscombes Butchers.

Gift Pack kindly donated by New Lion Brewery.

Voucher kindly donated by the Curator Café.

Theatre tickets kindly donated by the Theatre Royal.

Voucher kindly donated by Halls Butchers.

Voucher kindly donated by Salago.

Soaps kindly donated by Totnes Perfumery.

Fudge kindly donated by Roly's Fudge Shop.

2 bottles of white wine kindly donated by the King Bill.

Angelina purse kindly donated by Out of the Blue.

Meal for two kindly donated by Seeds.

Relax and Unwind voucher kindly donated by Aromatika.

Bird Seed kindly donated by the Potting Shed.

Wallet kindly donated by Fusion Menswear.

Two tickets kindly donated by the Totnes Time Museum.

Meal voucher kindly donated by the Pig and Whistle.

Trek and Taste for 2 people kindly donated by Sharpham Vineyard.

Cheese hamper kindly donated by Country Cheeses.

Meal voucher kindly donated by the Sea Trout Inn.

£50 voucher kindly donated by 55a.