



## Weekly Newsletter

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**13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **What is happening this week and next**

Oak Tree class have started swimming on Monday afternoons at Totnes Swimming Pool. Year 6 will be going off on their weeks residential in Okehampton on Monday next week.

### **Tempest Photography - Tomorrow**

Tempest Photography will be here tomorrow to take individual photos of the children in school. Siblings that attend school will have photos together.

### **Dartmoor School Sports Partnership**

Another afternoon to be proud of The Grove children and thankful to their parents.

Well done to over 50 children who participated in the cyclocross event at Stover, which included a competitive race, a fun ride and a learn to ride session. Every one of them enjoyed their afternoon and did so well, with some outstanding results.

A special thank you for all the parents and grown ups who made it possible for the children to take part. We are still awaiting final team places but The Grove saw some impressive individual positions.

Well done to the following riders for top 10 finishes, Hazel, Flossy, Max, Ava, Gwen, Noah and Harry, with 2 of our riders Maya and James taking Gold medals finishing 1st!

Certificates and medals will follow soon.

If anyone has any good photos of the event they are happy for us to have for our website and seesaw, please can you email them to me.

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### **Home Packed Lunch Tomorrow please**

Unfortunately due to COVID and staff absence we cannot operate a full kitchen and front of house tomorrow. Therefore we would really appreciate it if you would kindly supply your son or daughter with a home packed lunch tomorrow (Thursday) and probably Friday too.

If this is not possible we can offer a jacket potato with cheese but would need to know if you require this for your child asap. Please could you email Rebecca on [admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) to order this.

Thank you in advance for your understanding with this and we are sorry for any inconvenience this causes you.

### **Blueball Hill Entrance and road**

Could parents be aware that at pick up time in the afternoon some of their children are playing out the front of the school and just running across the road without looking.

### **Year 6 moving transferring Secondary School applications**

Please apply for a secondary school place before the 31<sup>st</sup> October. The easiest way for families to apply is online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which we have attached to this email for them to complete. We would prefer it if the forms were scanned and emailed into us at [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk) as we are still not in the office. We are entering into a period now where a lot of secondary schools in Devon will be experiencing growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is essential they make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools. Please note that children with EHCP's have been invited to apply through the admissions team this year and they should complete the form or apply online for their preferences which can include specialist or independent settings if they wish. Lastly, we are running a campaign on social media to try to ensure everyone applies before the closing date, therefore we would appreciate it if you could share any Social Media posts that you see from our Facebook account relating to this campaign. In addition to this, if you are able to text any of your year 6 families and include something in your newsletter this would be really helpful.

Our Facebook page is [Devon School Admissions Service | Facebook](#)

### **Reminder for Nasal Flu Vaccination – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

Please use this link to book you child in for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination  
<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating “no” consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

### **Parent Evening bookings (Zoom Calls)**

Parent evenings (consultations) will be Zoom calls on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm until 5pm. Oak Tree class will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. You can only book one session per child. We do hope that separated parents can manage a joint zoom meeting but if this is completely impossible please let us know.

### **PTA Mufti Day: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (last day of term)**

Next Friday we are having a mufti day, the children can wear their own clothes and show off their sense of style! If any children want to go with a Halloween/spooky theme that would be wonderful but we would ask that no full face masks are worn. Suggested donation of £1 that will go towards the PTA fundraising efforts.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

*Adverts – please note that the school is neither recommending nor supporting the adverts below. If you wish to advertise in our newsletter then please contact the school for details.*

NDP Circus & partners present

# LET THE LIGHT IN!

Halloween in Totnes – Journey of the souls  
Sunday 31st October  
2-10pm Free entry!

A processional event including installations & performances taking place throughout Totnes on Sunday 31st October

**What's on:** The veil is thinning and the separation between the living and other worlds is becoming blurred...

**St John's Church (2pm start)**  
IMAJEN ARTWORKS, PARTICIPATE ARTS, INTEGR8 UK & FOOD  
IN COMMUNITY  
Head dress making, pumpkin carving & Lantern preparation  
Procession down to Steamer Quay

**Steamer Quay: GHOST GALLEON 5.00 - 6.30pm**  
IMAJEN ARTWORKS, PARTICIPATE ARTS, INTEGR8 UK & OLD GAFFERS SEA SHANTY MEN  
Gather at ghost galleon for sea shanties, the goddess Syx, pumpkin soup and pumpkin prizes!  
A ferryman will ferry pumpkins (souls) across the river Dart to the Underworld (VIRE ISLAND) 5.30 onwards...

**Vire Island: UNDERWORLD**  
GLO RIOUS CHORUS & DELIGHT  
Choir & light installations.

**HALLOWEEN WINDOW WANDERLAND: TOTNES CARNIVAL**  
Back entrance to Mansion (South St) - GHOST GROTT0 & HAUNTED ALLEY  
TOTNES ART TEAM

**The Mansion 6.30pm onwards**  
THE MANSION, PIZZA PIRATES JAMMING STATION, LOCAL ARTISTS  
Pizza, music, dance & insect decorations by Daisy Nursey.

**St Marys Churchyard: Gathering of the Souls 8-10pm**  
NDP CIRCUS, DG WHEATLEY, G GRANT & SHEREON K, ST MARY'S CHURCH, JACK WIMPERIS LIGHT  
Light installation with dance & circus, art installations, sculpture & live music w/ pumpkin soup!

**All events are free! Come in costume**

Contact:  
info@ndpcircus.com

   

## RIVERSCHOOL

Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide

**HOLIDAY CLUB**

**October 27th to 28th**

**A 2 day River School Holiday Club on the River Dart Estuary**  
We provide fun and inspiring outdoor education activities for 7 to 14 year olds on the water and in the woods.  
COST £30 / day  
SIBLING RATE, RETURNER & FREE SCHOOL MEALS £25

**Activities may include**

- Experience Canoes, Kayaks & Paddleboards
- Bushcraft & river skills
- Wildlife & River care
- Nature art and craft
- Raft building
- Archery
- Wild swimming
- Story telling
- Campfire cooking
- Wood fired pottery

**Where are we?**  
From Stoke Gabriel near Totnes  
Each day will run from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

**RIVER SCHOOL**  
Our provision is delivered by Canoe Adventures Ltd, operating since 1999 with a proven, accredited safety track record.

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