



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Pirates Against Plastic will kick-start our drive to be a more environmentally friendly school, we're having a special day of workshops and an after school event. Children can come dressed as a pirate but please don't buy any new plastic for your costume. Cardboard swords are just as effective for making people walk the plank! Any donations for coming in mufti will be greatly appreciated. All contributions will go towards our 3-D art project entitled Respect for our World.

There will also be an **afterschool event in the hall from 3:15 to 4:15pm** where you can find out more about reducing the impact of plastic on the environment, as well as get refreshments, visit the PTA cake sale, view children's work and buy environmentally friendly products made by the children. So make sure you pop in to the hall after school or you'll feel all at sea when it comes to the future of the planet! LUSH will also be selling a range of soaps and other products that feature plastic-free packaging. The perfect present! Remember, it's only 237 days until Christmas.

As part of our Pirates Against Plastic day Key Stage 1 classes would like to have a stall after school selling pre-loved toys, games and books. So, we are asking children in Willow, Beech and Lime Tree classes to donate any of their unwanted items for our stall. We are hoping to be able to raise money for charity and find new homes for lots of loved toys, games and books. Please start bringing them in from tomorrow.

### **SATs**

This is the time of year we have to complete the national assessments known as SATs. This affects Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. We don't 'teach to SATs' and we do try very hard to keep the school a stress-free environment. The younger children have no idea what SATs are and they just do some 'fun' activities, which oddly they quite enjoy!! The Year 6 are fully aware but we do try very hard to reassure them that they should just enjoy showing how much they have learnt over the years and relax and take them in their stride. We would appreciate lots of reassurance of this nature from parents too.

### **Year 3 and 4 Trip**

The Dartmoor 'Myths and Legends' trips next week will be going ahead. Ginkgos on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Flame on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Chestnut on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. We are still missing a few permission slips for this trip.

### **Clubs**

As this is a short term we will be offering school clubs to start on the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. There is a clubs list attached to this email. Booking forms can be collected from Rebecca.

### **Staffing news**

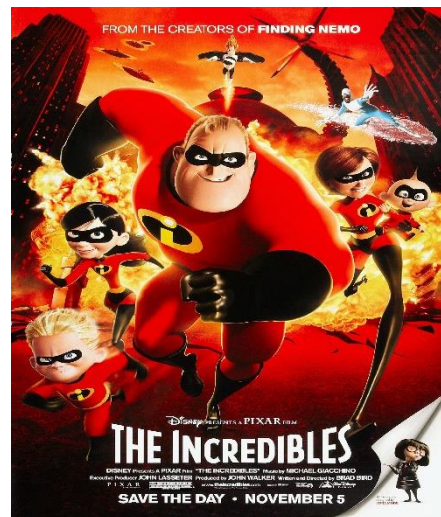
As previously mentioned, Mrs Gratton and Mrs Barton-Wilkes will be returning to school as a job-share as of September. Tomorrow we are interviewing for a potential Year 5/6 teacher to join that team. We will keep you informed of the outcome. Just so you know, we always announce the next teachers and class groupings after May Half term because of contractual reasons. We are already considering the best way to divide the current Reception Acorn Tree Class into three class groups as they move into Y1/2 classes. If you have any special considerations you would like us to consider then please let us know by 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Cyclo cross**

Another amazing sporting achievement for the Key Stage 2 Grove children. This terms cyclo cross event took place at Stover School, proving a challenging course up through the woods. Danny achieved another 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with James coming in 5<sup>th</sup> in his race. We had an amazing team score with Ben, Amelia, Oscar, Jack and Zoe all coming in the top 20. The Year 3/4 Team came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall - A huge well done. Everyone was beyond proud of all the riders, some of whom were cycling for their first time in an event.

### **School Council – Movie night 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Our next movie night is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at the slightly earlier time of 5.30-7.30. Book your children's tickets from tomorrow morning! The School Council have chosen their 2 films - Incredibles 2 and The Croods. Tickets are £5.00.



### **PTA Cake sale**

We are kindly asking that Lime and Ginkgo wow us with their sweet treats tomorrow for us to sell at the after school event in the hall Pirates Against Plastic.

### **Praise Assemblies**

Ginkgo – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45  
Chesnut – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45  
Willow – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45  
Flame – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2.45  
Beech – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45  
Lime – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45  
Acorn – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45  
Year 5 joint assembly – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45  
Year 6 leavers assembly – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 2pm

These dates are all on our website calendar

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.



## 2019 SURFING, CYCLING & PADDLEBOARD

FREE outdoor pursuits for learning disabled children and young people age 8 and over plus NEW BREAKING THE BARRIER EVENTS

# 2019 SUMMER EVENTS

# BREAKING THE BARRIER



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- ▶ **Surfing** at Saunton: Sunday 12 May  
One to one and family sessions
- ▶ **Family Cycle** at the Torbay Velopark: Saturday 01 June  
Trikes, Bikes and Tandems and the launch of a brand new offer...
- ▶ **Family Paddleboard** at Broadsands, Torbay: Sunday 09 June  
By popular demand a new Breaking the Barrier water sport event.
- ▶ **Surfing** at Bigbury: Sunday 30 June:  
One to one and family surf sessions, BBQ and entertainment on the beach

Our partners 2019:





# THE BREAKING THE BARRIER LEGACY PROJECT

This year Lifeworks Young Volunteers are learning skills to help them lead regular Breaking the Barrier events now and in the future



With their support and in partnership with Lex Leisure, Freetrike Disability Cycling the Torbay Velopark Veterans Lifeworks is launching:

**A MONTHLY INCLUSIVE FAMILY CYCLE SESSION** at the Torbay Velopark on the first Saturday in every month July - November 2019 and February - May 2020 1pm-4pm.

New accessible cycles; a Freetrike instructor and Breaking the Barrier Young Volunteers will be there to make your participation as a family easier.

**To book a session please contact: [traceyhubbard@lifeworks-uk.org](mailto:traceyhubbard@lifeworks-uk.org)**

**OUT OF SEASON SURF SESSIONS** with Discovery Surf School, Bigbury September/October 2019 & February/March 2020

Supported by Lifeworks Young Volunteers and making use of Lifeworks accessible boards Discovery Surf School will be running 4 'out of season' family surf sessions for learning disabled people and their families - wetsuits and a strong constitution essential!!

**For more information or to book a session please contact [traceyhubbard@lifeworks-uk.org](mailto:traceyhubbard@lifeworks-uk.org)**

Whilst Lifeworks Young Volunteers are helping your family enjoy no-cost or low cost outdoor pursuits together; they are learning new skills and achieving accreditation to help them realise their vocational ambition - a win - win!!

**To find out more about Lifeworks Young Volunteers Programme contact [markthorneywork@lifeworks-uk.org](mailto:markthorneywork@lifeworks-uk.org)**

