



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children's Mental Health workshop for parents - 21st January 2019 1pm

We are hosting a parent workshop led by an Early Mental Health Practitioner on Monday 21st January at 1pm here in school in The Studio. If any of you can make it we would highly recommend doing so, the workshop is free and will be of great benefit to all parents. There is no need to book, please just turn up.

Clubs

A club list has been emailed out as an attachment along with this newsletter. Please collect a booking form from reception and return it by this Friday. Clubs will start week commencing Monday 28th January and run for 8 weeks.

Year 5 residential

The Year 5 residential is at the end of this school term in March. The year 5 parents should all have received a letter about this and payment for this.

Nits

We are finding that a few children have nits so please could we remind everyone to get in the habit of combing hair with conditioner and a nit comb every week. We do have a more detailed method of nit combing if you would like a copy on the website.

After School sports dates for the diary

CVC Football League - Wednesday 30th January, 4:00 -5:15 at KEVICC
Wednesday 20th March , 4:00 -5:15 at KEVICC
CVC Basketball League - Wednesday 6th February, 4:00 -5:15 at KEVICC
Year 3 and 4 Handball Competition - Wednesday 6th March, 4:00 -5:15 at KEVICC
Year 5 and 6 Handball Competition - Wednesday 13th March, 4:00 -5:15 at KEVICC
Cyclo Cross - Tuesday 5th March 4:00 - 6:00 at Haldon
Cross Country - Tuesday 26th March 3:00 - 5:00 at Haldon

Poppy appeal

In November you might remember your children buying slap bands, pencils, rubbers etc. These were all on sale for the annual Poppy Appeal and this year we did an amazing job again by raising £204.84.

Painting competition for the Totnes-Vire Twin Town Association

Paint your town competition – on A4 or A3 and brought to school with name and age on back. Prizes for winning entries. These are to be displayed as part of a ‘twin towns’ exhibition. Closing date for this is 28th March. Entries can be anything to do with Totnes town. Entries can be from any child over 3 years old!

Parent message from the Allotments Association – Castle Meadow allotments

The Allotments Association had a break in recently, some young children (primary-secondary age) had broken into one of the sheds and taken tools and things to make a bike ramp. They didn’t steal the tools but they also didn’t put them back so they did get reported stolen until they found them. The children were challenged at the time but were not polite or respectful. The reason this has come back to us is that one of the children mentioned Mrs Priest so are either current Grove or former Grove children (probably). Please ensure this wasn’t your child and remind your children if they are playing out to always be respectful to other residents and other people’s property, with thanks.

School Council

The School Council will be running the weekly cake sales after school. The first sale will be tomorrow and this week it is the turn of Acorns and Beech Tree class to bake.

On Saturday 26th January the school council are offering a relaxed morning of drawing for children of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and their parents. It will cost £5.00. Please pre book and pay with Rebecca.

PTA News

We have booked another BAGS2SCHOOL for Friday 1st March. Bags will be given out just before half term, ready for you to fill! This is a great way to have a clear out whilst making money for our school.

The PTA THURSDAY BAKES will return after half term. These bakes make a huge difference to the PTA fundraising totals and are very much enjoyed by the children! All money raised from PTA events will go towards canopies so that all the classrooms will eventually have access to a covered outside space. This is a big project but we hope to complete it this year, all being well. We also hope to fund some requests from the class teachers throughout the year too.

We have a PTA meeting planned for 3.30pm on Wednesday 13th February in the school hall. You are all welcome to come along and find out what we have planned for this coming year.

Praise Assemblies

The first praise assembly this term is next week and will be Mountain Ash on Friday 25th January. Here is a list of the other class dates for praise assemblies:-

Mountain Ash – Friday 25th January

Bay Tree – Friday 1st February

Acorn Unit – Friday 8th February

Willow Tree – Friday 8th March

Beech Tree – Friday 15th March

Lime Tree – Friday 22nd March

Guava Tree – Friday 29th March

Flame, Ginkgo and Chestnut – Friday 5th April

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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Totnes Pantomime – Aladdin

TAODS is, this year brightening up January with the fantastic family friendly pantomime of Aladdin. Opening night is Wednesday 23rd January. Saturday matinee on 26th. Tickets available here

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/taods/>



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