



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening this week and next

This week is themed week – Science based and entitled 'WOW!'

Year 5 are off on their one night residential to Okehampton Adventure. They will be completing a high ropes course and mountain boarding. Please could parents and carers bring their bags to The Studio in the morning and give any medications labelled to Mrs Jarvis. Also please remember **NO NUTS** in the lunches and snacks. The last day of term is this Friday and we are back to school on **Wednesday 24th April.**

Children's University Bronze Award

If you've got over 30 hours of stamped activities in your passport, bring your passport along to Ginkgo class so you can get certified for your Bronze Award.

Menu change for Friday

There will be Hot Dogs and Quorn dogs on Friday 5th April. Unfortunately we cannot offer sandwiches or Jacket potatoes. The new menu for next term will be emailed out later this week and a copy will be uploaded onto the website.

News from The Governors

The Governors had their main meeting for the spring term last Thursday. At the start of the meeting we presented a gift to Simon Gifford-Mead, who has been a long-term member of the governing body. Simon has worked extremely hard for the school and was deeply involved with planning for the new school buildings and sorting out all the problems. Simon is no longer on the governing board but will still be seen around the school. Thanks for all your work, Simon.

The governors approved the budget proposed by the Resources Committee. As everyone will know school budgets are in a parlous state. There have been increases in staff costs (minimum wage, small pay increase, national insurance and increased employer pension contributions) utility bills etc, none of which have been fully funded by the government. The school has been very frugal in the last year and therefore has some carryover to offset what would have been a deficit budget for the coming year. However, looking ahead there will be major problems unless the government supports schools adequately.

Ofsted are planning to change the way schools are inspected with a greater emphasis on the quality of the curriculum rather than SATS results. The Grove has always been proud of how it has a broad, balanced curriculum which is fun for the children, but also supports them in getting excellent results. During the Spring and Summer terms staff are looking at all the curriculum areas to ensure that all areas have a well-structured plan that

is fun, rigorous and joined together. This will enable the children to gain knowledge, skills and insight into our world and give them a great foundation for their future life.

I am sorry to say we did not receive any applications for the role of parent governor this term. We also have two other vacancies on the governing board, so I would ask you to consider whether you have a role to play in ensuring all our pupils have the very best education possible at The Grove.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

Mike Waterson, Chair of Governors

School Council

Our next movie night is Friday 10th 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. We are also working on improving our outside spaces and would appreciate donations of seeds and bags of compost. We will be running a plant and seed sale on Friday 26th April after school. Many thanks in advance for your support with both of these events.

PTA School Disco

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our school disco last Thursday. We had a brilliant evening and hope the children did too. The Disco raised a huge £511.00. This will go towards the outside Canopies.

We have put lots of posters around school highlighting the dates for PTA Thursday Bakes. We are kindly asking that KS2 to wow us with their sweet treats tomorrow Thursday 4th April. KS1 and Reception certainly amazed us last week with their very generous and yummy cakes. We even had enough left for a cake sale on Friday! The Cake Sales raised £166.00.

PTA Mufti Day

This Friday 5th April. We are kindly asking for donations of sweets to help us make our sweet cones for the Summer Fair. Haribo, Wrapped Chewy sweets, laces, marshmallows are all great. If you can't bring any sweets then a contribution of £1 could be used to top up our sweets. Thank you for your continued support.

Please see the poster for when it's your turn to bake after Easter and for more Mufti Day information for the Summer Term.

PTA Easter Hamper Raffle

Jenni is selling tickets to win a Easter Hamper. The tickets are £1 each and you can choose to enter the draw for the Children's Hamper or the Adult's Hamper. The adult hamper was very generously made and donated by Tasha Fossick, thank you. Tickets available after school or from Rebecca. We will make the draw during singing assembly tomorrow. Good Luck, the Hampers look amazing.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week is Ginkgo, Chestnut and Flame at 2pm.

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.

Totnes Library

Friends of the Library Book Sale and Swap Saturday 6th April 11am-1pm

Grab a bargain book or swap your books for new ones! We really need good quality children's books so please bring along some to swap or donate. All proceeds to the Friends of Totnes Library.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 6th April onwards during the Easter holidays

Can you find the eggs hiding around the library? Collect your sheet at the desk and find them all to win a prize! The hunt will be running throughout the whole of the Easter school holidays.

Easter Crafts Tuesday 16th April 10:30am-12:30pm

Join us for Peter Rabbit crafts for all ages, free and you can drop in. Materials will be provided, but if you have a small cardboard box to hand please bring it with you.

LEGO Robot Wars Saturday 27th April 10am-12pm

In this incredible two-hour workshop, teams of four will build their own LEGO robots to compete in an epic robot battle. Let the battle commence! For 8 years plus and adults are very welcome to join in the fun. Tickets £5 per person for anyone 8+ (adults who are taking part need a ticket), and are available from the library desk or by calling 01803 659945 or emailing totnes.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk.

Easter Bushcraft

Easter Bushcraft day with WildWise on **Thursday 18th April**. Join our "Wild School" for a day of bushcraft skills & adventures for kids aged 8-12 years.

10-4pm Dartington Estate £30 p.p. 01803 868269 or 07919 093784 info@wildwise.co.uk / www.wildwise.co.uk

For lots more info and to book your space today visit our website
www.littlefolkland.org

Little Folk Land

'a fun and adventurous outdoor experience in a wild but safe environment.'
Littlefolkland was created through a deep understanding of the need for children of all ages to connect and discover nature and the outdoors through creative, physical and exciting activities.

We facilitate a space for children to bring their own unique creativity and intuition into bloom.

What do we offer?

- Holiday clubs
- Birthday parties
- Educational programmes
- various fun events throughout the year

Don't worry if you can't make it to our woodland as we will happily come to you!

where are we?
Broadhempston Community Woodland, Devon

Woodland Holiday Club

THIS EASTER HOLIDAYS
WE WILL BE IN THE WOODS ON TUESDAY 9TH, WEDNESDAY 10TH,
THURSDAY 11TH, TUESDAY 16TH, WEDNESDAY 17TH
AND THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2019

- DROP OFF AT 9AM - PICK UP AT 3.30PM - COST PER DAY IS £27.50/ SIBLING +20
- 5 - 11 YEAR OLD ARE WELCOME

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