



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Explorer Dome

The Explorer Dome will be here tomorrow. This is an interactive hands-on science experience which will take place inside an inflatable dome that will fill our studio. The Years 1 and 2 children will experience fun exploration into forces which includes pushes, pulls, friction, magnets and gravity. Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a body show which will include digestion from top to bottom!

Congratulations to The Children's Kitchen!

Huge congratulations to our team in the kitchen who achieved top marks last week in the food hygiene award and now have 5 stars proudly on their door!

Missing PE Kits

A gentle reminder - children should have a PE kit in school everyday. We are aware since Christmas many children have not yet brought their kit back into school. Teachers may insist that children can't join in with certain PE activities if they don't have the right clothing with them for health and safety reasons.

Leadership and management

The whole school team have been spending time looking at our curriculum and what it entails. The teachers all lead a particular area of the curriculum and this term we will be having a close look at each subject and how we see progression through the school. Within our curriculum we teach literacy, maths, science, computing, sports and physical exercise, music, Spanish, design technology, history, geography, religious education, arts, crafts and forest school. We also teach personal, social, cultural and health education which includes safety, mental health, British Values and sex and relationships. All of these policies can be viewed on our website.

Here are some statements that staff and governors agreed on together which may help explain a little of what we do in school:

What do we mean by 'Curriculum'?

Everything we do with the children at The Grove whilst they are with us is to inspire learning, develop the whole child and bring the National Curriculum to life.

We have a skills and knowledge based curriculum.

Knowledge and skills are intertwined. Children need knowledge to apply the skills they acquire. The acquisition of skills is at the heart of learning and are the tools to access learning. We aim to provide children with skills they need for life and to develop transferable skills and a thirst for lifelong learning.

What is performance and how do we measure it?

Performance is a measure of how far a child is progressing against their individual learning pathway. Assessments against performance are based on a personalised planned education for each child and against national standardised criteria.

What do we see as progression?

Progress is the way that knowledge, skills and understanding are built upon in an individual, developmental and structured way like rungs on a ladder. Our curriculum through the school is progressive up the ladder ensuring that gaps in learning are quickly filled and reinforced. We design learning so it is inclusive for all and builds on individuals' prior knowledge, skills, emotions, character and confidence. Our progressive curriculum ensures that there is a notable difference in abilities, skills and knowledge within each subject area as the children get older.

What is data and what do we use it for?

Data is the way that progress and performance are measured. It is used in a cyclical method to inform teaching and learning and facilitate children fulfilling their potentials. It also gives measurements that can be used against national data to help us evaluate how successful our curriculum is and where it may be useful to strengthen it further.

School Council – Fundraising for our Nature/Reading Dog

Thank you very much to Acorn and Beech class parents who baked last week for our Thursday treats. Last week we made £79.30. Tomorrow is the turn of parents from **Lime and Willow tree class** to bake please.

This Saturday there is an art workshop at the school, costing £5 from 10 a.m. to 12. It is open to children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (with or without parents). In the art workshop we will be drawing using oil pastels, pencils and charcoal. It will be a relaxed morning and hopefully fun too! Please pop your child's name and money in an envelope to Rebecca by tomorrow.

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.

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

My Activity Passport' – by the DFE

The government have produced a document for parents of activities they think children should experience whilst they are young. This is the link. There are actually some lovely childhood ideas in there!

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772070/My_Activity_Passport.pdf

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week on Friday is Mountain Ash at 2.45. The next praise assembly is Bay Tree class.

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.

House for rent near The Grove School

3 bedroom house with garden and parking space to let in South Street
6 month renewable lease for £1,200 per month
Please contact the landlady suewhitby@hotmail.co.uk or Stags Estate Agents

Babysitter available

A reliable, trustworthy and mature 14 year old boy available to babysit in Totnes area
£5 per hour before midnight
£7.50 per hour after midnight
Please contact Ollie Boyacigiller on 07840 990361 or email ollieboya@gmail.com

Yoga Sunshine. Flowing Yoga Classes with Gina.

Catch your breath, connect and recharge your energy.
Gina has been practicing yoga for 20 years. Teaching for over 10 years.
All classes held at The Forge Yoga Centre, Totnes.

Mondays 9.30 – 11am

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NEW CLASS: Fridays 12-1pm

Classes prices range from £6-9

Warm welcome all levels ☐

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Totnes Pavilions Presents...



Swim School Open Day!

Saturday 26th January 10.00am – 12.00pm

Free Pre-school Taster Session
10:00 – 10:30



BOOK NOW!



Free Water polo and Relay Taster Session
11:00 – 11:30

Call 01803 862992 to book your **FREE** taster session. Bookings only accepted.

Inflatable Fun 3:45-4:45pm
Children: £3.00
Adults: £3.80
Junior Swim School Member: FREE!



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Colouring Competition
Win a Swim School Membership
(entries start from Mon 23rd – Sat 27th January 2018)