



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

A clubs list is attached to this email. Teacher lead clubs will start week commencing Monday 27th January and run for 5 weeks. Please collect a booking form from Rebecca and fill in and return it by Friday 17th January. Shear Soccer football club will be starting next week on Tuesdays for Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 and Wednesdays for Year 1 and 2.

Keeping school informed

Please ensure you keep us informed of any changes that may affect your children e.g. family circumstances, significant illnesses of close relatives/friends, change of home etc. It is really important that we know so that we can help support your children. We will maintain confidentiality unless told otherwise.

Friday 24th January 2020 Mufti and/or Bring-a-teddy day, Australia Wildfires Fundraiser

We are worried about the koala bears and other animals in Australia because of the wild fires. We thought we should have a 'non-uniform and bring-a-teddy-into-school' day to raise money for WWF Australia. Suggested donation is £1. Please dress up as an animal if you want to! Maishe Gillmore, Willow

Praise Assembly dates:-

Mountain Ash – Friday 31st January at 2.45pm
Lime Tree Class – Friday 7th February at 2.45pm
Grey Birch – Friday 28th February at 2.45pm
Willow Tree – Friday 6th March at 2.45pm
Beech Tree class – Friday 13th March at 2.45pm
Flame, Chestnut and Ginkgo – Friday 20th March at 2pm
Acorns – Friday 27th March – at 2.45pm

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will be taking place on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March from 3.30 until 6pm.

PTA Meeting- Wednesday 29th January

There is going to be a PTA meeting on Wednesday 29th January at 7pm in the Grove School Studio. I would love to see as many of you there as possible. This is your chance to discuss ideas and make decisions on how the money that we raise is spent. We will also be planning our fundraising efforts for the year ahead so any suggestions for this would be welcomed. If you are not able to attend but would like us to consider your views please email me in advance at pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk. The PTA are a really friendly, kind and welcoming group so please do join us if you can. Many thanks, Emily Rowley

Climate and Biodiversity Action Schools

During our INSET day, staff discussed the ways we want our curriculum to impact the children by the time they leave The Grove. We agreed that empowering the children with the knowledge and skills to act to combat climate change was vital and that we would like to become a **Climate and Biodiversity Action School**. Taking part in this initiative would give us opportunities to embed the issue of climate change into our curriculum and use it to enhance learning. We are keen to make our school and activities as ecologically friendly as possible and assist the children and our school community to make positive changes. There are already exciting projects going on in school and new ones beginning, such as our new **Eco-Club**. There are also lots of fantastic initiatives going on locally and we look forward to collaborating with other schools and organisations.

As we begin to formulate a **Green School Improvement Plan**, we are keen to hear from parents and carers. What do you think our Green School Values should be? How do you think the school could reduce its environmental impact? Perhaps you have expertise in this area you would be willing to offer? All suggestions and feedback would be very welcome.

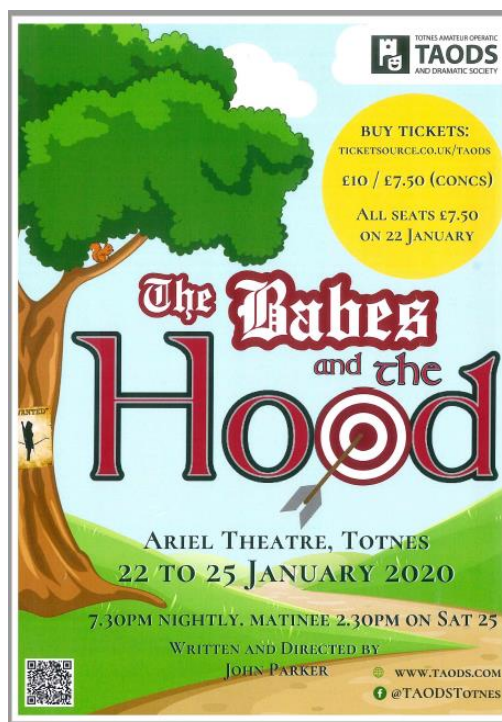
The **Devon Parents for Climate and Biodiversity Action in Schools** (DPCBA) is a Totnes-based not-for-profit organisation with the aim of raising environmental awareness in schools and empowering children and schools to take action on environmental issues. They are inviting **Year 6** children to attend a **School Climate Hub event** on **Saturday 1st February**, to discuss and exchange ideas with students from other schools in the area.

Places are limited to 4 per school in order to keep numbers manageable, but if there are more children who are eager to attend they will do their best to accommodate them. The children will bring home a letter with more details. If they would like to attend, please fill in the slip and return by **25th January**.

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.



Men's Morris Dancing

A chance to try out one of the oldest of dance traditions with the local side practising during the winter at Dartington.

Any man with two feet and a sense of humour is welcome to join us on a Friday evening in January/February.

The local ladies dancing side is Green Willow

dartingtonmorrismen.org.uk

Dartington Morris Men

Totnes Library Events

BulliesOut! - Saturday 18th January: 9am-1pm

National anti-bullying charity BulliesOut will be joining us for an educational drop-in session for young people. Come along and learn what you can do to stop bullying, and take part in some fun, free activities. To find out more about BulliesOut and the brilliant work they do, please visit www.bulliesout.com

Community Bounce and Rhyme: Wednesday 22nd January 10am and 11:15am (2 sessions)

Bring along an elderly neighbour or grandparent to join in with this special Bounce & Rhyme event, which will focus on singing traditional nursery rhymes. No booking required, just pop along on the day. Coffee, Tea and cake will be provided.

Awesome Owls and Birds of Prey - Wednesday 29th January: 2:30-4pm

Meet owls and birds of prey in the library, and learn more about them. For all ages, tickets £3 per person.

Code club with BBC micro:bits

is starting again this Saturday at the library from 10-11am! BBC micro:bits are small circuits which can be coded easily and quickly, and you can use a BBC micro:bit for all sorts of cool creations. Open to anyone aged 8-12 (no coding experience needed), and micro:bits will be provided. Please contact the library at totnes.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk or ring 01803 659945.