



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just to confirm that the last day of half term is **next Thursday 14th February**

What is happening this week and next

Yesterday was our Safer Internet Day and we were exploring how to use the internet in a safe and productive way as part of our curriculum on e-safety. Today Year 6 have been invited to watch the Billy Elliot performance at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC. The Year 5 Handball Festival that was postponed last Friday due to the snow is on this Friday at KEVICC and as we are only here for four days next week there is a menu change. Please see the separate text for the information below.

Children's Kitchen Menu Changes

Wednesday 13th February

Main option - Sausage roll with baked beans and potatoes (contains egg)
Vegetarian option – Jacket Potato with Baked beans, cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Thursday 14th February

Main option – Fish Fingers, chips and Peas (Gluten free option available)
Vegetarian option – Cheese and Tomato Puff, chips and peas

Mental Health info for parents

On Monday 21st January we led an Early Mental Health talk in school in The Studio. Many of you have asked for copies of the resources used. They are attached to this email and are called 'Primary School Parents'.

Developing our outdoor classrooms

Hopefully soon the canopies will be ready for outside the classrooms and we want to develop these spaces more. Do you happen to have any wooden planters, old tyres, recycled planters, wooden garden furniture, pallets, plants or any other ideas which might help us develop these spaces? We are particularly looking for wooden items so that it all blends in aesthetically. If you do could you send us a picture (to head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) of your item to see if any of the teachers want to use it for their spaces? Also, if there is anyone who is inspired by this idea and wants to get stuck in with us we would be very grateful for the help! Many thanks.

Basketball Coaching Year 3

Year 3 have all received a copy of a letter with information regarding a Basket Ball coaching session which is being held at The Pavilions there has been a change of date and it is now Thursday 14th March.

Tusk Force charity

Today children in Lime Tree class and Year 5 had a special visit by the charity 'Tusk Force' to find out about their work to protect elephants in Africa. The children had a bead workshop and have made some beautiful bracelets that will be on sale to raise money to help the elephants. Lime Tree class would like to invite their parents and carers to an art exhibition in their classroom on Wednesday 13th February at 2.50pm. Our safari art work will be on display and there will be opportunities to purchase our bracelets then. Year 5 bracelets will be on sale in the playground after school.

Help Need Friday Beech and Lime Tree class

On Friday at 9.30 until 10.30 all the children from Beech Tree class and Lime Tree class will be visiting St Marys for a baptism as part of our religious education. We need 3 parent/carers to help supervise the walk to and from St Mary's church.

School Council – Fundraising for our Nuture/Reading Dog

This week is the turn of Flame and Bay tree class parents to bake for our Thursday cake stall tomorrow. Thank you to the school councillors and their parents who run the stalls each week – we couldn't do it without you. We have 2 other events lined up! Oli from Bay has asked us to have some remote control vehicle fun so on the last day of term, Thursday 14th your child can bring their remote control vehicle to school to use on a circuit that the school councillors have set up. The cost is £2 to enter.

Praise Assemblies

Praise assembly this week is Acorn Tree class on Friday at 2.45pm. There will be no praise assembly next week as our **last day of half term is Thursday 14th February.**

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.

Job vacancy

Totnes based catering company is looking for enthusiastic, well presented and confident front of house staff and chefs (of all levels of experience). A passion for great food and service and own transport is essential. Great rates of pay, fun company and delicious food! If you're interested in some casual work this summer, please contact Helen or Alastair on ali@alastairdavid.co.uk



Parent Speech, Language and Communication Programme – SUMMER 2019

The Speech, Language and Communication Parent Programme has been designed to support parents and carers to develop a better understanding of speech, language and communication needs, and what it can mean to your child and family. The course will be delivered by Specialist Teachers in the Communication and Interaction Team.

This informal course will include the following sessions, aimed at primary school aged children. There will also be plenty of opportunity for discussion, practical ideas and opportunities to meet other parents.

1	Speech, Language and Communication Development
2	Play, Social Development and Behaviour
3	Helping my Child's Language
4	Helping My Child's Literacy

South/West Devon: Haytor View Primary, Queensway, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4BD
1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May 2019 13:00 – 14:30

North/Mid Devon: Springfield Court, Fishleigh Road, Roundwell Business Park, Barnstaple, EX31 3UD
5th, 12th, 19th and 26th June 2019 10:00 – 12:00 (Coffee from 9.30am)

East Devon: Date and Venue to be confirmed

For any queries or further information please

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We have 2 Totnes spaces left on our new

Year 4 Head Start Course

which begins after February half term.

This is ideal for pupils who may need a confidence boost in English or Maths.

We have also introduced a Philosophy and Thinking Skills element to the course to introduce discussion and the concept of questions without a right or wrong answer.

Very interesting!

For further details, or to book a place, contact Kirsten on **07940 978889**

or register on www.janepowelltutoring.co.uk

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