



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

Tomorrow is our Reading week mufti day. We are encouraging the staff and children to dress up as their favourite book character or to come to school in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story. A donation of £1 would be gratefully received which will be put towards new reading resources.

Starting on Monday next week Year 5 will be taking the Bikeability Level 1 and 2 programme. Could all Year 5's bring in their bikes and helmets. Year 6 will have their opportunity for this in the summer term. On Wednesday Ginkgo class have been offered the opportunity to take part in a Forest School day on the Raleigh Estate near Dartmouth. They will be in the woods all day doing various activities.

Reading Week

This week we have been having fun immersing ourselves in books and reading! The reading café has been a great success so far and we have had lots of lovely feedback from parents about how much their children have enjoyed spending special time sharing books. We had an assembly where lots of the teachers and teaching assistants shared their favourite children's book and we are looking forward to dressing up for World Book Day tomorrow. (Many thanks to Mrs Drew for organising all of this).

Coronavirus

As I'm sure you are aware this is raising concerns in our community and we, of course, want to make sure we do everything within our power to protect against any outbreak at school. We are taking all of our directives from Devon County Council and are sending out communications to you, whenever we receive them to ensure you are kept informed. Our directive is that children and staff should continue to attend school and we are obliged to follow the directives as a maintained school.

Digestion talk for KS2

A huge thank you to Emily Rowley who came in last week to talk to KS2 about digestion. The children really enjoyed the talk and got to find out lots about poo and how to keep their digestion system healthy. Some favourite moments were the chocolate bar poo chart and learning about the 'poop shoot!' We really appreciate parents coming in to share their expertise and making science more real and exciting.

Mini Silver Duke Award – Adventure Walk

Last Saturday, the brave few took part in a long walk from Totnes, along the river up to Dartington Hall and back to Totnes. The children experienced all weathers – snow, rain, hail and beautiful sunshine! They were all fantastic, with amazing attitudes and resilience, overcoming many challenges, including finding ways to avoid the floods and an escaped cow. Well done to everyone involved. You definitely deserve that challenge award.



Year 3-6 Cyclocross Competition, at Torbay Velopark, Penwill Way Paignton, TQ4 5JR, Tuesday 17th March 3:30 pm – 5:30pm

Letters have been given out to children who want to participate in this event. If you would like a letter then please see Rebecca.

PTA Cake Sales on Thursday

Tomorrow is the turn of BEECH TREE class to bake please. We had a fabulous effort from Acorn class, it was really successful and the children were delighted, swarming the table in search of the yummy goodies! Could all cake donations be left with either the class teacher or Rebecca at Reception in the morning. Cakes will be available from 3.10pm. Next week it is the turn of Lime Tree class.

PTA School Disco – Thursday March 19th

The school disco is fast approaching and we would really appreciate parents volunteering to help at the discos. It really is lovely to see the kids enjoying themselves and being part of it. If you can help please contact Rachel Gillespie (gatesrachel@hotmail.com 07879 405905

The tickets are £3 and the children won't need any extra money, a small sweet, biscuit, juice and tattoo will be available.

KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) from 3:30 - 4:30 – Please pre-book and pay for your child's place with Rebecca. Children can bring their disco clothes in and we will help them get changed and then take them to the disco straight from school. Pick up is at 4.30 and you will need to sign them out.

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5, 6): 4.45 – 5.45 – An adult will need to sign children in and out.

Praise Assembly

Praise assembly this week will be Willow Tree class on Friday at 2.45. Praise assembly next week will be Beech Tree class on Friday at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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Preloved Baby and Children's Clothes and Toys Sale: Saturday 7th March - 09:30am - 12:30pm

Pick up a bargain at our Preloved Baby Children's Sale or sell your preloved clothes and toys and help your library! Stalls are £5 per space and £10 for business stalls, and you'll need to bring your own table. This event is free to attend as a buyer and will be held at The Mansion School hall next to the library. All proceeds from stall bookings will be used to support the Summer Reading Challenge at Totnes Library. Limited spaces available so book soon! Please contact the library to book on 01803 659945 or email totnes.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk to book.

It's a Long Way to the Moon Craft and Story Event: Saturday 28th March – 11:00am

Join author Chris Tetreault-Blay for a morning of magical storytelling and fun craft activities for all ages, based on his loveable story 'It's A Long Way To The Moon'. This event is free to attend, but donations are gratefully accepted.