



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a great Christmas and hope 2019 treats you well.

What is happening this week and next

Chestnut Tree Class are swimming on Mondays until half term. 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. Premier Sport will be running the Gymnastics club and that will start on Monday as well. Letters have been sent out regarding Gymnastics and need to be returned by Friday please.

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.

Children's Mental Health workshop for parents - 21st January 2019 1pm

We are hosting a parent workshop led by an Early Mental Health Practitioner on Monday 21st January at 1pm here in school. If any of you can make it we would highly recommend doing so, the workshop is free and will be of great benefit to all parents. There is no need to book, please just turn up.

Staff news

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Westrope had a baby boy on 22nd December and has named him Luke. Mrs Gratton has now started her maternity leave and we are awaiting updates. Mrs Hoskins has begun this week as the new class teacher for Guava Tree Class and is settling in well.

Children's things on the field every night

We are still struggling with the amount of children's things that are left on the field in particular at the end of each day. They generally end up soggy, dirty and then unclaimed from lost property. They aren't there after playtimes so they must be leaving them after school on their way out. Can you please ensure your children don't forget to gather their things on leaving the school premises, with thanks.

Molly fish babies

We have some baby Molly freshwater tropical fish - if anyone would like any please let us know. A minimal donation to school would be gratefully received.

Explorer Dome

Y1/2 and Y5/6 – you should have received a letter about the Explorer Dome visit booked for Thursday 24th January requesting a contribution of £3 so we can have this exciting experience for the children. Please check book bags or ask for another copy.

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

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.