



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Pirates Against Plastic Day**

We had a super Pirates Against Plastic day to start our initiative to become a more environmentally friendly school. The Paris Climate Agreement may be faltering but our commitment certainly isn't! Thank you so much to all the classes who contributed things to the after school event, and to all the parents and carers who came to visit. It was a superbly attended event and everyone involved was very pleased with the outcome. Keep up the good work – we can all still make a difference!

### **Climate Change**

#### **Urging the council to do more about climate change**

As a parent, I am extremely concerned about the future my children will face. That's why I have started a petition asking South Hams District Council to declare a climate emergency, like Totnes, Teignbridge, Dartington, Devon County and Parliament have already done. This entails setting ambitious targets to become carbon neutral, calling on Westminster to provide the resources to deliver those targets, and to report to full council within 6 months with an action plan detailing how these targets will be met. The full motion being proposed can be found on the petition page. So please sign for a better future for our children: <http://chng.it/sNfLRNdqm5>  
Ella Dangerfield (Billy and Charlie's mum).

### **Clubs**

A list of all clubs was emailed out last week. Please could booking requests be in by Friday this week. There are spaces left for the Gymnastics club and Ursula will also be running the lunch time recorder club.

### **News from the Governors**

The Governors held their first meeting of the term on 30<sup>th</sup> April. We had received some good news in relation to the budget in that the 7% increase in staff costs due to pension contributions, would be funded for this financial year, however the budget remains very tight.

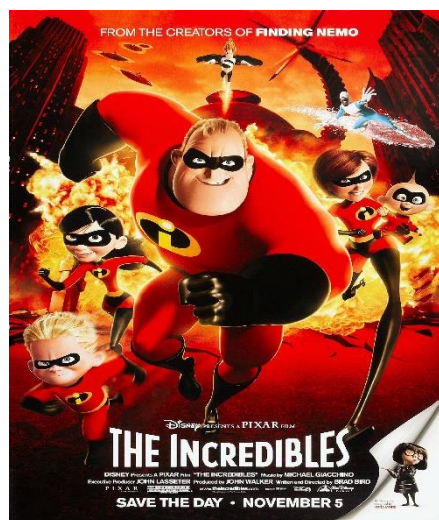
The governors discussed school performance data and heard the strategies the school was using to ensure every child reaches their potential. The governors spent some time discussing how well we are functioning as a group. Most areas were going well, but we need to ensure better co-ordination between the committees and the full governing board. We have a range of skills on the board, but we still have a couple of vacancies. We are keen to get some wider local community involvement from candidates who are not parents of children at the school, so if anyone knows anyone who might be interested please let me know

We also discussed a variety of visits to the school and developing stronger links between individual governors and subject leads.

Mike Waterson  
Chair of Governors

### **School Council – Movie night this Friday**

Our movie night is this Friday at the slightly earlier time of 5.30-7.30. Tickets are £5 and there are still spaces available. The 2 films are Incredibles 2 and The Croods. Tickets already paid for are ready for collection from Rebecca.



### **PTA Cake sale**

We are kindly asking that Beech and Bay Tree class wow us with their sweet treats tomorrow for us to sell after school.

### **Praise Assemblies**

- Ginkgo – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45
- Chesnut – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45
- Willow – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45
- Flame – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2.45
- Beech – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45
- Lime – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45
- Acorn – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45
- Year 5 joint assembly – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45
- Year 6 leavers assembly – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 2pm

These dates are all on our website calendar

Kind regards  
Hilary Priest

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