



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week in lockdown and another week of home learning. Next week we are closed on Bank holiday VE day Friday 8th May. There will be no home learning on that day, but if you fancy researching ways that VE day was celebrated you could hold your own family at home street party!!

This Friday we thought we might all have a go at being fashion designers! 'Trashion' is our new style, raid the recyclables, see what you can borrow from others in your house (ask first) and design your own style. Take a photo, do a sketch and post them on seesaw. Let's have some light hearted fun!

We are very aware of the mental health crisis that this situation will lead to and we all need to be well prepared for when schools do restart, it will be a big period of adjusting to the new 'normal'. If you could teach your children about social distancing and trial it out at home they might get an idea of how we can manage this once schools go back.

The NSPCC website has lots of great video clips and ideas for healthy minds. Worth a look:  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

### **Current reception children's classes for September**

The 45 children in the Acorn Unit will be separated into 3 groups of 15 and join the current year one children. The staff will take into consideration many factors including: friendships, group dynamics, gender, special educational needs and academic ability. If you would like to make us aware of any specific preferences you would like taken into consideration, please email Hilary Priest, [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) by 15th May 2020.

### **Totnes Foodbank**

Here at school we work closely with the Foodbank. We know locally that many more families are finding things difficult at the moment than would normally be the case. The foodbank have extended their referral criteria to include families who are struggling financially because of Covid 19. If you would like support you can email Sandra Maggs on [smaggs@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:smaggs@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) or text her on 07946062181. Deliveries are on Thursdays and Fridays, will be dropped at your door and there will be no physical contact with the driver. The boxes contain mainly dried and tinned foods, some toiletries and nappies if needed. There could also be some fresh produce, which is donated by Food in the Community. The Foodbank is being very well supported by the local community including Morrisons who are currently donating £1,500 of food a week. There is capacity for more referrals.

**Keep safe and keep well. Hilary Priest**



# TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL



If your son will be in year 6 in September 2020, now is the time to register online to take the entrance tests to join Torquay Boys' Grammar School in 2021.

Potential students will take two 50-minute guided tests on Saturday 19 September 2020, assessing verbal, numerical and non-verbal skills.

The tests require no additional tutoring, but there are free familiarisation and practice materials on our website.

#### Additional Support for Pupil Premium Students

If your son is in receipt of Pupil Premium, TBGS is pleased to offer access to an additional 10-hour online familiarisation package. Simply indicate Pupil Premium on the application form, and we will send you a logon code especially for you.

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