



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see some more children come back to school this week. We now have 3 bubbles of Y6, 2 bubbles of Y1, 2 bubbles of Reception and the key worker groups. It would be so lovely to see more of you but it doesn't now look likely before September. I know it is a struggle to maintain the home learning – but we just have 5 weeks left of term now and it is worth trying to do as much as you can within your family circumstances. Don't be hard on yourselves if on some days not much gets done – such is life, but if you could prioritise reading and talking about the books this will really help your child.

We are aware that we still don't know what September will look like but we are planning ahead as if we will be back to normal (fingers crossed). So next week I will let you know which classes are with which class teachers in the newsletter. Then we will plan some online transition sessions for your children so they can get to know their new teaching staff.

Mrs Hedley-Clark

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Hedley-Clark and her husband Bob are expecting their first child in the Autumn. Obviously in current times this means she can't really be in school, but I'm sure you'll all join us in sending them congratulations – virtually.

Please social distance outside school

Please remember that in school the children are doing really well trying to social distance as much as possible – please set them a good example and ensure that when you drop off and collect your child you are observing social distancing rules with at least 2m gaps between families and do not linger in groups. Be extra careful please to allow others to pass with a 2m gap as most people are trying really hard to maintain the gap!

No Flip Flops or Crocs

If children that are coming to school could please wear secure footwear whilst in school. We have a number of children coming to school in Crocs and flip flops and this is not safe in school so please could children wear shoes/sandals.

Childrens' Reports

As staff we haven't seen most of your children since the end of March so school reports and outcomes would be pretty tricky to do this year. The teachers are busy writing letters to all the children summarising their wonderful time they did have in school. We will aim to get them sent out to the children during w/b 6th July.

Families urged to check if their children are eligible for free school meals

A child may be eligible for free school meals if their family receives:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you applied on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Families can apply online, and need to supply their child or children's name, date of birth and current school as well as their own name, date of birth and National Insurance number.

Apply through the website. Please copy the address below and paste onto the address bar

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/

TA position available - full time for 1 year initially from September 2020. Working with children with SEN. Applications via application form on website. Closing date 22nd June.

Keep safe and keep well.

Hilary Priest

The 2020 Summer Reading Challenge is here!

The [Summer Reading Challenge](#), presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Challenge, delivered through public libraries, motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. Last year more than 14,000 children across Devon and Torbay took part.

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The Challenge will run from June to September.

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter and features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson (Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair). Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The digital Challenge is free to access, featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to encourage children and their families to take part in reading-related activities at home. Although our library buildings are closed we have boosted the number of children's books available to borrow via our e-lending platforms which can be accessed from our [Devon Libraries](#) and [Torbay Libraries](#) websites. From July we will also be hosting lots of Silly Squad events and activities on our Facebook pages, so look out for those!

Totnes Library – Story Competition

Totnes Library are running a story writing competition open to any budding authors who are 5-12 years old. Just submit your entries that are no longer than 500 words in either the 5-8 or 9-12 year old categories to totnes.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk, and there will be some prizes for the winners! Closing date is Friday 26th June, good luck!

We are still here to support the community of Totnes, and look forward to welcoming all our customers back soon. You can find more information about the phased opening of some of our libraries here <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/coronavirus-updates>. Unfortunately **we do not have a confirmed date for the re-opening of Totnes Library** at the moment, but keep checking our website [devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/totneslibrary](https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/totneslibrary) and Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/TotnesLibrary> for updates. Totnes Library customers can visit other libraries and borrow books if they want to as their cards are valid across the Devon Libraries network. They can join Torbay Libraries too as the first library to open that is local to Totnes is Brixham Library. they just need to take ID with them when they join up.

Dartington Charity Fun Run 10K – Friday 19th June 18.30 – 19.30 (30 second gap per starter)

Raising Money for Totnes Caring
Rural marked undulating 10K route
Donation £5

Beer, Chocolate and Water at the finish!
Social distancing measures by individual staggered start

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