



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we did it – made it to the end of what has been an extraordinary school year and a bit for all of us. Many thanks for your continued support – have a lovely summer holidays and see you again on September 2nd.

Year 6

The year 6 production was filmed today in the school hall and we will be sending a link with a password for you to see it next week, you will be able to download it from there for your own personal use, but not for posting yourself on the internet in any form. They were really marvellous and it really made us very proud to watch them all give it their all. We will miss the Y6, hopefully they will pop back to see us next term to let us know how they are getting on.

Parent Survey/Questionnaire <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/grove2021>

Communication between the school and parents is important to a happy school, and so we would encourage you to all complete the survey. We can then listen, reflect and improve together as a school community. We have added a few more questions to gather feedback on our response to the coronavirus pandemic. The survey is anonymous and all the feedback is collated by the governors and school leaders. Results and actions will be reported to you in the autumn term

Mufti Day tomorrow

The last day of school (Friday 23rd) is a mufti day. We are suggesting a £1 donation which will go towards the fundraising for the playground equipment.

PTA School Lottery

For those that haven't already signed up for the school lottery this is a really easy simple way to raise money for the school whilst also giving you the chance of winning the guaranteed local weekly prize or scooping the £25000 jackpot. The link to sign up is <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-grove-school-totnes>. We are also going to promote this to the local community and have printed some flyers to try and encourage Totnes residence to support our fundraising efforts. If any of the children would like to post some flyers through neighbours doors please get in touch with me (pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk). Thank you!

Playground equipment

There is a chance that we can reduce the cost of the playground equipment significantly by removing the old flooring under the play equipment. It will need to be done over the summer holidays and a skip is booked for the last two weeks of August, so I'd be really grateful if you could email me if you think you might be able to help for a day (or two). Thank you! (pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

BE INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE OF KEVICC (King Edward VI Community College)

We are delighted to share with you some exciting plans for the future of our school.

KEVICCs has long been a popular and successful secondary school and plays an integral part in the local community. Its accommodation and site has grown organically over time, as and when resources have been available, and as student numbers have grown.

However, numbers at the College have stabilised over the last few years and this provides an opportunity for the Governing Body to re-evaluate and rationalise the whole of the existing campus to create the best possible learning environment for existing and future students as well as provide the community with access to facilities and a College they can be proud of.

As part of this process, the Governing Body has developed a long-term vision for the College site and proposals for how it may look in the future. **We would value your feedback on these proposals**

<https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/consultation-homepage>

Kind regards – Hilary Priest

Totnes 1-Mile Fun Run, part of the Totnes 10K Sunday 1st August 2021

Teignbridge Trotters are staging a **1-mile Fun Run** around the perimeter of Borough Park - **Starting at 10.25am**. 01/08/2021. This always proves really popular and gives all those taking part the chance to complete a safe, measured 1-mile course.

Prizes for 1st & 2nd M/F U8, U10, U13 & U15. Bespoke Totnes medal and chocolate for all finishers. Online entries via

<https://teignbridge-trotters-running-club.clubtrac.co.uk/e/totnes-1-mile-fun-run-2376>

I believe our chosen charity remains Totnes Caring,

Summer Reading Challenge with Totnes Library

Instead, we have created a promotional video to explain this year's Summer Reading Challenge and to encourage lots of children to take part and boost their reading over the summer! I have attached a Google Drive video link below so you can show your pupils at a desired time:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13oouxQAYCGqCFu-WMkvjIADLGUnh7HmZ/view?usp=sharing>

We hope you enjoy the video! Do let us know if you have any trouble accessing the content.

Good luck to all your pupils completing the challenge and we can't wait to see them all at the library!

The Totnes Heritage Map

Short Story Competition

The **Totnes Heritage Trust**, in partnership with the **East Gate Bookshop** are running a short story competition.

The competition is open to children and adults and you can pick up an information pack from the East Gate Bookshop

The inspiration for your story should be from the Map of Totnes which can be viewed online at www.totnesmaps.net or see the real thing in St Mary's Church

Categories will be by age: 18+, 12-17 years, and 11 and under, with winners and runners-up in each category receiving book vouchers, presented at an evening awards ceremony at the East Gate Bookshop.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, August 20,th 2021**; so a great opportunity to get your creativity flowing over the Summer Holidays.

Pop into the bookshop for more information or go online at www.totnesmaps.net/writing-competition-2021

Good Luck!!



Summer holiday
Woodland workshops

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AGE 7 +

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9.30am - 3 pm

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<https://www.oldskillsnewways.org/flourish-workshops/flourish-families>

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Could you be the Right Friend?

Simon Heyes, Bridget (year 3) and Kayden's (year 5) dad is looking for help finding independent visitors to mentor children in care. Working as the Devon independent visitor coordinator for NYAS has been my job for the past 6 years but I feel passionate about improving the chances of children in care. I am fortunate to work with wonderful children in care in Devon matching them with altruistic volunteer mentors called independent visitors.

The odds are stacked against children in care. Children in care are 70% more likely to die prematurely.. Nearly half the children in care meet the criteria for a psychiatric disorder. Attainment at school is 53% lower for children in care and only 6% of care leavers go to university compared to 43% of those not in care. 39% of care leavers are not in education, employment, or training, compared to 13% of all young people. It is estimated that 25% of those who are homeless had been in care. When they leave care 6% have no one providing emotional support and nearly one in ten of care leavers only had support from a professional worker. I do not believe we should

casually accept such poor life experiences. The independent visitor scheme aims to help improve the outcomes of children in care by matching them with a trusted adult who can help motivate, inspire, advise and support a child in care to have a better childhood and to have a better chance of a happier adulthood.

I am unicycling from Ilfracombe to Dartmouth from the 23rd to 28th August to raise awareness of the independent visitor scheme in particular to recruit more volunteers and to raise more funds. For example, it costs £36 for an adult or child to go to Paignton zoo, £32 to go to Pennywell farm, £30 for Woodlands, £44 for Crealy, £40 for a one-to-one golf, tennis, or singing lesson. Every penny raised will go towards funding meaningful activities that young people in care can do with their independent visitors. I aim to be in Dartington on Friday 27th August pm and set off from Totnes to Dartmouth on Saturday at 10am from the market square if anyone fancies coming along to support. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/simon-heyesh1>

Kind regards Simon,

Simon Heyes, Devon Independent Visitor coordinator, advocate, 07767 168481



Thank you to our volunteers
...who befriend and support young people in care.
Your time is one of the most precious gifts you can give.
Could you dedicate a few hours each month to support a care experienced young person to develop their interests, skills and hobbies?
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[What makes an independent visitor The Right Friend?](#)

[Listening to young people](#)

[National Independent Visitor Network](#)

[Make a referral](#)

[From Care to Anywhere](#) Film developed with young people in care in Devon

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