



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee**

We are making plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May the last day of term. We would like to hold a 'street party' event for the children at lunch time and as well as their usual lunch meal we would like to provide some extra treats. We would be very grateful for a 50p contribution per child for this before the day please, so we can budget and plan the treats. We would also like the children to dress in their finery as royals, or in red, white and blue as a mufti day. Children are going to be able to enter a 'crown' competition where they can win prizes for the most creative crowns they can make. They can do this at home but we will also provide an opportunity in school so that all children get the chance to make a crown (children can choose their favourite to enter in the competition)

### **Reception into Year 1**

Thank you for all the emails about considerations for grouping children. Most of the emails have been around friendships and we have learnt from experience that classes based purely on friendships do not work well educationally. If we can't manage your requests then we will let you know and explain our reasons but also please be reassured that our professional judgements are very well thought out and children in Year 1 can still see their friends at playtimes and lunchtimes, as well as play dates of course.

### **Year 1 and 2 Goodrington Trip on Friday**

On Friday Y1/2 will be going on a trip to Goodrington beach, linking their Geography learning this term. They will be rock pooling, going on a shell hunt and creating some beach art. All the activities are fully risk assessed and will be run by skilled and experienced environmental educators.

### **Year 6 Woodlands Trip**

As a huge well done and celebration for all the year 6's reaching the end of SATs week, they are going on a trip to Woodlands Leisure Park. The trip will take place this Friday. After registration a coach will take them to Woodlands. The children will be allowed to roam the park unsupervised by an adult, in small groups. We will be clear about the rules and we will have adults spread around the park in different locations, to supervise as much as possible. It is still off-peak season so parts of the park will not be open, this will reduce the area and keep the children in closer proximity to each other.

### **Sharpham seed day Years 3 and 4**

Years 3 and 4 have been given the exciting opportunity to visit the Sharpham Estate for a day. In the past, we have helped them set up a seed bank for wild flowers, taken part in relocating plant species to other parts of the estate and investigated local bat populations. This year, we will be continuing to investigate the natural world around Sharpham.

## **PTA Cake Sale**

A very big thank you and huge well done to the Lime Tree Class Team for last weeks Cakes Sale – an amazing effort. We raised an impressive £123 and I'm told there were wonderful cakes and delights on offer! It is the turn of Beech Tree Class this week. I would be so grateful if any of the Beech Tree children, parents or carers could bake or donate cakes for this week. If there are any parents or carers of Beech Tree that can help us at the tables please let me know ([pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)). Please drop off your bakes and cakes in the morning, either at the front entrance with Rebecca or at the back entrance (we'll be at one of the tables on the back field). All cakes will be 50p (cash only), there will be tables set up at both entrances and we ask for you to not crowd the cakes and patiently wait your turns. Next week will be the turn of Dove Tree class so please get your best recipes at the ready!

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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**KING EDWARD VI COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**OPEN MORNINGS 2022**

**10 JUNE at 9 - 10.45am**  
**17 JUNE at 9 - 10.45am**

**PLEASE ARRIVE FOR A PROMPT 9AM START**

**PLEASE NOTE: THESE ARE BOOKABLE EVENTS, WITH LIMITED NUMBERS PER EVENT.**  
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### **Sharpham Family Canoe Adventure**

**A family guided canoeing voyage on the River Dart. In partnership with Canoe Adventures**  
[www.canoeadventures.co.uk](http://www.canoeadventures.co.uk) . A Wild for People project event supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Sun 10 July 2022 1.30pm prompt – 5pm

**Pricing (heavily subsidised by the National Lottery):**

**Adults: £5 standard cost; (or free for low income/unwaged - please request this if needed in the email)**

**Children: FREE (age 5 – 17)**

**TOTAL number of places = 24 (no wiggle room)**

**Ratio -max 2 children to every 1 adult (can be just 1 child:1 adult or 1 child:2 adults)**

**Adults cannot book without a child/children. A whole family is allowed to book on (max 2 adults with max 4 children)**

**Advance booking essential via email to Lisa Carnell on [outdoors@sharphamtrust.org](mailto:outdoors@sharphamtrust.org)**

**(Lisa will draw names out of a hat if oversubscribed)**

**If you are successful in getting places then Lisa will let you know how to go about making your payment.**

This event has been carefully planned and numbers are limited - please tell us immediately if you've booked but can't make it so we can give others the chance to come.

Meet: at LongMarsh car park, Totnes, near to the slipway.

Overview: An amazing, unique opportunity for your family to join others on a gentle and safe paddle in 2 twelve-seater Canadian canoes, on the exquisite River Dart.

Starting from Long Marsh in Totnes, we will explore down the river at a gentle pace, relaxing and taking in the wonderful natural beauty and wildlife of this tidal section. There will be an experienced skipper from Canoe Adventures in each of the canoes, steering, ensuring everyone stays safe and revealing some of the wonderful stories about the Dart along the way.

Thanks to the Heritage Lottery the cost is heavily subsidised as this event is targeted at families who wouldn't be able to do this activity otherwise, all children's places are fully funded!

