



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Strike Action – Tomorrow Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May Updated

These classes will be affected tomorrow:

Thursday 27th April

Lime Tree Class
Beech Tree Class
Robins
Willow Tree Class closed until 11:45

Tuesday 2nd May

Lime Tree Class
Beech Tree Class
Robins
Willow Tree Class

Coronation celebrations at The Grove – Friday 5th May

Coronation Lunch – Please pre-order

We will be celebrating the Coronation as a school on Friday 5th May with some fun activities and the Children's Kitchen will be preparing a special Coronation 'indoor street party' lunch for all children. In Reception, Year 1 and 2 this is free but Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 it will be the usual £2:50. There will be a wide selection of party food. All children can come dressed in Royal and party clothes that day. PLEASE PRE-ORDER WITH REBECCA FOR THE SPECIAL LUNCH THAT DAY so we can be sure of numbers to cater for. Please email admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Here are some local Coronation events to help you plan your fun coronation weekend:

<https://www.visittotnes.co.uk/whats-on/coronation-weekend-party/>
<https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/sandridge-barton-coronation-celebration-p3282133>
<https://allevents.in/totnes/coronation-weekend>

And a huge thanks to Jenni Rowe for creating another splendid in-school display, this time to celebrate the Coronation. The children are thrilled by it.



After school clubs – could any of you run one?

The school council communications team asked the children across school whether we had enough after school clubs. Most children felt that we did but they also gave suggestions of what extra clubs they would like to have and whether some clubs may be free for them to attend.

The children would like clubs for: art, gardening, lego/construction, reading/books, cookery, boys football, junk modelling, more sports clubs, science, board games, photography, dance, forest school.... to give a selection!! We do have some sports funding that we could use for sports after school clubs should any of you be a qualified coach for a sport? If you fancy running an after school club then we would need to get you a DBS (safeguarding check) and provide you with a space so you could offer your services and parents can sign up with you direct. Let us know on admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Growing vegetables – any volunteers?

We have had our planters delivered and are also getting some water butts to manage our way through the current hosepipe ban in Devon – (now also in our area from yesterday). If any of you like a touch of gardening and can spare any time to help out, please let us know.

Good bye and we will miss you Yasmin Biggins

We are sad that we will be saying bye to Yas on Friday after 11 years being a fantastic TA at The Grove. She has an exciting new position at Kevicc to further develop her career. We will miss you Yas!

Date for your diary - Monday 17th July

From 3:20pm until 5pm on Monday 17th July we will be having an open afternoon in which classes leave out examples of work, displays and the classrooms and whole school environments. Parents/carers can come in with their children to look around school at their class and other classes too. It's a good opportunity for parents to meet their children's next teacher. Children must be accompanied at all times by their own parent/carer who will take full responsibility for them for this open-door event. Please no wider family members or friends for this event.

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 use their professional judgement and their knowledge of your child in school to create a balanced and cohesive class group (including; friendships, group dynamics, gender, special educational needs and academic

ability). If you would like to make us aware of any specific needs you would like taken into consideration, please email Hilary Priest, head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk by Wednesday 10th May at the latest as we are deciding this currently.

Class groupings and Teachers for September 2023

Class groupings and teachers will be announced after half term.

Important information on attendance

Yesterday we emailed a copy of the letter to everyone with information about lateness, holidays and avoidable absences during the school year. The information also tells you what our responsibility is as a school and the procedures we have to take to keep the Education department informed. Please make sure you have read this!

It is a want please from Chestnut Tree class

If anyone has a plastic play kitchen they no longer need could you please donate it to Chestnut Tree class.

Safeguarding your children outside school

The NSPCC have lots of great advice about how to keep your children safe, happy and keep their well-being in mind on a number of topics such as when to start teaching your child how to be out alone or home alone for older children, divorce and separation, online safety, as well as so much more. See this link for access:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>

New Public Health Nursing websites

DCC Public Health Nursing has launched two new websites to provide school age children and their parents/carers with health and wellbeing advice. The websites, developed with Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, include evidenced based national content which has been co-designed with parents, carers, children and young people as well as locally written content and information about Devon services.

- [Health for Kids](#) provides information for primary school aged children and includes games, videos and quizzes. The site consists of four different worlds: Staying Healthy, Illness, Feelings and Getting Help. Each world is populated with different areas for children to learn about their health.

There is a separate area for [grown-ups](#) for in-depth guidance and localised information (www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon)

- [Health for Teens](#) provides information and advice for young people, including videos, listicles, quizzes, health information, truths and rumours. There are several different sections ranging from feelings, health, lifestyle, relationships and growing up. There is also a 'your area' section which includes information on Devon services and advice from local practitioners (www.healthforteens.co.uk/devon). These services pull through below any related content a young person accesses to facilitate improved awareness and access.

The websites follow the launch of Devon's [Health for Under 5s](#) site which went live in May 2022

Dates for your diary this half term <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

School closed - Bank Holiday Monday – 1st May

Coronation Day – Friday 5th May Children can dress in Royal or party clothes

Extra Bank Holiday, School Closed for Kings Coronation – Monday 8th May 2023

Some of Year 5's Elizabethan dancing at opening ceremony - Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Year 6 SATS – Commencing Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May

Year 6 Woodlands trip – Monday 15th May

Pirates Against Plastic Reception – Wednesday 17th May
Class photos – Thursday 25th May (New date)
Last day of term – Friday 26th May
First day back – Monday 5th June

Kind regards - Hilary Priest

Adverts – please note that the school is neither recommending nor supporting the adverts below. If you wish to advertise in our newsletter then please contact the school for details.

Dartington Hall

Thrive Festival: FREE Family Events

Thrive is a joyful May Day weekend festival marking the turning from spring to summer – celebrated through Indian music, culture, and creative connections with nature. We invite you to join in!

Great Lawn Sessions

We have a variety of FREE events for families starting with our Great Lawn Sessions. Bring a picnic blanket and settle in for an afternoon of brilliant music outside the White Hart:

Saturday 29th April: Tommy Khosla and Jawari will be performing the eclectic sounds of jazz and Indian classical music.

Sunday 30th April: Mae Karthausser will be performing her rich, distinctive and artful music.

Monday 1st May: Jason Singh will round off Thrive Festival with a family-friendly DJ set.

The Bewonderment Machine

Saturday 29th April: A quirky dreamscape, combining found objects, puppetry, machinery and music. With riding space for up to 10, this miniature theatrical flight of the imagination, empowers the very young to care, to be curious and to believe in their own strength.

Other events

We also have a couple of ticketed events for little ones to get creative and be inspired by nature and iconic Indian imagery:

Saturday 29th April: Paint Yourself Happy: Kids Edition!

Sunday 30th April: Indian Block Printing for Kids

For more information, please go to dartington.org/thrive

WALKING, FALLING, GETTING UP... AGAIN...

Join us for an evening of performance with and about men
for a mixed audience (Suitable for 12+)



WHEN

5th-7th of May 2023
8pm all nights

TICKETS

£6/£9/£13
To book visit
www.onthehill.camp

WHERE

On the Hill

There will also be food, bar and after show dialogue

Devised by the company
Conceived and Directed by Ben Yeger
Dramaturgy – Lee Hart and Stu Daniels
Visuals and film – Emilio Mula
Mentor to Ben Yeger – Yaron Engler
Performers; David Greenaway, Pete Okeefe, Jo Clark, Jack Langlois,
Oliver Hurd-Thomas, Tom Towey, Neville Connor, Jason Burns,

Walking, Falling, Getting Up... again... is a devised performance by professional and non-professional actors from South Devon that looks at the causes of overt and covert depression in men and how the consequences of shame and grandiosity often contribute to addiction, suicide, difficulties relating, violence and war.

Walking Falling Getting up...again examines how this underexplored mental health epidemic affects everyone and asks can we be brave enough to talk about it

Inspired by Terrence Real's seminal book – "I don't want to talk about it. Overcoming the secret legacy of Male Depression" You can expect a rollercoaster evening of unexpected real and fictional events, clichés, some laughter, some pain and some tender moments.

With some humour, improvisation, words, dancing, red noses, music, visual projections and more, **Walking, Falling, Getting up ... again** asks what it means to be and become a man today?

You are invited to come and join the ride...

Food will be available from 6.30 - 8.00 booked with your ticket-
bringing CASH to buy your meal

The performance runs for 2 hours with an interval
After show discussion 10.00 - 10.30
The Dock & Thistle Bar will be open until midnight (CASH ONLY)

EARTH



STORIES

COME AND EXPLORE HOW WE
ARE PART OF THIS
BEAUTIFUL EARTH

MAY 6TH
2023

FREE
ENTRY

STORYTIME
CREATIVITY
PLAY

TOTNES LIBRARY 10AM -12PM
FOR 5-7 YEAR OLDS AND
CAREGIVERS

LIMITED SPOTS, BOOK AT
<https://shorturl.at/nQ578>

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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHYARD
St John's Church, Bridgetown

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 10am-4pm

Everyone is welcome to come anytime on the day to appreciate the nature and local history to be found in the churchyard.

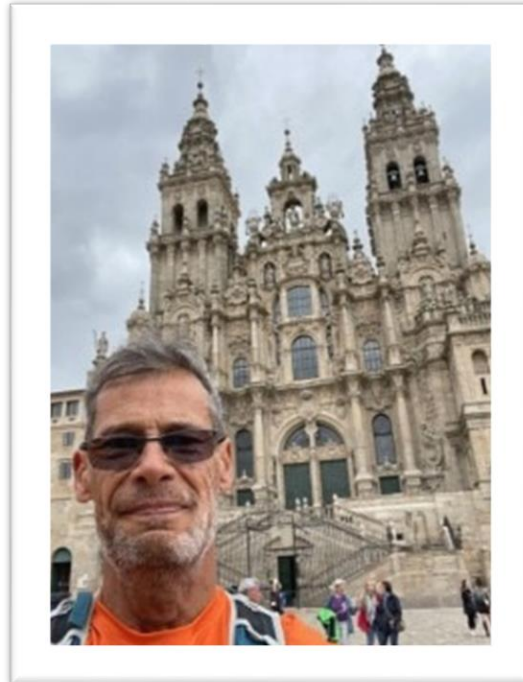
Free trails, quizzes and spotter sheets for all ages.

There will be a 30 minute walk and talk about the 7 Commonwealth War Graves with Andy Tysoe, Volunteer Coordinator SW for CWGC at 1p.m.

The ground is uneven so may not be suitable for prams/wheelchairs

**For further information or questions please contact Carolyn
cas273@yahoo.co.uk**

SPONSOR ERNESTO'S WALK FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN



Ernesto Antonio, a heart-transplant survivor, is walking to Santiago de Compostela, this time by the most difficult northern route. It will take about 6 weeks from 21 April.

He is a volunteer at the Leechwell Garden in Totnes, and is hoping to raise enough funds to create a wildlife area in the much-loved garden.

To sponsor Ernesto, please visit
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ernesto-antonio-1?utm_term+3dB-DqGNM6

Or donate via www.leechwellgarden.org.uk

THANK YOU