



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **What is happening this week and next**

The Virgin Care immunisation team will be here tomorrow to deliver the Nasal Flu vaccination.

#### **Late Children in the morning**

Could you aim for all children to be in school each day by 8.55 at the latest please. Classes start at 9am which means that children should be in class, coats off and bags in lockers and sat on the carpet/table ready for the teacher to take the register.

#### **Seesaw – guide for parents**

A parent has made us aware that we haven't really explained our use of Seesaw in school and the family links. In KS1 (Years 1 and 2) we use seesaw to record children's learning as a lot of this is practical or on paper. They learn to retrieve previous learning from seesaw to look at what they have learnt so far but it is also available for families to view. In KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) we still use seesaw to record some learning but most of the learning is recorded in subject specific books. We are aware that with online parent consultations you aren't getting to see these books so we will have a think about how to share these with you. It is always tricky sending books home as we never get everyone's back but perhaps we could share in another way. In these year groups you will notice there is less recorded on seesaw. There are some guides on the seesaw webpage for parents and I thought you might find this useful to get you started, but you can search for specific queries there too.

<https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/115003335423-How-do-I-message-the-teacher->

#### **Parent Consultations date information only**

These will be on Zoom on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30 until 5.30pm. More information and instructions on how to book will be in another newsletter nearer the time.

#### **School website**

Last term we put a lot of work into updating our website and making it more user friendly. All of the subjects have information about what the children are learning and how the subjects progress through the years in building their knowledge. We would like you to take a look and let us know what you think. As parents are the main user group for the website it is important for us to get your feedback. Email any thoughts to [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) Many thanks.

#### **COVID**

We are very pleased that we have most staff back now, although new cases have also arisen. This currently affects Acorn, Beech and Lime. With the children it seems that it is now more the older children of the school who are contracting the virus. We have around 20 off currently.

## **Remote learning**

If your child has to isolate due to Covid, learning is supplied by the class teacher. Obviously if they are very unwell we wouldn't expect children to do it, but if they only have mild or no symptoms we would like to remind you that completing this learning at home is to benefit your child's education. If they have been unwell we would strongly encourage children to at least go through the lesson inputs once they are better to see what they have missed. Staff are reporting that not many children are engaging with home learning and therefore are missing big chunks of their education. We can do our best to fill these gaps when your child returns but with the school on a constant rollercoaster of cases this is near on impossible to do well. Please help your child to access seesaw or Tapestry for Reception children to avoid missing out.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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**TOTNES BIKE HUB**

**FREE TO ATTEND BOOK EARLY!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**Workshops:**

**SAT 29TH JAN (10AM-12PM)**  
**CLEAN BIKE = HAPPY BIKE** - LEARN HOW TO CLEAN YOUR BIKE LIKE A PRO, AND GET IT READY FOR THE SPRING.

**TUNE-UP TUESDAYS (5:30 - 7:30PM):**  
**BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS WITH KATE**  
**TUES 15TH FEB: ADJUSTING BRAKES**  
**TUES 15TH FEB: INDEXING GEARS**  
**TUES 15TH MARCH: REPAIRING PUNCTURES**

**Bike Kitchens:**

**REPAIR YOUR OWN BIKES WITH SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE**  
**FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAYS: 2ND & 16TH**  
**MARCH, WEDNESDAYS: 2ND, 16TH & 30TH**  
**(5PM - 7PM)**

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## **SOCIAL RIDES:**

SHORT BIKE RIDES AIMED AT PEOPLE NEW TO CYCLING OR FOR THOSE RETURNING TO CYCLING.

**LEAVE TOTNES BIKE HUB AT 10:15AM SATURDAY:**

**FEB 12TH**

**MARCH 5TH**

**MARCH 26TH**

## **FAMILY RIDES:**

SHORT BIKE RIDES WHERE KIDS COME ALONG TOO! EITHER ON BIKE SEATS/TRAILERS, OR ON THEIR OWN BIKES WITH A PARENT/CARER.

**LEAVE AT BOROUGH PARK AT 10:15AM: SATURDAY FEB 19TH, FRIDAY FEB 25TH, SATURDAY MARCH 12TH**

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