



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Last day of this half term is this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and first day back is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

### **What's been happening this week and next**

**Sports and Outdoor education:** This week Year 6's are on their annual Residential to Okehampton Adventure for the week.

**Sports:** WOW! What amazing children – such team-work, perseverance and what a superb attitude. Both teams played incredibly well and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their groups after playing 5 games each. Thank you to all the grown-ups who supported the children and gave their time to transport and cheer them on!



### **Harvest – Tomorrow**

It is at this time of year that we think about harvest in school and talk to the children about how lucky we are to have food, clothing and family support, as well as thinking about those who are less fortunate. After talking to the children in singing assembly last week, they felt they would like to collect some donations for the local food bank. If you would like to contribute, please send in a food donation on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**.

All food will be donated to Stepping Stones Totnes CiC Foodbank. Please see a list of items below that local foodbanks often run low on and consider donating something from the list – they have plenty of baked beans! Thank you.

### ***In-date Items such as:***

Tinned fruit, Tinned soup, Tinned meat, Tinned ham, Tinned potatoes

Tinned tomatoes, Stock cubes/pots, Pot noodles, Mayonnaise, Pasta sauces, Cooking sauces, Pasta packets (microwavable), Cup-a-soups, Gravy granules, Instant mash, Cooking Oil, Powdered milk, Long life milk, Sugar 500g, Long life fruit juice (cartons)

Tea, Coffee, Tinned rice pudding, Jam, Biscuits, Chocolate, Any toiletries and cleaning products for example: Hair shampoo, Toilet rolls, Shower gel

Washing up liquid, Washing powder, Flash (or similar products)

### **School Council**

We have been really busy gathering the whole school's ideas about how we can make links with our community. We are now preparing a VOTING CARD and we will hold a voting event after half term where every person in the school will get the opportunity to have their say in what The Action Team organises for our school, making links with our community.

### **Cultural Awareness at the Grove**

Are you interested in equality, diversity and inclusion at the Grove? On 17th November at 9am we're having an informal conversation about how the parent community can help shape the experiences of children at the school in relation to cultural diversity. We welcome anyone to attend, in particular those with ideas or questions based on their own lived experience.

### **St Marys Church (in the centre of Totnes) are starting a junior choir**

Mike the musical director has asked me to spread the word as he would love to have a big choir of youngsters singing for children in Years 5 and 6. The first rehearsal will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at St Johns Church, Bridgetown, 6pm-7pm. Please contact Mike if you think your child may be interested -

[mike.gibbons@totnesmusic.co.uk](mailto:mike.gibbons@totnesmusic.co.uk)

### **Governor update**

Hi everyone, as you will have seen in recent newsletters we have had a vacancy for a parent governor, and I am pleased to say this has been filled and Richard Gibbon is now the newest member of the board ... welcome Richard, we look forward to working with you!

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

Food donations for Totnes Food bank – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Half term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

First day back – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Year 5 Bikeability – Weeks commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> November Paperwork sent out this week

Parent Consultations – Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November - The Monday will be face to face and then online the rest of the week

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15

Lilac Tree Christmas performance – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December time tbc

Dove Tree Christmas performance – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December time tbc

Lime Tree Christmas performance – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December time tbc

Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance at KEVICC - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 2 performances  
(Rehearsal all day at Kevicc day before)

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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Starting October 24th

**NEW CLASSES IN THE OLD SCHOOL HALL  
AT THE MANSION!**

**THIS  
GIRL  
CAN**

**DANCE-ALONG!**

**NEW!** For mums and  
and preschoolers!  
Tuesday 11.15-11.50 pm

**WOMEN'S  
BOXERCISE**

Tuesday 10-10.50 am  
Thursday 6-6.50 pm

**MOVE IT  
OR LOSE IT!**  
WITH BECCA

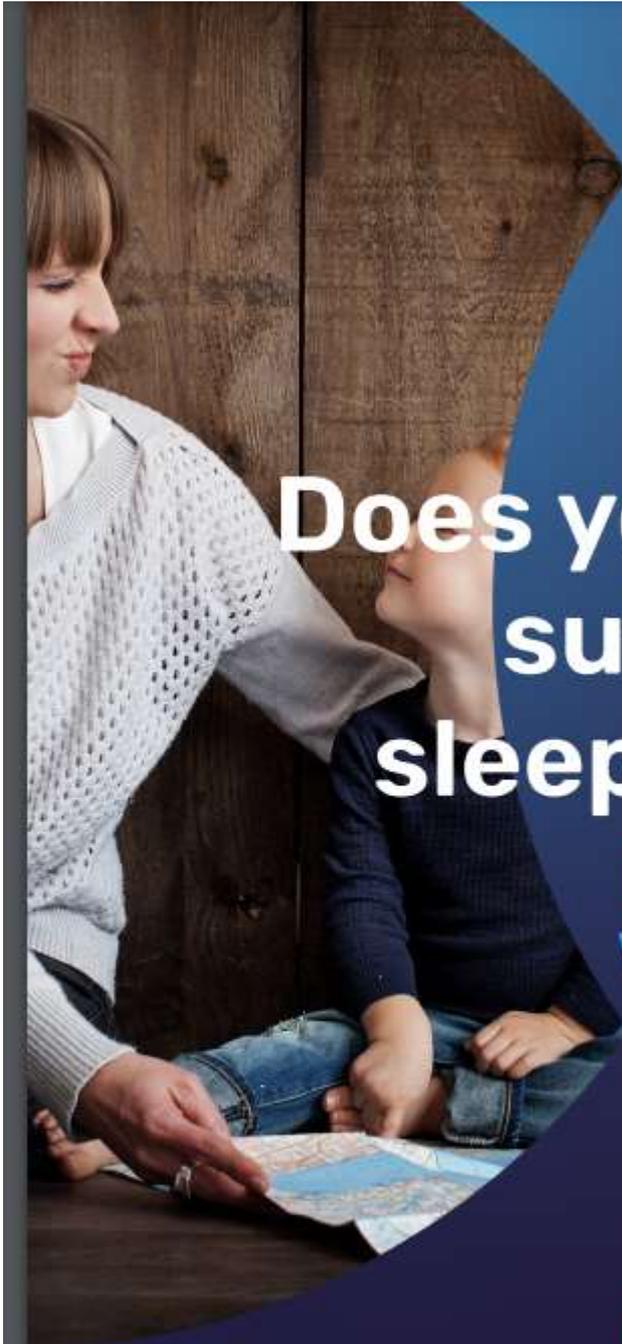
For the over 55s  
Thursday 12-12.50 pm



**NEW!**

**Women's abs and kettlebell blast!**  
Tuesday 6-6.45 pm

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the national  
**sleep**  
helpline

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?

Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



**Around 50% of  
children will have  
a sleep issue at  
some point\***

### **WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?**

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

### **HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?**

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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