



## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Oak Tree class will start swimming on Monday for 5 weeks. Dartmoor School Sports Partnership are having a Years 3 to 6 Cyclo Cross Competition, Fun Cycle and Learn to ride a bike at Stover School on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm – 3pm. If you would like your child to compete then please fill in the form and return. Mrs Macleod will be at the event.

### **Staff news**

Congratulations to Tonya Stirrup and family welcoming their little girl Eliza into the world. Vic Barton-Wilkes has also had a little baby girl on Monday – Clara, so many congratulations there too. Also good news for Laura Cummings who is expecting her third child in February.

### **Covid update**

We currently have 3 positive cases in school and are awaiting results of another which was positive on the lateral flow test, 3 of these cases are in Mountain Ash so we have had to create a temporary bubble for this class to keep them away from others ☹️. Please be super vigilant about any symptoms. Thanks.

### **Nasal Flu Vaccination – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

Please use this link to book you child in for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating “no” consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ’s on this link.

### **Donations for the Year 6 Residential Fundraisers**

A group of year 6 parents and their children are running a stall at Totnes market this Saturday. Can you donate good **quality household bric a brac, child and adult clothes, toys and handmade items your children have made** tomorrow or Friday. Please ask your child to take the items and leave outside Lime tree class (opposite Mrs Priest's window!) or beside Rebecca’s desk. Do visit our stall and thank you all so much for your support! Alison Caldwell.

### **Grove Mews and parking**

We have had a few calls from NHS workers and carers trying to visit residents living in Grove Mews. They are being held up by parents parking on the single yellow lines around this area. These people are on a strict time schedule and patients get anxious when they are late.

### **Message from Shirley Prendergast from Leechwell Garden Association**

A big THANK YOU to all the parents (about 20) that turned up last Saturday to help move the 3 tonnes of sand ordered for the new sandpit.

### **Totnes Tale – Some of Year 5 perform as watery springs in A Totnes Tale, on Sun 3 Oct.**

Last Sunday, in sunshine and rain, Some Yr.5 children from the Grove, joined with Yr.5 children from St.John's CofE Primary School, to perform the story of Brutus, legendary first king of Britain and founder of Totnes, and his meeting with the Lady of the Leechwells. They wore their beautiful blue and yellow costumes (made from batik work they had done in July) and their medallion made of fired clay showing which of the three Leechwells they belonged to: Snake, Long Crippler ( Slow Worm) or Toad.



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.*

#### **VIOLIN LESSONS**

I have space for a few new beginners to start lessons on the violin with me at The Grove School. The lessons happen each week of the school term on Wednesdays, and I invoice by email half termly, payment is made by BACS.

**The cost of shared Group Lessons is Group of 3, £5.50 per lesson per pupil, Group of 2 , £7.50 per lesson per pupil and an Individual lesson , £15 per pupil  
Lessons are 30 minutes each.**

The children are collected from their classroom by myself for their lesson.

Group lessons are really fun and a great way to start learning the violin. Rhythm games, improvising using basic percussion as well as learning the technique to play the violin is an essential part of the lessons, and the creativity that they engage in stays with them for the rest of their life. I have a few instruments I am happy to lend out, so you don't need to invest straight away in an instrument. Please contact me ASAP , as I have a few spaces to start some new pupils after half term, on Wednesday November 3rd.

My contact details are as follows- **Phone/text - 07920100495,**

**email - [jacquiriedlinger@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquiriedlinger@hotmail.com)**

**Thank you Jacqui Riedlinger**

#### **NEW STREET DANCE CLASSES ON FRIDAY'S AFTER SCHOOL!**

A new up-beat funky modern street dance class for Primary school aged children (approx. under 11 yrs) is now available at Totnes School of Dance, based on the Kevicc site.

Fridays 4.00pm - 4.30pm. First class Free, and then £5 pay as you come.

Please email Louise on [louisetotdance@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:louisetotdance@blueyonder.co.uk) for further details and to book a space, or just turn up!!! Other classes also available including ballet, tap, song & performance.

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Join the Totnes Bike Hub this autumn for some exciting events  
Get your bike repaired, learn how to fix, and get riding!

5<sup>th</sup> October: Bike maintenance workshop, Totnes Bike Hub 5:30-8pm

9<sup>th</sup> October: Dr Bike, St John's Primary School, Bridgetown 10-1pm

9<sup>th</sup> October: Social led short ride, start at Totnes Bike Hub 10am

14<sup>th</sup> October: Social led short ride, start at Totnes Bike Hub 10am

19<sup>th</sup> October: Bike maintenance workshop, Totnes Bike Hub 5:30-8pm

23<sup>rd</sup> October: Social led short ride, start at Totnes Bike Hub 10am

29<sup>th</sup> October: Daylight saving cycle safety tips, TBH 3-5pm

4<sup>th</sup> November: Social led ride, start at Totnes Bike Hub 10am

6<sup>th</sup> November: Bike maintenance workshop, Totnes Bike Hub 5:30-8pm

13<sup>th</sup> November: Social led ride, start at Totnes Bike Hub 10am

20<sup>th</sup> November: Bike maintenance workshop, location TBC, 10-1pm

27<sup>th</sup> November: Social led longer ride, start at Totnes Bike Hub 10am

4<sup>th</sup> December: Social led longer ride, start at Totnes Bike Hub 10am

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These events are kindly funded through Cycling UK, a charity that receives support through grants and donations. Please do try to attend once you have booked the event!

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