



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

SATs results for The Grove School 2023.

We are very proud of our whole school's academic achievements as well as the children's personal development. Here are the SATS results across the school for this year:

EYFS (Reception) achieved 'Early learning goals with a good level of development' in all prime areas 85%

Y1 phonics 91% passed

KS1 Y2 SATS

Reading 79% working at expected levels (national 69%) and 43% working at a greater Depth

Maths 85% working at expected levels (national 72%) and 30% working at a Greater Depth

Writing 75% expected levels (national 61%) and 30% working at a Greater Depth

KS1 68% children who achieved expected levels in all 3 Reading, writing and Maths (national 56%)

and 21% Greater Depth

Y4 Timetables Average score out of 25 was 19.3 and 42% of children were very high scorers of 23+ (no pass mark given)

KS2 Y6 SATS

Reading 93% working at expected level (national 73%) and working at Greater Depth 64%

Spelling and Grammar 82% working at expected level (national 72%) and 44% working at Greater Depth

Maths 96% working at expected level (national 73%) and 49% and working at Greater Depth

Writing 82% working at expected level (national 71%) and 11% and working at Greater Depth

Science 89% working at expected level (national 80%) (no Greater Depth grade in Science)

KS2 82% Children who attained expected in all 3 Reading writing and Maths (national 59%) and 9% Greater Depth

Sports days

Thank you for attending KS2 sports day again this year, it is lovely to welcome so many of you into school. I appreciate our sports day is quite unique and it is great fun to see so many children squeezed into our tiny space and participating as a team so well. Hopefully KS1 and EYFS will go ahead tomorrow – weather permitting.

Mrs Johns Drama Club Performance tonight in Plymouth

The Theatre Performance club run by Mrs John will be performing at The Drum Theatre, Plymouth tonight. This is part of a national festival run in part by Theatre Royal Plymouth and they will be performing a play commissioned as part of the festival. They did a warm-up performance to KS2 on Monday 10th July in the hall.

Money Raised in Acorn Unit

The children from Robins and Treecreepers, also known as Acorns, raised a WHOPPING £318.30 from our sponsored run and preloved toy sale. Thank you so much for your generosity and supporting these events. This money is going towards our fantastic kitchen.

Year 6 End of Year Show – Tickets still available

We are going to do two performances, both at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC.

Wednesday 19th July: 1:30 pm (the school will be coming to watch this performance but there will probably be extra tickets for you too).

Wednesday 19th July: 5:30 pm

Please email or see Rebecca if you would like a ticket or more tickets.

Year 6 leavers assembly

We have found over the years that the children find a formal assembly with parents very stressful on their last day of their time at The Grove when emotions are heightened anyway. So, in the interests of the wellbeing of all the children, we run an informal just school good bye assembly without parents. The timing of the year 5/6 production right at the end of term is our joint celebration of your children with you. We appreciate your understanding on this.

Parent & Carer Survey

Thank you to the 80 people who have completed this year's survey in its first week and a half. If you have not yet filled in the survey, please let us know your views so we can include them as we reflect on this year and plan for the next through continuous improvement. The survey can be found at <https://forms.office.com/e/neEfcKpvFx> and will remain open until the end of term. Thank you, Ian Stewart.

Governor updates

I have two joiners and two leavers to tell you about this week. Jo Counter has joined the board as staff governor. She is one of the SENDCO team and so will give us an even closer connection with this important area within school. Jo replaces Sam Wilkinson, who as you know is leaving us for pastures new. We have been lucky to have Sam as a governor for the last three years, something which I can't begin to explain the value of. I don't want to embarrass you, so I will simply say a huge thank you on behalf of us all for your input, knowledge and passion.

Also leaving us is Debbie Horton, who has been the Clerk to the board for nine years. Without a good Clerk, effective governance quickly becomes out of reach, and so we have been fortunate to have one of the best. For me personally your time, patience, trust and advice during my three years as Chair have been invaluable - thank you. We have appointed a new Clerk, Dawn, who was successful at interview last week and will start in September as another key member of our team.

Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors

PTA Thanks

It was wonderful to see such happiness and laughter at the Summer Fete on Friday. It was a huge success; a great opportunity for people to spend time together in the school and fundraise at the same time. The event raised approximately £2500 which is amazing. I am so grateful for all the support leading up to the event and on the day itself. A very big thank you to the teachers and staff at the school, PTA members and all those that helped out running stalls and tidying up. Wishing you all a restful and happy summer.

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

Key Stage 1 sports day – tomorrow afternoon

Year 3 and 4 trip to Meadowbrook trip – Monday 17th July (£2.00 cash needed for an ice cream)

Year 6 Performance KEVICC – Wednesday 19th July 1.30 and 5.30 performances

Last day of term – Friday 21st July

First day back in September – Tuesday 5th September

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.

Libraries Unlimited

Summer Reading Challenge
Read 6 Books
Collect Stickers
Finishers get a medal, certificate, free swim voucher (courtesy of Fusion Totnes) and entry into the amazing prize draw

School summer holidays events @ Totnes Library.

Hook, Line and Sink
Hook a Duck game with prizes. Make your own nautical crafts.
Friday 28th July 10:30am

Football pigg story and Craft event
Come and make a pig to play football with! We will also be sharing pig stories!
Monday 31st July 10:30-11:30 pm

Boo to a Goose 'Storm in a Teapot'
Family Theatre
Tickets £3 per child or £5 per family. Pre-booking essential!
Wed 2nd August 02pm

Fun Sports day @ Totnes St John's
Join the library at St John's Primary School for sports day fun!
Monday 7th August 12:45-2:30pm

Games Extravaganza
Heaps of board games, lego and activities for all ages. Drop in!
Come alone or bring the whole family.
Monday 14th August 10:30-12:30am

Olympic craft event
Come and make flags and medals in this interactive craft event. Just drop in!
Sat 19th August 10:30-12:00

Commotion in the Ocean
Movement session for children. Come wiggle, jiggle and shake!
Tuesday 22nd August 10:30-11am

Sciencedipity Science Fun
Hands on science fun. With the amazing Sciencedipity.
£1.00 per child.
Fri 1st Sept 10:30-12:30am

Arts Council England, Reading Trust, Devon, Torbay Council, fusion

Summer Reading Challenge
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Collect Stickers
Finishers get a medal, certificate, free swim voucher (courtesy of Fusion Totnes) and ticket to finishers event.

✓ Drop-in Sessions unless otherwise stated
First come first served.

EXCEPT...
A few activities have limited space and need booking.

✓ To book please go to: Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/hello-summer-2023-bridgetown-and-buckfastleigh-2367789>

Of course there may always be last minute changes beyond our control, so please take a look at the website and keep up to date by following our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/hellosummercommunity

✓ For full programme go to
www.bebuckfastleigh.co.uk

About

hello summer

WHEN?
SESSION TIMES:
10.30-12.15 & 12.45-2.30pm
(unless otherwise stated)

WHERE?
St. John's C of E Primary School,
Pathfields, Bridgetown,
Totnes, TQ9 5TZ.

IMPORTANT
UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
This programme is not designed to be a childcare holiday club. Each activity has its own age requirements but as a rule children aged 10 or under need to be accompanied by an adult. All children and young people must sign in.

Hello Summer is brought to you by:

B Better Places is a Community Interest Company set up to tackle health, social and economic inequalities in Buckfastleigh and other small rural towns.

"Hello Summer is committed to providing a safe environment and activities for all participants and has robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place. If you have any concerns about safeguarding you can contact our safeguarding lead at safeguarding@bebuckfastleigh.co.uk."

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:
HELLO@BEBUCKFASTLEIGH.CO.UK

FREE



BRIDGETOWN HELLO SUMMER 2023

NINE DAYS of Activities & Food For Families

Between
31st July - 17th August

For full details see:
WWW.BEBUCKFASTLEIGH.CO.UK

FREE LUNCH AT 12:15 EACH DAY
provided by
Food For Thought

"Totnes Rotary are pleased to be supporting this project for the local community"
www.totnesrotary.co.uk

Many thanks to Live West for their support.



Week One

MONDAY 31st July

AM Visit Totnes Library for Pig stories and craft

PM Lennart Sporty Games

TUESDAY 1st Aug

AP Alpaca Crafts with The Woolly Nanas

PM Live Lakeland Alpacas

FRIDAY 4th Aug

Coach trip to Exeter's RAMM Museum
Coach leaving St. John's Primary School at 10am returning by 5pm

Free lunch each day at 12:15

AM 10:30-12:15

PM 12:45-14:30

AP ALL DAY

Week Two

MONDAY 7th Aug

AM Totnes & Dartington Football Club

PM Totnes Library Sports Day at St. John's

10.30-2.30 EACH DAY

TUESDAY 8th Aug

AM Lego with Brick Ideas

PM Participate Arts: Sea creatures and mythical ocean characters

*** BOOKINGS REQUIRED ***

Week Three

MONDAY 14th Aug

AM Summery Food Sculpture
Pizza Pirates Pizza making

PM Printing with grasses, flowers, and Lego.

TUESDAY 15th Aug

AP Spin Art - colour fun!

AM GRIMM SISTERS by Scratchwork Theatre
Performance at 10.30am

PM Visit the Jamming Station
Disco Karaoke & Djing
13:00-15:00

WEDNESDAY 16th Aug

AP Owl Craft

PM Owl story with Ivan
13:00

PM Meet the owls
14:00-15:00

THURSDAY 17th Aug

*** Trip to Plymouth ***
The Box Museum & R10 360 cinema
Coach leaves St. John's school at 10am Returning around 4.30pm

FREE



NATURE'S
CHALLENGE



Summer Woodland Adventures

AUGUST 14th/15th/29th/30th/31st

The Glade, Totnes

You are warmly invited to bring your child or
teen for activities in the woodland.

Professionally led by staff with
enhanced DBS & First Aid.

Discover fire, explore & create with natural
materials & enjoy the sounds of the summer
woodland.

These sessions are specifically funded for parents &
carers to accompany their child who has an additional
need.

age 8-11yrs - 9.30am-12.30pm

age 12-16yrs - 1.30pm-4.30pm



TO BOOK YOUR SESSION PLEASE CONTACT



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info@natureschallenge.co.uk



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RIVERSCHOOL

Where nature is the teacher & the river is our guide



HOLIDAY CLUB

August 22nd - 24th
from £40 per day

Ofsted regised for Universal Credit and
Tax Free Child Care payments



- Travel by Canoe to our woodland basecamp
- Experience Kayaks and Paddleboards
- Bushcraft
- Nature art and craft
- Raft building
- Archery
- Wild swimming
- Fishing
- Campfire cooking
- Story telling
- Wildlife and River care

Activities
may
include



Where
are
we?

From the
quayside
Stoke Gabriel
9.30am - 4.30pm

RIVERSCHOOL

Our provision is delivered by Canoe Adventures Ltd, operating since 1999 with a proven, accredited safety track record.

We are a registered child care provider with Ofsted (Reg. No. 2731749).

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TO BOOK:

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Places are limited so please book early

