



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find the class arrangements for September below (should we all come back as normal). We are still awaiting guidance as to what September may look like for schools. Once we have this we can start planning and let you know exactly what the arrangements will be. In the meantime we are busy preparing transition activities for the children. Staff are busy thinking of ideas of how to get to know their new classes as well as talking to their current teacher.

To ensure we are fully ready to support your children in returning to school we need time to adapt the curriculum and develop our knowledge of mental health strategies and physically put the school back together. So the school term will now end FOR ALL CHILDREN on Friday 17th July.

We will signpost any summer childcare that will be up and running locally in Totnes once we have these confirmed. The school will not be open for key worker children from this point.

The staff will hand over all information about your children to the next staff group during these final INSET days so please be assured that the new staff will be fully aware of your child and their needs. On top of this, because for the most part we haven't seen your children since Lockdown, we would really appreciate you emailing me at head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk to tell us about your child's current needs and the effects of lock down.

If you could let me know these things below and I will ensure all the information is passed onto the correct new class team (including secondary school transfers for year 6):

- child's name and current class name or teacher and year group
- are there areas about your child's education that you are concerned about?
- are there areas of your child's education that you are encouraged by?
- do you have any concerns about your child's mental health caused by lockdown or other recent factors?
- Is there anything COVID related that has effected your family that you would like the school to know.
- is there anything you would like us to know that would help resettle your child into school

Classes for September 2020

The Children who were in Acorn Unit will be sent their class lists.

Year 1 and 2 will be:

Dove Tree Class – Mrs Drew with Cherry and (Mrs Jarvis - half a day)
The children who were Year 1s in Willow will become Year 2s in Dove Tree

Lime Tree class – Mrs Kneebone and Mrs Westrope with Mrs Milnes
The children who were Year 1s in Lime will become Year 2s in Lime Tree

Beech tree Class – Mrs Bingham with Mrs Rowe, Mrs Twitty and (Mrs Jarvis - half a day)

The children who were Year 1s in Beech will become Year 2s in Beech Tree

Year 1/2 will also benefit from Mrs Doherty supporting catch up.

Year 3 and 4 will be:

Chestnut Tree Class - Mrs Vitali with Mrs Biggins and (Mrs Jarvis - half a day)

The children who were Year 2s in Willow will become Year 3s in Chestnut Tree

The children who were Year 3s in Chestnut will become Year 4s in Chestnut Tree

Mountain Ash Tree Class – Mr Monro with Mrs Lee, Mrs Sharpe and (Mrs Jarvis - half a day)

The children who were Year 2s in Beech will become Year 3s in Mountain Ash Tree

The children who were Year 3s in Flame will become Year 4s in Mountain Ash Tree

Golden Cedar Tree Class – Mrs Gratton and Ms Caldwell with Mrs Reynolds and (Mrs Jarvis - half a day)

The children who were Year 2s in Lime will become Year 3s in Golden Cedar Tree

The children who were Year 3s in Ginkgo will become Year 4s in Golden Cedar Tree

Year 3/4 we will be looking to appoint for a catch-up TA position.

Year 5 and 6 will be:

Flame Tree Class – Miss Fernyhough and Mrs Barton-Wilkes with Miss Dodwell

The children who were Year 4s in Ginkgo will become Year 5s in Flame Tree

The children who were Year 5s in Trumpet will become Year 6s in Flame Tree

Ginkgo Tree Class – Mr Gude with Yasmin and (Mrs Jarvis - half a day)

The children who were Year 4s in Chestnut will become Year 5s in Ginkgo Tree

The children who were Year 5s in Grey Birch will become Year 6s in Ginkgo Tree

Trumpet Tree Class – Mr Tye with Mrs Boyacigiller and (Mrs Jarvis - half a day)

The children who were Year 4s in Flame will become Year 5s in Trumpet Tree

The children who were Year 5s in Mountain Ash will become Year 6s in Trumpet Tree

Year 5/6 will also benefit from Mrs Macleod supporting catch up.

School Sports Partnership - Devon Virtual Games Challenge I

A huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the first challenge The Walk, Jog, Run Challenge, 20, 30 or 40 miles and will receive their, bronze, silver or gold medals such an achievement in September
There were over 800 primary and secondary entries from across Devon, spanning all year groups from Foundation to Year 10!

87 children from 16 different schools from The Dartmoor School Partnership participated.

Each child who participated will receive their certificate in the next few days. Thank you to the parents who supported your child to do this.

Don't forget to check out the other challenges that you have been given on Seesaw or Tapestry.

Keep safe and keep well.

Hilary Priest

Totnes Library

Totnes Library is still closed for the time being, but Totnes Library customers can still borrow library books with Exeter Library's Books by Post service. There is a charge for the service but it is just to cover the postage and you could get a good few children's books for the price sent at home and you're supporting libraries. Any extra revenue goes towards supporting Libraries Unlimited, the charity that runs Devon Libraries. Could you share the following information with your pupils and their parents/carers?

Books by Post

Are you missing books? Get your library books by post! Totnes Library customers with valid library cards can use the new Books by Post service running from Exeter Library as Totnes Library remains closed for the time being. Let Exeter Library know what you'd like (perhaps a specific item or let them choose some for you, e.g. a few picture books) and call 01392 407027 or email exeter.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk to order your books. Payment for postage is done in advance, and they will need to take payment for the postage at the time of confirming the booking (via a card over the phone). You can also search the library catalogue <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/catalogue> to check if they have the book you want, and then you click on it to find out if it's available to order from Exeter Library. You can also message them via Facebook Messenger but response times will be rather slower via this method.

Choose and Collect

Local libraries will soon be starting a 'Choose and Collect service', but it is **not** available from Totnes Library at present. If you are willing to travel to Newton Abbot Library (a very large library) or Kingsbridge Library you will be able to pick up books, and Devon Libraries members would be able to use this service. Watch this space for more information about this service on library Facebook pages, and more information can be found here <https://www.librariesunlimited.org.uk/news/libraries-phased-return-from-6th-july/>.