



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day - Tomorrow

Just a reminder that it's World Book Day is tomorrow and we will be celebrating with a theme of Fairy Tales! It would be fantastic to see the children come dressed up as a fairy tale character or a character linked to a favourite book. The children will be bringing home their £1 book token which they can either use to buy one of the free WBD books or receive £1 off a full priced book. You can view the full selection of free WBD books at East Gate Bookshop.

Book Swap!

We aren't collecting mufti money for World Book Day this year, but if you would like to donate a preloved, good quality book from your family, then please bring these in tomorrow. There will be boxes at the front entrance to put your donations in. (Please can we request that you don't donate annuals, colouring books etc) Books will be available at the end of the day in the den for the children to choose a book from on the way out from school. This will be on a first come, first served basis. We can't guarantee that every child will receive a book as this depends on the amount of books donated.

World Book Day Competition

A reminder that we'd like to invite the children to join in with our competition linked to World Book Day by making an egg or potato character! East Gate Bookshop have agreed to judge the competition and are kindly donating some prizes. Entries need to be in by tomorrow (3/3/22) please.



Author Workshop

On Monday some of Y3 went to East Gate Bookshop to meet and work with the fantastic author Clare Helen Walsh. They listened to her story 'Scissorella' and then took part in a craft activity linked to the book. Working with East Gate Bookshop and authors is something we hope to do more of in the future.



Pancake Day

Yesterday the children had the opportunity to have a pancake each which were kindly provided free of charge by Morrison's! Bekah Cole, PTA vice-chair, contacted Becky Norman, who is the community lead at Morrison's, to ask if they would be able to help supply the school with some pancakes and they kindly provided pancakes and toppings for the whole school for free! A big thank you to Bekah and Becky!

Safety first

After some parents have raised concerns about the traffic at the front of the school in the mornings and afternoons I will be monitoring this closely. If you would find it easier to collect from the field, whichever year group, then please do, as we understand parking is easier that side. Please let us know if this is your plan and we can send children out that way. Please be aware of all the little bodies nipping in and out of cars and be very vigilant and extra careful both at the back and front of the school – we do not want any accidents.

Children's online wellbeing

Please remember to be vigilant with your child's online activity by checking samples of their correspondence to others and what sites they are accessing on a very regular basis. Use parental restrictions where possible and be cautious about children using messaging systems like Whatsapp which is designed for older people – the age limit has recently been raised to 16 from 13 so really no children in our school should be accessing this app. We are bringing this to your attention now as there are currently some online issues using this app amongst Year 6 children across all three classes. Children often get their first phone in Y5 or Y6 and we need to support their interactions in this beginner stage where they might not understand social etiquettes and the impact of their online comments on others.

National Heights and Weights programme

Next Wednesday 9th March the School Nursing service will be in school carrying out the weighing and measuring of children in Reception and Year 6. Information has been emailed out to the relevant parents. If you would like to opt out then please use the link provided in one of the letters.

Parent Consultations bookings via Zoom – next week – all classes

Next week teachers will be having their virtual/online parent consultations. This week an email will be sent with the zoom invitation. Like last time there will be a zoom waiting room system for each class. If you are having issues booking a consultation, then please get in touch and we will help.

Children's University Re-launched

We're really pleased to re-launch our Children's University scheme after a covid-break! This is a scheme run by Plymouth University that is designed to encourage children to take part in extra-curricular activities. If you sign up to the scheme, your child will be issued a booklet whereby they can record the hours spent doing such activities. Once certain milestones are passed, they will receive certificates, and the culmination of the scheme is a graduation ceremony at Plymouth University (covid-allowing). **All the information about the scheme can be found here...**

http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/childrens_university/376624

...including a 10 minute video that tells you all you need to know.

If you are interested, please fill out the sign-up sheet and return it to the school.

Thursday 3rd March – Badminton Taster Session

Community Badminton are working in conjunction with Devon Badminton and Badminton England will be coming into school to offer Year 5 and 6 a badminton taster morning on Thursday 3rd March.

Community Badminton will also be setting up a Badminton club at Totnes Leisure Centre on Saturday mornings so it will be great for anyone who enjoys the session and wants to continue learning skills and playing games.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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Our granddaughter Harriet is travelling to the **Mpilo Hospital in Bulawayo Zimbabwe** for a week in May with a medical team of volunteers to carry out cleft lip and cleft palate surgery on children. Changing their lives forever.

There are four teams each staying for a week. Teams are made up of volunteers that include Surgeons, Doctors, Anaesthetists and Nurses from seven countries

The trip has been arranged by the American/Canadian charity 'Operation of Hope'.

The charity has to purchase all the surgical equipment, PPE, Medicines etc that they require and this has to be shipped out and be in place at the hospital ahead of their arrival.

Harriet and the other team members are raising money for the Charity to help with the cost of the purchase and the transport to Africa of the equipment and medicines

Val and I are holding a Coffee Morning at St Johns Church Bridgetown on Friday morning the 18th March from 10am to raise funds for this purpose.

Please come along and bring your friends. Ron.

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AT

ST JOHNS CHURCH

ON

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

10AM

ANGEL HEART AND RATTLEBOX THEATRE PRESENTS

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A SHOW FOR
THE YOUNG,
OLD AND
MIDDLE
AGES...



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