# **NEWSLETTER**



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Dear Parents

# A Message from Mrs Denham

We hope you have all received the Parent Governor forms. We now have space for two parent governors so if you are thinking you might like to give it a go – please, please come and see me to talk about it. It is a volunteering position but one that I hope is rewarding and gives you a real insight into the running of our two schools.

World Book Day yesterday was great fun – so many wonderful characters arrived in school. Thank you so much for entering into the spirit of the day and continuing to ensure books and a love of reading are really important in the lives of your children.



Last Friday, I attended a Round Table "Santa Sleigh Special" celebration, where we were lucky to receive a cheque for £350 for the new build fund. This was raised through the brilliant work of the Round Table, Ian Williams and his team of supporters for the school. Several nights through December, the Santa Sleigh Special visited areas of Barnstaple and raised money for different charities and we were lucky to be one of the chosen ones. We are very grateful to them all for their wonderful support for the school.

# A Message from the Chair of Governors

## **Parent Governor Nominations:**

A letter was sent home last week to all parents to invite nominations for a position of parent governor. If there is anyone who is interested but would like some more information they are welcome to contact me on 01271 882376. Thank you and have a good weekend. Linda Watt, Chair of Governors.

<u>Pupils Achievements: -</u> Congratulations and well done to **Sophia Rosser** who has achieved her 5m badge with the ASA Rainbow swimming award scheme.

### Letters sent home this week.

Squirrels Wow afternoon – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Cost £1.00 Year 5 – Park School Mathematics and Technology Day – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April (first day back after Easter break). Various children - Tag Rugby Team

#### Parent help required

Mrs. Coulam is organising a trip for Robin's to visit Rosemoor on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and is looking for parent helpers for this trip. If you would like to help can you please let Mrs. Coulam know.

You will be required to have a school DBS check so if you haven't previously applied for one could you please see Mrs. Palmer. This process should only take a few days from the initial application as it is now all online. If you are interested in getting a DBS check could you please bring with you your current passport, driving license and a bank statement/utility bill showing your current address. If you do not have one of these documents they can be replaced with your original birth certificate.

#### Learning conversation dates.

If you have not yet booked your appointment to see your child's class teacher can you please do so by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The learning conversations are taking place during week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please pop into the office, email or phone the school to book an appointment for a meeting during this week.

### Plastic milk container tops

Mrs Hammond is collecting, blue, green and orange milk container tops so if you have any spare over the next couple of weeks could you please send them in. Thank you.

## **Sainsbury Vouchers**

The school is again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kid vouchers. If you or your friends and family shop at Sainsbury's could you please collect them on our behalf. Thank you.

### Parents leading after school clubs

It would be great to have some parents offer their skills to support after school clubs. We are particularly looking for parents who may have some tri-golf or quik stick hockey skills that they could offer. If you feel that you are able to help with this kind of club or feel you could offer another club to the children please speak to Mrs. Hammond.

<u>After school clubs</u> — All clubs finish at 4:15pm except Recorders which finish at 4pm but if your child wishes to also do Computer Club they can leave at 3.45 to join that club.

Monday	Netball	Mrs Hammond	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	No netball club until Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>
				March
Monday	Pottery	Mrs Coulam	YR, 1 & 2	No Club Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Tuesday	Cross Country	Mrs Hammond	Y3,4,5 & 6	No Club Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> march
Wednesday	SAT's Booster Club	Mrs Curtis	Y6	
Wednesday	Recorders	Mrs Archer	Y4,5&6	
Thursday	Staff Meetings			
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Mrs Vine	Y3,4,5&6	Squad only

## **Diary Dates – forthcoming events**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March (PTA) – Cinema Night (6:30 to 7:30pm) £1 entry 50p for additional sibling. Tuck available. Film – Inside Out. Tues 15<sup>th</sup> March – Bags2school – PTFA – The bags have been sent home this week.

End of Term - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

Start of Summer Term – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.



Cinema Night Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6:30

#### Loose change

This week your child will bring home a jar to help us raise funds for the school.

All we are asking is that you can try and fill it with any loose change you may have, between now and the end of term when we would like them returned.

Dates of next meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 6.30pm in school.

#### **Community News**

# **Charity Quiz Night**

# Supporting Children with Cancer UK.

Hosted by Luke Day (Mr Day from Bratton Fleming School), who is running the 2016 Virgin London Marathon.

WHERE: Tawstock Village Hall

WHEN: Saturday 12th March

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start.

**ENTRY: £8 per person (including food)** 

Please contact Luke: 07528572646 to book your ticket.

A maximum of 6 players per team. Beer, cider & soft drinks available or bring your own drink.

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# Calling All Parents Beginner Circuits

Starting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. 9.15 – 10 am £4 – Pay as you go
At the Village Hall, Tawstock.
Please ask Estelle Liepa for more info 07973533668

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# **Grosvenor Holiday Club 2016**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 31 March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Registration Forms and further details are available in the school office or speak with Mrs. Coram, (Ruby and Danny's Mum).

## Award Winning, North Devon All Starz -

Return this year with one of the greatest family musicals of all time, Barnum. And they are on the search to find a cast to be in this fun filled, fast moving show.

Boys and Girls aged between 8 and 23 years old are invited to the open auditions on Saturday 16th April. In the Main Hall at The Park Community School. Starting at 1pm and finishing at 3.30pm.

Those who are successful at getting into the Company and wish to audition for a Principal Role will need to stay until 6pm.

There is a £1 audition fee that must be paid on the day.

The performances will take place at the Queen's Theatre from Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th July.

Any questions please email the Chairman at tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk

## **Tawstock Tiddlers and Toddlers**

Bumps, babies and all preschoolers welcome Snacks provided Guest speakers and Messy play. Monday from 9.30 – 11.00 at Tawstock Village Hall For more details contact Mel: 07866783740

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## St Michaels Nursery Tawstock

We have vacancies at the after school club on Tuesdays and availability in our breakfast club every day. If you are interested call the nursery on 01271 267038 or email office@stmichaels-nursery.org