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Friday 21st April 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term! I hope you enjoyed the wonderfully sunny Easter break.

This term we have Ten Tors expeditions taking place at both schools, residentials and lots of summer activities! Classes will keep you informed on events taking place as the term progresses.

Parents Evening - A reminder that this term's Parents Evening will be held on Wednesday 3rd May. An invitation letter and information is being sent home today.

Warmer Weather - Please ensure your child comes into school with a sun hat and applied sun cream, plus sun cream for staff to apply throughout the day as required.

Consultation to Increase Pupil Numbers - The consultation is progressing to increase pupil numbers from 95 to 110 as from September. You should have received a copy of the Full Proposal, and a copy is now available to read on our website.

On to other news from around the school:

Cake Stall

A cake stall was held at the end of last term to support the Mare and Foal sanctuary, where two of our Key Stage 4 students do work experience. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this stall, we had a very successful sale and raised an amazing £74.16 which is enough to adopt 2 ponies.

Many thanks Helen

Dates 2016 - 2017

- Wednesday 3rd May - Parents Evening
- Friday 19th May - Plant Sale
- Monday 29th May - Half Term week



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Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd May at 10:00 in school.

As parents and friends of the school, we are all members of the PTFA. All support, however it comes, is always welcome. If you've any ideas or want to know more, do contact Daisy Binnie in school.

SWEETIE TUBES: We hope you all enjoyed the extra sweets during the holidays and a big thank you to those of you who have sent them back with coins in. Could we ask that all tubes of coins are returned to us by Friday 28th April so that we can book in our counting session. Thank you.

Upcoming events:

PLANT SALE: 19th May 10-12midday: Outside the Mansion on Totnes Fore Street.

Please plant up your seeds now so that we have lots of lovely things to sell. Amongst the essential vegetable plants, it's always good to have some flowering plants to attract people. Do spread the word amongst your Green Fingers friends and family....you can deliver any plant donations to school during the week and we will take them to Totnes on the day. Thank you!

SUMMER FETE: Saturday 1st July 1:00-3:30pm. Get this date in your diary for our annual summer fete with all the usual games and entertainments. While you do your Spring Cleaning, you can send in any Bric-a-Brac, books, clothes, toys, raffle and tombola prizes any time you like for the fete.

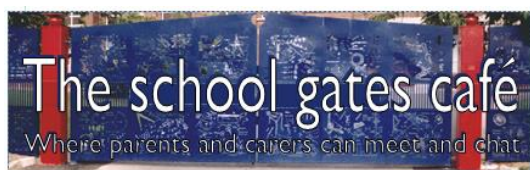


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Don't forget when you're shopping online to use **TheGivingMachine.co.uk**. They are signed up with most of the high street and well-known internet shops and every purchase you make will earn a few pence for the PTFA. Once you've signed up there's an easy reminder service that pops up on your computer or phone. They also have regular offers and competitions.



with other parents and school staff.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parents Evening on Wed 3rd May. Don't forget that the School Gates Café will be open in the hall for you to relax and chat

Man Utd V Chelsea Draw

We raised £815 from the Man U vs Chelsea hospitality package for the South Africa trip. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Physio News

The next **orthotics clinics** will be held on:

Thursday 27th April

Thursday 11th May

Thursday 25th May

If you would like your child to be seen please let Selina know.

There will be an **EMC wheelchair** clinic on Tuesday 16th May. Again if you would like your child to be seen please let Selina know.



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Key Stage 2 Fundraiser

Some of our students will be performing in a concert in the school hall on Friday 28th April from 4 pm until approximately 5 pm. They will be joined by a choir from Kingsbridge called Panache who will assist the children and sing some of their own pieces. Everyone is welcome to attend, and any profits made will go towards funding the Key Stage 2 residential. Separate information is being emailed out today.

Dartington Hall Estate - Update on Car Parking

We have been advised by The Dartington Hall Estate that they do not propose any changes to any of the tariffs for pay and display visitors from 1st April 2017.

What's On

South West Autism

SW Autism Support Services are holding a series of training days aimed at helping families make some sense of Autism and the difficulties families and carers may encounter. The events are aimed at parents, grandparents, older siblings, family friends, aunts/uncles etc. The next training session will be held on Friday May 5th 2017. 9.30am -2.30pm, Exeter, venue to be confirmed. Places will be limited to 10 people, £30 per person. For details please email: southwestautism@gmail.com

VUE Cinema

VUE cinema host Autism friendly screenings on the last Sunday of every month, look out for film listings at: <https://www.myvue.com/>



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Devon Parent Carers Voice AGM

5th July 2017, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre, Buckfastleigh.

Guest speaker Rob Long presents: Reasons to be Cheerful Part 2 - Managing Challenging Behaviour. Further details will follow closer to the date, to book your place contact: Devon Parent Carers' Voice - email: office@dpcv.org.uk Tel: 07975 506069 or have a look at their webpage: <https://www.devonparentcarersvoice.org/contact>

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Warne".

Jacqui Warne
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