



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 13th November

SHOUT OUTS TO

From Dove Tree Class, Laura for Love for being such a kind, considerate member of the class. Ellis for learning, trying really hard with his letter formation.

From Lime Tree Class, Dylan for learning - great contributions in phonics. Mia for individuality, working so hard on handwriting and presentation of work.

From Lilac Tree Class, Ledley for trying hard with maths and phonics in his learning. Persie for love, looking out for others and including everyone.

From Willow Tree Class, Matilda for love, always kind, always smiling and eager to learn. Charlotte for happiness, always a fantastic role model to others, a kind friend and excellent listener.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Fergus for learning, incredible history knowledge about the Gunpowder Plot. Aurora for love, always gentle, always kind.

From Juniper Tree Class, Silas for learning, always has such attention to detail and drive to make his work the best it can be. Saul for individuality, for bringing your own sense of style and approach to all you do.

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Ivy for trying so hard this week in your learning – you should be really proud of everything you have achieved. Bea T for communication, for being a really great listener and being involved in all our class discussions this week.

From Trumpet Tree Class, Amelia for individuality, showing great concentration and making a magnificent achievement in her reading this week. Jacob B.W for individuality, demonstrating great resilience and determination during assessment week.

From Flame Tree Class, Georgia, for being a star in all areas of your learning. Thank you for making such an effort and working so hard. Winnie for happiness, you add sunshine to our classroom - keep being you.



CALLING ALL WILLING VOLUNTEERS - help to start transforming our playground

We need your help. Our playground orders have started to be delivered and are currently in pile around our site. Are you free on Sunday 24th November between 10 am and 2pm to help begin the transformation? Jobs would include: cleaning the astro, constructing flat packs eg a stage, sorting out a shed, helping make a nature area and more. The more the merrier!

If you can help, please let me know (it would be good to have a list so we know who is going to turn up) via email: helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
Thank you in advance.

Website Update

We are looking to revamp our website to make it more user friendly and appealing and to allow diversity and what makes our school special to shine through.

We are tied to a platform called eschools so there is not a huge amount of scope for a complete overhaul but if you have any expertise in this area and/or an eye for design, it would be great to hear from you. helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

The Grove Community Knowledge Bank

If you feel you have any expertise to offer our school (it could be anything from a talk about your area of work or special interest, a background of diversity which you are willing to share or any practical expertise), please click on the link below and fill in your details. The idea is that your details will be collated and given to staff who can call on help as and when needed.

Many thanks in advance. <https://forms.gle/PXXq6ravXSKsmtY2A>



Benevolent Fund

Please support our families in need if you are able. On parent pay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.



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Music

A few weeks ago we were very lucky to host Torbay Symphony Orchestra for a whole Key Stage 2 workshop. The musicians played us some famous orchestral excerpts; taught us about the different musical sections and instruments and made us imagine what stories different music told. To top it off some lucky children took on the roll of conductor to finish the performance!



The orchestra have some concerts coming up at Dartington Hall on 30th November and 1st December; including several workshops for children and families based on Stravinsky's "Firebird"; a composition workshop for older children and a puppet workshop for all ages.

If you're interested in attending follow these links for more info:

<https://www.dartington.org/event/firebird-creative-composition-music-workshop/>

<https://www.dartington.org/event/firebird-shadow-puppet-workshop/>

Year 3/4 Christmas Show - A Totnes Christmas Carol - Wednesday 11th December

Year 3/4 are busily rehearsing their Christmas show, this will be at the Ariel Centre, KEVICC, on Wednesday 11th December. The children will also be rehearsing at KEVICC all day on Tuesday 10th December. The performances will be at 1.30pm and 6pm.

We hope you are as excited to see it as we are to share it with you! The class teams will be in touch shortly with information regarding costumes. Year 3/4 Team



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UPCOMING PTA EVENTS



Fridays Bake Sale 50p a cake

This **Friday** It is LILAC TREE CLASS'S turn to organise the bake sale after school. Please can children from Lilac Tree bring in delicious treats to sell. We do need help to man the stalls, maybe you could help when it's your child's class to bake? Any help would be amazing, please see Jenni or email jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
Cakes will be sold on the field and at the front entrance after school.

Next week it will DOVE tree class on Thursday 21st November.

28th November: Acorns



Movie Night – This Friday 5:30pm – 8pm

Permission slips have been sent out – please can they be returned to school with the money (we will have the card machine if that's easier when you return your slip) by tomorrow.

Please choose one movie your child would like to watch.

Christmas Cards

You have a couple more weeks to design your amazing Christmas cards. Please bring in to school by Monday 25th November.

Christmas Food bank

It's another big ask; we really appreciate you all give so much already! We are collecting for the food bank to help bring a little sparkle to families this Christmas.

If you could donate any food items, especially treats, that would be amazing!

Christmas Puddings	Stuffing	Yule log	Mince pies
Christmas cake	Chocolates	Biscuits	Fruit juice
Crackers (edible)	Twiglets etc	Jams	Chutneys



A box will be at the main entrance from Monday 18th Nov until Wednesday 11th Dec. Thank you.

Christmas Jumpers

If you have any Christmas jumpers to donate, toddlers, childrens, adults for the Christmas fair, please could you drop them off at the front desk. Thank you.

Christmas Fair

If you are having a clear out over half term, we would be grateful for:

- ▶ Good quality children's toys, books, games etc (Sorry no bric-a-brac – only children's item please)
- ▶ Tombola – unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, stationery etc...
- ▶ Teddies – any pre-loved teddies needing a new home

► Lucky Dip – any small items that can be used for the lucky dip – see picture below to give you some ideas



Christmas Raffle

If you have a business or know anyone who would kindly donate a raffle prize, we would be very grateful. Please see either Jenni or Natasha or drop items to the front desk. Thank you.

Christmas Quiz

After the success of the last quiz, we will be doing a Christmas quiz on Friday 13th December in the school hall. Lots of festive fun, bar and raffle.

Book in your teams now (max 6 in a team) £5 per person. Email helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

MOVIE NIGHT: 15th November

MUFTI (bring cakes for the Christmas Fair): 6th December

CHRISTMAS FAIR: FRIDAY 6th December: 5 - 8 pm

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: 13th December 7pm for a 7:30pm start

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

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

Year 5 and 6 Non Swimmers – Mondays until Christmas

Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December

Christmas productions - week beginning 9th December

Years 3 and 4 Rehearsal all day KEVICC – Tuesday 10th December

Years 3 and 4 Christmas Show KEVICC – Wednesday 11th December

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance – Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December 2.15 School Hall

Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December

First Day back – Tuesday 7th January 2025

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.



SATURDAY CLAY CLUB

For children and young people

JOIN US



4 week course starting 23/11/24

10-11.30am



Learn clay hand building techniques and have fun!

All items will be glazed, fired and ready to take home before Christmas

£45 all materials included

paulawilsonceramics@gmail.com

07876087061 @vesselcurious

The Mansion, Fore St, Totnes, TQ9 5RP





JOIN US FOR THE
**CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 3PM-6PM
TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT 5:30PM

CIVIC HALL AND MARKET SQUARE

Free Entertainment and Crafts

Inflatable Snow Globe

Elfic the Jester

Bubbles the Pixie

Kids Christmas Crafts

Stilt Walkers

Carol Singing

Brass Band

Make a lantern

Please bring your own Jam Jar

Pizza £8 each or £4 for half

Free Bob the Bus service 4pm - 7pm between
Bridgetown Spar - The Market Square - Follaton
Stores

For more information and bus times look here:
www.totnestowncouncil.gov.uk/
or contact Lisa at mayor@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk

Donations for The Mayor's Charity
Totnes Caring
would be welcomed

