



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,



This was the Christmas scene we all arrived to on Monday!! Many thanks to Jenni and Karen for all their efforts!
A good view from my office!

COVID

We have now entered Tier 2 restrictions! This is for us at school not much different from Lockdown except that now the rule of 6 outdoors applies again. This still means no indoors play dates so childcare needs to remain as during lockdown – please only one other nominated person for your child care bubble. Whilst the rule of 6 now applies, in school we would just appreciate your continued support in maintaining social distance around school and not blocking the school exits for others.

What we are all doing seems to be working so far for us at The Grove – no cases directly related to school staff or children – yet! Let's try to get to Christmas this way!

Message from Devon County Council

Social Distancing at the School Gate

We have received requests, passed on from communities living near schools/working near schools, that school leaders continue to request that parents remain socially distanced, during drop-off or collection of their children, from each other and other members of the public they pass.
If possible, parents and teenagers are also requested to wear masks.

Parent advice page – useful ideas for all parental occasions!

https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/?utm_source=sms&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=X20XXXDIP&utm_content=devon-front-door-texts

Christmas Cards for others in school

Children can bring in Christmas cards this year. Please could they be clearly labelled with name and the class on the envelope. There is a post-box near Rebecca. The cards will be left to quarantine for a single delivery in the last week of term - last postal date is Friday 11th December.

Christmas Lunch plans next week

Due to current COVID rules with distancing and children needing more time to eat their Christmas lunch we cannot prepare Christmas dinner for the whole school on the same day. Therefore each year group have their own day. A menu for next week showing you which day is attached. For all other children on those days there will be very limited option so please do check the menu and if you have any questions just ask. For reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the meal is free and for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the normal £2.50 charge will apply unless you currently receive Free School Meals.

Art competition

Many thanks for the entries – we will work out how to do a gallery display on the website for you to see all the great positive lockdown ideas. We will announce winners shortly.

PTA Update

We had our first draw at the weekend for our School Lottery, with the winner kindly donating the £20 prize money back into the school funds. We have made it to over 50 tickets sold and one of us will be in line to win every week with the chance of scooping the jackpot of £25,000 and the Nintendo Switch Bundle. Please click on the link if you would like to find out more and purchase a ticket

<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-grove-school-totnes>

We will be sending out the raffle tickets at the end of the week. Each child will take home a book of 5 tickets, each ticket is £1. Please do not feel under any pressure to buy all 5, just one puts you in with a chance of winning one of our fabulous prizes whilst supporting the PTA fundraising. If however you would like more tickets (for grandparents, neighbours etc) please do let me know. We would ask that you return the completed ticket with the donation in with your child to give to Rebecca or their class teacher. The draw will be on Monday 14th so please get them back quickly. I am very thankful for a few key supporters of the PTA and some very generous donations. The prizes up for grabs are:

1st prize: £100 cash donated by Marchand Petit

Other top prizes: Eversfield Hamper, £30 Neuff voucher, Cott Inn Voucher, £20 Venus Café voucher

Lots more: Bottles of wine, port and mulled wine, chocolates, bags (children's and Cath Kidston), Exeter City FC and Plymouth Argyle FC donations, homeware gifts, over 20 prizes in total!

Follow us on The Grove School & PTA Totnes Facebook page where I'll be posting more details or email me on pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

My thanks from the PTA to the school for their enthusiasm and efforts. It was wonderful to see this picture of the Winter Wonderland that has been created, the children have really loved it and it's lovely to see and hear things are being made as Christmassy as possible despite these different and challenging times.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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Venue: Dartington Primary School TQ9 6JU
Dates: Monday 21st - Tuesday 22nd December
Times: 09:00 - 16:00
Price: £30 for 2-day block booking
Ages: 5 - 12
Additional Info:

We can't wait to deliver covid-safe festive fun activities with you. With a Christmas 'fancy dress' party day on Tuesday 22nd, too!

Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

You will need

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