



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Proposed Gas works in January 2023 on Fore Street Totnes

We have been informed about proposed Gas works to commence on Fore Street and South Street in January 2023. Unfortunately, because of where the works will be and the narrowness of the road- the top of Fore Street (from station road- to the arch) will be closed. South Street and the top road on south street will also be closed. This also means that the High Street will only be accessible to pedestrians throughout these works. They are stopping the works in March so the high street will be accessible to cars for Easter.

Christmas lunch

We are planning our school Christmas Lunch for Tuesday 6th December. This will cost £2:50 for Key Stage Two children. Reception, Key Stage 1 and Free School Meals will be free BUT – everyone must book if they want a lunch so we can buy enough ingredients. The meat option will be chicken and the vegetarian option Cauliflower Cheese, both with all the trimmings - please state whether the vegetarian option is preferred, we will take all other known dietary needs into account automatically.

Please let Rebecca know on the front desk asap. If you are free that day and would like to offer a helping hand, please also let Rebecca know.

Year 6 Christmas Fair Stall

A few girls from Year 6 are running a stall to raise money for their year 6 leavers party. If you have any childrens toys and childrens books you could donate they would be very grateful. Please could you leave them at the front desk labelled for Year 6. Thank you.

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

Christmas lights Totnes – The Grove children will be singing at the opening from 3.50 until 4.10 on Tuesday 29th November – Please see the poster in this newsletter.

Grove Christmas Fair on the morning of Saturday 3rd December in the school

Open session for parents and carers Monday 5th December 3.30 until 5pm

Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 6th December

Year 3 and 4 Show The Nutcracker - There will be two performances on Thursday 8th December at 1.45pm that siblings can attend and 6pm at KEVICC Ariel Centre.

Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Sing Song in school hall on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th December. It will start at 2.15pm

Reception Nativity in school hall on Wednesday 14th December in school hall, 2.15pm start

Christmas party day Friday 16th December

Last day of term is Friday 16th December

First day back is Wednesday 4th January 2023

Acts of Kindness for Advent-Donations to the Food Bank

This year during December we would like to have a focus of Acts of Kindness for Advent. Children in class will be thinking about how they can give during the Christmas season and appreciate the joy of giving. As a school we will be collecting for our local food bank which is organised by Stepping Stones CIC. We have been in touch with them and they have created a list of items they would gratefully receive, these include: chocolates, Christmassy biscuits, fruit juice, yummy jams, chocolate spread, 2023 diaries/calendars, mayonnaise, seasonal savoury snacks, cranberry sauce and pickles etc. We also have small gifts for people to choose either for themselves or as gifts to others, so toiletries and children's toys/activity items (nothing too expensive) would be wonderful too. If you would like to contribute there will be a box in the main entrance until Tuesday 13th December.

PTA Personalised Christmas Cards

Hopefully you have all received the email inviting your children and families to design their own Christmas cards. This is a lovely chance for you to have cards printed with personalised art work or pictures to send to family and friends. It also helps support the PTA fundraising efforts.

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.

Holiday activity programme for children on free school meals

HAF winter programme has just gone live.

Here is the link [HAF providers – Christmas 2022 – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/parents/education/education-and-families/haf-providers-christmas-2022)

Places are limited at Christmas so may fill up quickly, the offer is 4 days or 2 days face to face and hampers for families.

Criteria is for Children on Benefit Related Free School Meals and there is an extended criteria, please click on the link below.

[Information for professionals – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/parents/education/education-and-families/information-for-professionals)

Parents can book by contacting the providers listed.

Plymouth Science Christmas Camp



Scan here
to book
your
place

**FREE for children who are
eligible for Free School Meals***

or

£20 per day

(bring your own lunch)

£23 per day

(Lunch provided)

Venue: St Peters Primary

School, Brentford Ave,

Plymouth PL5 4HD

Days: 19th - 23rd Dec

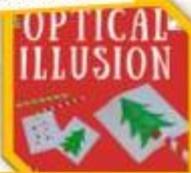
Timings: 9am-3pm

Age: 6-11 years

Activities Include:



**Fake
Snow**



**Optical
Illusions**



**Forest
Schools**



Thursday 21st Dec



Lego

To book your place visit our website. For any questions, please email us.

Web: www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk

Email - plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com

Tel: 07933 055 506 (only during camp dates)

* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This **DOES NOT** include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals.



In Totnes Library

a thirty minute
glove puppet performance

by popular demand !

for children aged 4-9
and all ages!

Saturday 26 November
10.30am & 12noon

admission free
contributions to Library funds