



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing Christmas Fair on Saturday- thank you all so much for attending and the PTA for organising it all – it was lovely to have a ‘normal post-pandemic’ and lively event again!

#### **Christmas lunch yesterday**

With Jean, our cook, being off sick on Tuesday we were so grateful to Mrs Sam Wilkinson and Mrs Jenni Rowe for stepping into the breach and providing the whole school with a fabulous Christmas dinner. Again extra thanks to Jenni for sourcing Christmas crackers for every child (many thanks to Morrison’s for their gift towards this) and for decorating the school so beautifully – that’s a woman who loves Christmas!

Also we would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the parent helpers that came in to help with lunch: Linda, Natasha, Sue, Amy, Ian, Hana, Abi, Lizzie and Jenny.

#### **Mobile Phones in School**

We do appreciate that some children have mobile phones and others may be getting one for Christmas – but please note that we don’t encourage children to bring them to school or to share numbers. We have countless issues amongst children who have been upset by badly worded messages and unkindness that can be easier to do behind a screen.

BUT if for safety reasons you do need your child to bring their phone to school, they MUST hand it in to the class teacher at the start of the school day and will not receive it back until home time and they MUST NOT use their phone on school premises.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

#### **Year 3 and 4 show The Nutcracker - Tomorrow**

Years 3 and 4 are having their final rehearsals and preparations for their production of “The Nutcracker” on Thursday. The performance takes place tomorrow at the Ariel Centre at KEVICC. Years 5 and 6 will be watching in the afternoon. Tickets have been sent out along with final information. Green tickets are for the 6pm performance.

#### **PTA cake sale on Thursday**

Please ensure you have some money for the cake sale this Thursday.

#### **Save The Children Christmas Jumper day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

As a school we have decided to have this day on Friday. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper over their school uniform and donate £1 towards Save The Children.

### **Year 4 parents and Frazoo club**

Frazoo club will start again after the Christmas holidays. I have a few spaces taken up by Year 6 but there are spaces now for Year 4. It runs after school on Mondays for 5 weeks then will run for another 5 weeks (if you wish) then all Frazoo finishes at Easter. The club runs from 3:15pm to 4:15pm and costs £40 for 5 weeks and begins on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. It will resume next year in September after that. Please email me on [frazie@frazoo.co.uk](mailto:frazie@frazoo.co.uk) for a place and do check out my website...[www.frazoo.co.uk](http://www.frazoo.co.uk)

Thanks Mrs Hulbert **Frazie Hulbert** 07788 610059 | [frazie@frazoo.co.uk](mailto:frazie@frazoo.co.uk) | [www.frazoo.co.uk](http://www.frazoo.co.uk)

### **Last Few days to donate to the Food Bank**

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 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

A very big thank you for all of you who supported the Christmas Fair at the weekend. It was wonderful to see everyone having fun and getting into the festive spirit. A special thanks to all that helped in running a stall and the fabulous PTA team who wrapped, cut, organised and collected with enthusiasm and kindness. It was a huge success and has made a very big contribution to our fundraising efforts.

### **PTA Raffle**

The raffle draw date has been extended to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December so please return your tickets into school. There are some amazing prizes, donations from Eastgate bookshop, The Bull, One&Eight Jewellery, China Blue, Yoga Tree The New Lion Brewery, Dewerstone, The Curator, Sandridge Barton, Sunshine Yoga and Venus Cafe together with a Ninja Juicer, Magnum of wine from Wine & Greene, children's craft hampers and gifts galore! If you need any extra tickets there are some at the front desk- thank you for your support.

### **The PTA fundraising**

I would like to invite you all to a meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 19.30 in the school. There will be drinks and nibbles and a chance to meet other parents but also an opportunity to contribute ideas and suggestions to our fundraising efforts and learn more about where the money raised could be spent.

This is my fourth year as chair and I have really enjoyed the chance to support our children's school experiences and work with such fun and kind parents and staff to achieve this. However, I would really like a new chair to take on this position and bring new ideas and energy to the role. Please email me if you would like more information ([pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk))

### **Christmas Cards**

Have all come back from the printers and have been distributed to the children.

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

**Years 5 and 6 Non Swimmers swimming** starts next Monday (12<sup>th</sup> December)

**Years 1 and 2 Christmas Sing Song** in school hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. It will start at 2.15pm

**Reception Nativity** in school hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in school hall, 2.15pm start

**Christmas party day** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Last day of term** is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**First day back** is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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.

**hello christmas**

# FREE

## St. John's C of E Primary School

# Hello Christmas Bridgetown

**MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

10:30-12:15 Lennart; fun festive games  
Lunch Pollyann's

12:45-14:30 The Story Explorers; stories from around the world brought to life

**TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

10:30-12:15 Participate Arts; Christmas crafts  
Lunch Pollyann's

12:45-14:30 Participate Arts; Christmas crafts

**WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

10:30-12:15 Brick Ideas; build Lego creations  
Lunch Pollyann's

12:45-14:30 Woolly Nanas; wool work and felting

**THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER**

10:30-12:15 Pizza Pirates; pizza making, Participate Arts; fruit animals  
Lunch Pizza Pirates

12:45-14:30 Family Disco; Become a DJ with Ryan and learn some new festive moves with Lizzy Hyde

**Drop In - No Booking Required**

HELLO CHRISTMAS IS FUNDED BY THE HOLIDAYS, ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FUND FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL AND WHILE WE WANT TO BE AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS-RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS AS WELL AS OTHER FAMILIES THAT NEED EXTRA SUPPORT.

**Devon** County Council  
Department for Education

**Bridgetown ALIVE!**

**Buckfastleigh**

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 11th December | 12pm-4pm  
at Whitehill Country Park  
Stoke Road, Paignton TQ4 7PF

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### PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this Christmas with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

## Film Star Q&A – send your questions!

### Paddington 2

A special festive screening of *Paddington 2* is taking place on Monday 19 December at The Barn Cinema. The Grove School children are invited to submit questions to one of the stars of the film.

Marie - France Alvarez who plays Mademoiselle Dubois will be recording a Q&A to be screened in the cinema before the film.

Ever wonder if Paddington smells like marmalade? Or if he is grumpy in the morning before breakfast? Or what is like to be in a movie?

Send the questions your child would most like answered to: [dartingtonswimmingpool@gmail.com](mailto:dartingtonswimmingpool@gmail.com) with your child's name and school by Friday 9 December.

Please buy tickets & join us on 19 December for craft activities at 1pm in the cafe and this special Q&A before the film.



At the Barn Cinema  
Monday 19th December  
1pm for Crafts then  
2pm for Q&A and Film

Book tickets here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/449cmnam>

Fundraiser for Dartington  
Swimming Pool



**Dartington Trust**





# The Great Totnes Stocking Refillery

Come along and pick up some free gifts for your child's Christmas stocking!

Friday 9th December 11am - 3pm  
Tuesday 13th December 11am - 3pm

Totnes Climate Hub, The Mansion, 36 Fore Street, Totnes

Let's reduce waste and save money this Christmas by reusing and recycling as a community. Have you got any unwanted toys in excellent condition that could be the perfect stocking filler for someone else? Scour your child's bedroom and bring them along to swap for something new.



## Yes please

- Small bags of Lego
- Jars of beads
- Bouncy balls
- Playing cards
- Colouring pencils
- Small soft toys
- Yo-yos

## No thanks

- Large toys or puzzles
- Toys with batteries
- Anything broken or worn
- Games with missing parts