



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

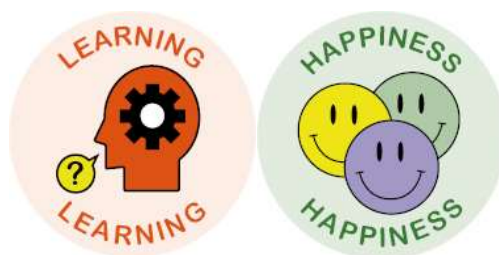
Wednesday 3rd December

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Yr 5/6 mixed football tournament news.
- ☺ Collection from the field notice.
- ☺ Trumpet Tree parents evening notice.
- ☺ Christmas lunch menu – 17th December.
- ☺ School Food Standards survey – please complete this second survey and help us raise money.
- ☺ Benevolent Fund info.
- ☺ A Massive THANK YOU for all your support at the Christmas Fair!
- ☺ For those booked onto wreath making – please bring wire cutters and secateurs if you can.

More info on all these below or ask at the front desk



YEAR 5 and 6 MIXED FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

After a long wait, round 2 of the CVL Mixed Football Tournament got underway on 26th November, with the same 7 schools and 10 teams battling superbly in a thrilling day of football action.

The teams were split into two competitive pools, each playing every opponent for the second time round in 10-minute matches. Every side displayed incredible teamwork, resilience, and enthusiasm, leaving it all on the pitch to earn vital points for their team!

Our children displayed a real team spirit and amazing attitude. They really made us proud. Well done.



Collection from the field

I know it sounds the opposite, but we find it easier to match you with your child at the end of the day if you are standing about half way back on the field and spread out as much as possible. This is more relevant this year as we now have over 335 children on roll. The children love their little run to meet you!! Please also let the grandparents know!

Trumpet Tree Parents Evenings

We are aware that the parents of Trumpet Tree Class have not had their usual Parents' Consultations this term. Because this term is so busy, the meetings will take place at the same time as the other Parents' Consultations next term. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please get in touch with Miss Ward, who will be happy to arrange a time to meet.

Menu for Christmas Lunch - 17th December

- Roast Chicken, pigs in blankets, stuffing, vegetables and gravy = Pizza
- Pesto pastry slice, veggie pigs in blankets, stuffing, vegetables & veggie gravy = Egg Fried Rice
- Christmas cake for dessert.

All allergies etc catered for as usual

Please choose the pizza as the meat version of Christmas dinner and Egg Fried Rice as the vegetarian option of Christmas dinner. If you are unsure what to do then please email admin@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



School Food Standards survey – Second Part

As shared before, our school is taking part in a national pilot run by the Department of Health and Social Care, working with the Department for Education. Verian, a research agency, is helping to test updated School Food Standards to make sure school meals are healthy, balanced, and enjoyable for children. You can find all the details here: <https://www.veriangroup.com/en-gb/school-food-standards-pilot>

We now invite you to complete the second and final 5-minute survey with your child. Each completed survey will bring £1 directly to our school, so by taking part, you'll be supporting both national change and helping us invest in the things that matter for our students.

You can complete the survey here: <https://horizons.confermit.eu/wix/p725584653352.aspx?schID=2>
Please note, all responses are anonymous.

Thank you once again for your time and support.



Benevolent Fund and School Fund on parent pay

We are running very low on our benevolent fund (about £30 left). This fund helps support families in need with things like trips or School Christmas Lunch etc to make sure children can be included when ever possible. If you are able, and would like to, please donate just a little Christmas Cheer to this fund on parent pay.

Also on Parent pay you will see a School Fund pot – this fund is different and goes directly into classroom extras to support learning and play.

Christmas Fair

A massive THANK YOU for all your support at the fair, making it a great success – we raised an approximate profit of over £3000! (final figure to come)





CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING – THIS FRIDAY

If you have booked your place, see you there!
Please bring wire cutters and secateurs.



The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events - e.g. discos, fundraisers, bake sales etc.

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

Year 3/4 Christmas Production - Tuesday 9th December @ The Ariel Centre Performances are 1.30 and 6pm.

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 9th December in the hall at 2pm

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December at 2.15pm

Choir club parents performance in hall – Friday 12th December at 3.15 after school

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

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.

Violin Lessons

My name is Katina Laoutaris and I am a professional violinist/ teacher, having trained at the Royal college of Music in London, and have more than 40 years' experience both playing in orchestras and chamber ensembles as well as teaching in schools and on specialist music programmes.

I am now very fortunate to have the opportunity to teach violin at The Grove School - a school my own daughter attended and loved and am extremely happy to have the chance to offer lessons at the start of next term.

I have a great affinity with children and believe in this regard that in communicating my enthusiasm for music I am able to help them learn in a way that couples fun with self-discipline and thus-emotional progress: something I know my students have taken into their futures whatever life path they have ended up choosing.

Should you be at all interested or have any questions, please do not hesitate to ring me on 01803 840442 or by email at katinalaoutaris@gmail.com

LANTERN FESTIVAL PROCESSION - Tuesday 16th December

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the families who came along to the free Lantern Workshop this weekend! The children were incredible and produced a **spectacular shoal of rainbow fish!** We are delighted to confirm that approximately 80 students took part this year, thanks to the funding from the **PTA** that made this wonderful opportunity possible.

We hope you can join us to see the **Shoal of 'Grove Fish' light up the night!** Please remember to bring a stick or a simple umbrella to hang your lantern from.

The procession will take place on **Tuesday, 16th December.**

Meet at 4:15pm in Rotherfold Square (by The Bull Inn).

The lantern procession will follow the Samba band down the High Street and conclude in **The Dartmouth Inn Square**, where Tony Gee will tell the story of "How Totnes Welcomed the World to Totnes"... including your gorgeous fish! The procession should take approximately 45-60 minutes.

Pay as you feel café

Our next "pay as you feel" community cafe will be held on Saturday 6th December at the Totnes United Free Church, 56 Fore Street, Totnes TQ9 5RP

11am for tea & cake

12noon - 2pm for hot lunch, vegetarian with vegan options

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas cafe - feel free to wear your Santa hats!