



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at The Grove School

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoy the Christmas holidays and we look forward to seeing the children in school again on WEDNESDAY 5th January 2022.

Covid update

We are incredibly pleased to tell you that we currently only have 1 child off with COVID and 1 member of staff. I hope this means that you can all have a very happy Christmas with your friends and family. We would appreciate if you didn't mind doing a lateral flow test before sending your children back in January. 😊

PTA Mufti Day this Friday

This Friday 17th December is Christmas mufti day. We would encourage the children to be as bright and as fun as they can so; Christmas jumpers and hats or best party clothes. Suggested donation is £1 towards the PTA

Online safety parent resource – reminder to use this link to help with your child's online safety over the holidays:

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that The Grove School have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including checking the pros and cons of a particular APP your child is interested in and all of these topics:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/the-grove-primary-school-devon> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre> .

PTA Raffle

My thanks for supporting the Christmas raffle, we have raised over £700 which is a fantastic effort. I hope all the winning ticket holders enjoy the fabulous prizes that were donated. I really appreciate the generosity of the parents, teachers and local businesses for their donations.

PTA Fundraising in 2022

We will be continuing our fundraising efforts next year with our focus being the new piece of playground equipment for all the children to enjoy. Unfortunately we couldn't make all our initial plans happen this year. However, I would really appreciate your donations of any Christmas jumpers/t-shirts/outfits that will have been outgrown by next year so we can have a "chrimbo jumper sale" and recycle them. I will arrange collections in the new year and reminded you again. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest