



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a lot happening in the next two weeks so please take note:

#### **PTA Christmas Fair – Saturday 10.00-1300**

We look forward to welcoming you all to our fun filled event. We have worked really hard to keep prices low whilst packing in lots of game stalls, yummy food, craft activities and elfridges (a chance for children to buy their adults a special secret gift) and of course our Santa's grotto. We have recycled, reused and purchased with sustainability in mind. We also have the wonderful "Sing along" to really get us in the festive spirit.

To ensure it's success we need your help, especially 1130-1300! Please email me ([pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)) if you can help run a stall for some of the fair.

We also need CAKES and MINCE PIES – we would really appreciate any of your baking delights (or caring purchases) to be donated this Friday for us to sell at the Christmas Fair. Please drop off any delights at either entrance in the morning and we will hide them away!

#### **PTA Christmas Raffle**

We have a fantastic selection of raffle prizes from local companies; we have vouchers from Eastgate Bookshop, Dewerstone, Curator, China Blue and Venus Café. We also have a three course meal with wine from the Bull Inn, Guided Tasting Gift at Sandridge Barton and vouchers for an event at New Lion Brewery. There is a magnum from Wine and Greene, donation from Bay Horse and One & Eight together with Yoga vouchers from Yoga Sunshine and Love Yoga Tree. Then of course there's yummy chocolates, bottles of wine and luxury toiletries. Ordinarily the draw is at the Christmas Fair but there has been a very big mix up at the printers so the draw is going to be postponed until Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to give us longer to get the tickets! They will be coming home with your children this week and also on sale at the Fair. They are £1 each. Many thanks for your support.

#### **Year 6 Christmas Fair Stall -Saturday**

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

#### **Open session for parents and carers on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December (next week) from 3:30-5pm**

Please remember to come in on Monday to meet the teachers and to look at your child's learning. We will be holding these once a term. Parents will need to be responsible for their children as it will be an 'open site' and so our usual safeguarding measures around entry into school won't be in place. We do hope you can make it. The lost property will also be out in the corridor.

### **Year 5 and 6 Forest school at KEVICC - Monday**

On Monday Year 5 and 6 are off to KEVICC for a Forest School Day. Children should come to school in old clothes that they don't mind getting dirty. They should also be dressed for the weather (plenty of warm and waterproof clothing) as we will be outside for most of the day.

### **Christmas lunch next Tuesday**

Thank you to everyone for pre-ordering a school Christmas dinner or telling us that their child will be having packed lunch. We have enough crackers so all children will be able to have one - thank you to Morrison's in Paignton for donating some. We could do with about 5 more parent helpers. Times for help are is 10.45 until 2.15. Please email Rebecca.

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

It's all getting very Christmassy in Years 3 and 4 as they prepare for their production of "The Nutcracker" next week! The performance takes place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Ariel Centre at KEVICC. Years 5 and 6 will be watching in the afternoon. Ticket letters and more information has been sent out to all parents of Years 3 and 4.

### **Congratulations**

Well done Beech Tree Class for Class of the week – they have been working so hard to improve their listening skills.

And these children have made huge efforts to improve or maintain excellent presentation and pride in their books:

Chestnut Tree class- Heidi and Tiago

Dove Tree Class – Hannah and Iris

Lime Tree Class – Tallulah and Frankie

Willow Tree Class – Merla and Rosie

Beech Tree Class – Lewis S. and Dot

Mountain Ash Tree Class – Bella and Seth

Trumpet Tree Class – Jake and Ava

Flame Tree Class – Alfie, Theo and Hannah

Ginkgo Tree Class – Lily GJ and Maudie

There was also a special award for Noah B in Willow for helping to collect all the names for the awards with such enthusiasm and for Isaac H in Beech Tree Class for incredible progress in his reading.

### **Art Sale**

Thank you to all the Year 5 and 6 grown-ups who bought the art work created by the children and to all those who made extra donations. The children have raised enough money to buy Sonny a lovely Christmas present (we won't say what in case anyone reading this gives the secret away) and enough to donate £100 to the Children's Ward that Sonny is on in Bristol Hospital. Well done everyone and THANK YOU!

### **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)

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

**Grove Christmas Fair** on the morning of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the school

**Open session** for parents and carers Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3.30 until 5pm

**Christmas Lunch** on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

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

**Christmas Jumper Day** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Years 5 and 6 Non Swimmers swimming** starts 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

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# TQ9 Community Food Club

Are you struggling on your pension, benefits or low wages because of the Cost of Living Crisis?

Join our club for £2.50 a week and choose 10 items from our shelves.

## Opening times

Tuesdays - 3-5pm

Thursdays - 12:30 - 2:30pm

## Warm space activities

Tues 1:30 - 3pm is also Relaxation and  
Thurs 12:30- 2:30 is Create in Company



## St Mary's Church Hall

Off the cobbled alley to the left of the church approaching from the High Street.

If you need additional support, ask about the food bank.

Tel: 07988639514 [contact@steppingstonetotnes.co.uk](mailto:contact@steppingstonetotnes.co.uk)

**Violin for Sale**

Half Size Theodore Violin & Multicoloured Music Stand for sale  
Both hardly been used and in excellent condition.

£75 for both

Please contact Natalie 07516720246