



## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **What is happening this week and next**

This Friday is the last day of this half term and we return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Year 6 have gone on their week long residential in Okehampton. They are gorge scrambling, kayaking, cycling, high ropes, archery along with camp fires and a disco. Children sleep in dormitory accommodation and parents are sent daily updates.

### **PTA Mufti Day: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

A reminder that it is mufti day this Friday, the children can wear their own clothes and show off their sense of style! If any children want to go with a Halloween/spooky theme that would be wonderful but we would ask that no full face masks are worn. Suggested donation of £1 that will go towards the PTA fundraising efforts.

### **MICRO, MINI and JUNIOR DUKE**

Welcome to a new year of Micro, Mini and Junior Duke. You should have all received your books by now and may have even had a go at a first challenge. When you complete a challenge, you can bring your book into school to have it signed by your class teacher. Be prepared to talk to your teacher about your challenge. What did you enjoy about it? What did you find tricky? What might you do differently next time? Would you have another go?

Hopefully we will be able to have a celebration at the end of year, marking your amazing achievements. In the meantime, it is always wonderful to see how you are getting along – please email photos for me to share on our website: [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Any questions or help you need, let me know. The most important thing is that you have LOTS OF FUN becoming CAPABLE KIDS!!

### **PTA Christmas Raffle**

I know it seems a little early to start with the Christmas preparations but we are really keen to have the most fabulous Christmas Raffle. We have always received very kind and generous support from local businesses and we are hoping this year will be no different. I would also welcome any donations from you; a bottle of wine, box of chocolates, a voucher, an unwanted gift (!) or a hamper that you've made up of treats. We will be selling raffle tickets and will have the key prizes/companies advertised on them. I would really appreciate your help and support, please drop off any donations directly to me or to Rebecca at the front desk with my name on it. Many thanks, Emily Rowley ([pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk))

### **Tempest Photography**

Tempest Photography was here last Thursday. Proofs will be back after half term and then distributed. We will let you know when they need to be back by. You can order online or through the school.

## **Parent –teacher consultations bookings (Zoom Calls) on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November**

More information and how to book instructions will be emailed out week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **PTA Christmas Plans**

I thought I'd update you on the decisions made from our AGM on our fundraising efforts for the rest of the term.

**CHRIMBO JUMPERS:** We would love to see if we can recycle, reuse and re-sell any unwanted/outgrown

Christmas jumpers or t-shirts or dresses in adult and children sizes. If you have any to donate we would love this and then we can arrange a table top sale in early December. Please have a clear out over half term and drop them off with Rebecca at the front desk with my name (Emily Rowley or Jennie Rowe) on.

**PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CARDS:** After half term we will be sending out the details of how the children can design their own Christmas cards and how you can order them in time for Christmas

**PERSONALISED THE GROVE SCHOOL CALENDERS:** We are going to create a whole school effort for a family year planner that you can purchase for gifts for family and friends.

**LUCKY DIP:** We are inviting you all to have a small plastic toy amnesty. We will welcome your bags of small plastic/wooden toys that I have no doubt are cluttering your cupboards and then we will have a lucky dip stall alongside our Thursday bake stall throughout December to offer an alternative to the sweet treats

options. Please have a clear out over half term and drop off your bags of "treasure" at the front desk with my name (Emily Rowley or Jennie Rowe) marked on them.

### **Year 6 Residential Fundraising**

**– please note this is a parent initiative not a school based fundraising – the school receives no funding raised by this effort but the funds do help support parents who find raising the money to pay for their child to attend this residential trip.**

We are hoping to raise £1000, in total, to support families with the cost of the year 6 residential. The good folk of Totnes market helped us raise £135.72!! Thank you to all the people who made this happen; who donated goods, arranged a stall, ran the stall on the day, lent us tables or collected things at the end. Watch this space for more info about our exciting raffle and Christmas social! Alison Caldwell, Y6 parent

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.*

### **TOTNES SWIM CLUB BACK IN ACTION!**

From the first week in November, Totnes Swim Club is inviting children from 5 years old upwards (competent swimmers only please) to join their weekly training sessions at Fusion Leisure Centre in Totnes. It's a great and affordable way to get fit, build swimming confidence and have fun.

Sessions take place on Thursday evenings (first one Nov 4th), from 6.00-6.45 for improvers (swimming widths) and from 6.45-7.30 for more advanced swimmers (swimming lengths). The cost to come along is £12 per month.

We'd love to see you!