



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 20th November

SHOUT OUTS TO

From Dove Tree Class, Atticus for Learning in super writing and cursive letter formation and Nell for Love – being such a kind and caring member of the class.

From Lime Tree Class, Flo for Individuality and working so hard on her handwriting this week and Rory for Communication and great contributions to our learning.

From Lilac Tree Class, Iyla-Rose for Happiness and welcoming our new class member so kindly and Idris for love in encouraging others and helping when they needed support.

From Willow Tree Class, Mia for Communication and hard work and Lyddon for Learning and fantastic story writing and map illustrations.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Teddy for Love and being so full of kindness and Ioan for Learning and such an improvement in your times tables.

From Juniper Tree Class, Eve for Learning and being such a super source of knowledge and Ana for Happiness and bringing a smile to all you do.

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Daisy for Learning – a maths genius and Lacey for Happiness and being fearless in her learning.

From Trumpet Tree Class, Jorgi for Learning and real accuracy in long multiplication and Hazel for Individuality – a beautiful piece of creative writing.

From Flame Tree Class, Rory for Happiness and being so positive and smiley and Flossie for Individuality, you work so hard and are such a good friend and class mate.



CALLING ALL WILLING VOLUNTEERS - help to start transforming our playground

We need your help. Our playground orders have started to be delivered and are currently in pile around our site. Are you free on Sunday 24th November between 10 am and 2pm to help begin the transformation? Jobs would include: cleaning the astro, constructing flat packs eg a stage, sorting out a shed, helping make a nature area and more. The more the merrier!

If you can help, please let me know (it would be good to have a list so we know who is going to turn up) via email: helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
Thank you in advance.

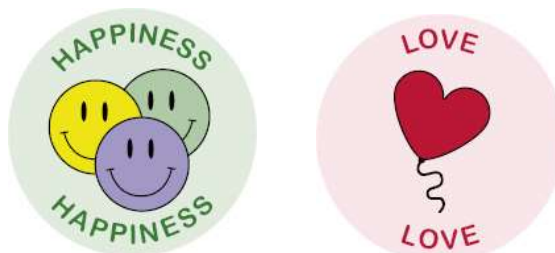
J9 domestic abuse training

Mrs Priest, Miss Fernyhough, Mrs Counter and Mr Monro have received the J9 Domestic Abuse training. For more information, see this link. <https://www.morepositiveme.co.uk/j9>

The J9 training is designed for all members of society, and maybe particularly useful if you run a shop or service locally. If you would like the training please contact the family hub and Viv at viv.lygo@actionforchildren.org.uk We found it very informative, accessible and not very time consuming. If you are a victim of domestic abuse, we can help you seek help.

The Dogs Trust

The children across school are very fortunate to be receiving training from The Dogs Trust currently. The children are learning the ABCs of how to be a friend to a dog and how to be safe around dogs. For more information – ask your child!! And see this link <https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/>



Benevolent Fund

Please support our families in need if you are able. On ParentPay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS



Thursdays Bake Sale 50p a cake

Tomorrow it is DOVE TREE CLASS'S turn to organise the bake sale after school. Please can children from Dove Tree bring in delicious treats to sell. We do need help to man the stalls, maybe you could help when it's your child's class to bake? Any help would be amazing, please see Jenni or email jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
Cakes will be sold on the field and at the front entrance after school.

Next week it will ACORNS tree class on Thursday 28th November

Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who helped on Friday night – the children had a fabulous time!

Christmas Cards

This week is the last week to get your Christmas card designs in. Please bring in to school by Monday 25th November.

Christmas Food bank

It's another big ask; we really appreciate you all give so much already! We are collecting for the food bank to help bring a little sparkle to families this Christmas.

If you could donate any food items, especially treats, that would be amazing!

Christmas Puddings	Stuffing	Yule log	Mince pies
Christmas cake	Chocolates	Biscuits	Fruit juice
Crackers (edible)	Twiglets etc	Jams	Chutneys



A box will be at the main entrance from Monday 18th Nov until Wednesday 11th Dec. Thank you.

Christmas Jumpers

If you have any Christmas jumpers to donate, toddlers, childrens, adults for the Christmas fair, please could you drop them off at the front desk. Thank you.

Christmas Fair

We would appreciate donations of:

- ▶ Good quality children's toys, books, games etc (Sorry no bric-a-brac – only children's item please)
- ▶ Tombola – unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, stationery etc...
- ▶ Teddies – any pre-loved teddies needing a new home
- ▶ Lucky Dip – any small items that can be used for the lucky dip – see picture below to give you some ideas

Christmas Raffle

If you have a business or know anyone who would kindly donate a raffle prize, we would be very grateful. Please see either Jenni or Natasha or drop items to the front desk.

Raffle tickets will be sent out on Monday. Please return unwanted books.

Christmas Quiz

After the success of the last quiz, we will be doing a Christmas quiz on Friday 13th December in the school hall. Lots of festive fun, bar and raffle.

Book in your teams now (max 6 in a team) £5 per person. Email helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:

MUFTI (bring cakes for the Christmas Fair): 6th December

CHRISTMAS FAIR: FRIDAY 6th December: 5 - 8 pm

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: 13th December 7pm for a 7:30pm start

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

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

Year 5 and 6 Non Swimmers – Mondays until Christmas

Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December

Christmas productions - week beginning 9th December

Years 3 and 4 Rehearsal all day KEVICC – Tuesday 10th December

Reception Nativity 2pm school hall – Tuesday 10th December

Years 3 and 4 Christmas Show KEVICC – Wednesday 11th December

Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance – Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December 2.15 School Hall

Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December

First Day back – Tuesday 7th January 2025

Juniper Class swimming – Monday 13th January 5 weeks

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.

LIGHT FESTIVAL LANTERN WORKSHOP

We're thrilled to invite you to an exciting parent-and-child workshop in preparation for the Totnes Carnival Committee's Lantern Festival!

Together, we'll be making tissue paper lanterns with a funky fish theme, ready to shine bright during the procession at the Christmas Market on Tuesday, 17th December.

Here are the details:

Workshop Date: Sunday, 1st December

Time: 10:30am - 2:30pm (Making a lantern will take approximately one hour)

Location: Main Hall, The Grove School

Open to: All year groups, from Reception to Year 6

Note: This is a parent-and-child activity (not a drop-off event). A small amount of parental support is necessary.

All materials will be provided, and it's sure to be a fun and memorable experience for families to create something special together! Come join us, connect with other families, and get creative as we light up the Totnes Christmas Market!

Save the date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you there!

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Haze on hello@slinkysloth.co



JOIN US FOR THE
**CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 3PM-6PM
TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT 5:30PM

CIVIC HALL AND MARKET SQUARE

Free Entertainment and Crafts

- Inflatable Snow Globe
- Elfic the Jester
- Bubbles the Pixie
- Kids Christmas Crafts
- Stilt Walkers
- Carol Singing
- Brass Band
- Make a lantern

Please bring your own Jam Jar

Pizza £8 each or £4 for half

Free Bob the Bus service 4pm - 7pm between
Bridgetown Spar - The Market Square - Follaton
Stores

For more information and bus times look here:
www.totnestowncouncil.gov.uk/
or contact Lisa at mayor@totnestowncouncil.gov.uk

Donations for The Mayor's Charity
Totnes Caring
would be welcomed



Totnes

Christmas Market & Late Night Shopping

Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 17th December
15:00 – 21:00

Festive entertainment & music
 70 + Local artisan market stalls
 Local food & drink
 Lantern Parade -
 Tuesday 17th December
 at 16:30
 And much more!

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 TOTNES Town Council



SCAN ME

Frazoo Live Show

You are invited to Frazoo Show Live: Remarkable Reptiles and Colossal Creepy Crawlies at Torquay Museum.

Saturday the 23rd of November at 1:30 pm

Entry £5

You can book tickets online for this TMS fundraiser event on the Torquay Museum website. The last show was a sell-out so do get tickets beforehand.

Hope to see you there, please come and say hello!



Frazoo



Rachel McCaslin Acupuncture



Special Christmas Offer 50% off your first treatment



Offer valid until 31 January. Book online or message me to arrange a timeslot, mentioning this offer.



Give yourself the gift of relaxation and better health this Christmas by investing in some self-care.

Acupuncture can help reset our healthy balance, relieve troubling aches and pains and ward off those January blues.



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A WEEKEND OF CREATIVE WORKSHOPS AT DARTINGTON

CURATED BY
TORBAY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



PUPPETCRAFT FAMILY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER - 10AM OR 11.30AM
£6 PER PERSON | AGES 5+

MAKE YOUR OWN SNAGOL PUPPET OF A CHARACTER FROM THE FIREBIRD STORY WITH MASTER PUPPET-MAKER JONIA BOBCATS, AND BRING IT TO LIFE BEHIND OUR SHADOW SCREEN. PUPPETCRAFT WILL CREATE A SHORT VIDEO OF THE PUPPETS IN ACTION, TO BE SHOWN BEFORE AND AFTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON'S CONCERT.

CREATIVE COMPOSITION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER - 9.30AM TO 12.30PM
£10 | AGES 8-16 YEARS

JOIN US FOR A CREATIVE COMPOSITION WORKSHOP LED BY REPUTED MUSIC EDUCATORS KIP PRATT AND PATRICK SATURLEY WITH MEMBERS OF TORBAY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. THE WORKSHOP WILL EXPLORE AND REWIRE NEW MUSIC TO RETELL THE MAGICAL STORY OF THE FIREBIRD.



DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER - 10AM TO 1PM
£10 | AGES 14-21 YEARS | ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

JOIN RAV GROOP AND CHHANA DANCE COLLECTIVE TO EXPLORE AND CREATE A NEW CHOREOGRAPHIC WORK FOR THE MAGICAL STORY OF THE FIREBIRD. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN DANCE MOVEMENTS AND CREATE THEIR OWN CHOREOGRAPHIES FOR AN ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE. THE CHOREOGRAPHY WILL EMBODY THE CHARACTER OF THE FIREBIRD IN AN IMMERSIVE DANCE-THEATRE PERFORMANCE ALONGSIDE TORBAY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN THE GREAT HALL.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND TO SECURE YOUR SPOT,
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DARTINGTON.ORG/WHATS-ON

