



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What's happening in school this week and next

The parent consultations evenings were very successful and thank you to the team that ran the crèche on both evenings. On Monday Year 6 are off to Okehampton Adventure for their residential week. They will be gorge scrambling, team building, canoeing, mountain boarding along with other activities. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Key Stage 2 show "The Snow Queen"

Key stage 2 performance is on Wednesday 29th November at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC. Letters have gone out to everyone regarding tickets. Please hand these in by Monday 13th November.

Key Stage 1 show "The Tale of the Christmas Tree"

Key Stage 1 performance is on Wednesday 6th December at 1.30 at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC. Letters will be going out next week.

PTA Disco

Thank you to Rachel Gillespie for organising the disco and to Jen Marshall for DJ'ing. All the adults helping and children who attended had a brilliant time. Thank you also to all the helpers on the night, without their help we would not be able to put on such fantastic events. The disco raised a massive £549.25!

Table Top Sale- This Saturday in the School Hall from 10.30am. Please pop along to support this event and maybe grab a bargain or two! Everyone welcome.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Please leave your bags at the front entrance tomorrow morning. This is a great way to raise money for the school. If you need more bags, you can use a regular black bag.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to all who have handed in their Christmas card designs. It's been lovely to see how creative and different they all are. If you would still like to have your design printed, then please make sure they are back to school by Friday at the very latest. The cards are £6.00 per pack of 10. Your class teacher will receive any profit made from the sale of the cards to buy resources for the class, so please try and support this if you can.

Christmas Fair

If you are able to offer any help on the day, please email Kellie and Jenni on pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk We particularly need help with manning stalls, glitter tattoos, face painting and Christmas crafts.

We are also working hard to put together a wonderful Christmas raffle. If you have a business that could offer a prize or could source a prize, we would gratefully receive all offers!

Time to be creative – pick-a-pocket

Christmas is coming and it is time to be creative. If anyone is up for the challenge of making 10 small prizes for the Christmas Fair pick-a-pocket, then Fiona Kendall (in Willow Tree class) would love to hear from you. The prizes have to be homemade and small as they sell for £1 each and are very popular.

Old Christmas Decorations

If you have any old decorations or lights, the PTA would love to have them. We need to make our Grotto extra special for Father Christmas this year!

Leadership and management

We carry out monitoring of teaching and learning all the time but this week we have looked particularly at Maths and the use of TAs. The Maths coverage and teaching and learning is really excellent and the progress can be clearly seen in every classroom. Our TAs are truly magnificent and we do know how lucky we are to have such dedicated and passionate members of our team.

Praise assemblies

The next praise assembly is Bay Tree class on Friday 17th November at 2.45. Lime Tree class praise assembly is on Friday 24th November at 2.45.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



Dynamic Adventures

Special group rate for Grove School families available at Dynamic Adventures! Half day adventure (10-1pm or 2-5pm) to include any 3 of the following activities: Zip Line, Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Archery, High Ropes (minimum height 1.4m).

£15 each for groups between 8 and 12 participants. Please call: 01803 862725 for details.



Photography by
Phil Hemsley

This very high quality double A4 calendar retails at **£10**. A **£2** donation goes to the PTA (or optionally for the Year 6 Residential fund) - **for each calendar sold** via the school / PTA

Contact Phil Hemsley on the following link to purchase.

<http://www.philhemsley.co.uk/page/totnes-2018-calendar-5350>

Family and children's arts, crafts and theatre workshops that are FREE

Free Drama workshops for children offered by the Dartington Live Programme. London based 'Fevered Sleep' working with age 8-11 on Sat 25th or Sun 26th November, 10am – 4pm. No experience necessary.

Free Creative movement workshops for children aged 4-8, Saturday 25th Nov. 10.30am-12 & 2-3.30pm, Dartington. Offered by 'Second Hand Dance' in connection to their show 'Grass'. Book early to avoid disappointment. Box Office: 01803 847070, e: boxoffice@dartington.org

Free Community Arts and Crafts day in Totnes Civic Hall, Saturday 18th November, 10am – 4pm. Come and 'create' Christmas decorations with professional artists; one to take home, one for the Market Square Christmas Tree. Organised by Totnes Town Council.

Messy Church

Saturday 18th November at 3.30-5.30 pm St Johns Church, Bridgetown

The theme is "Why did Jesus come?"

Looking forward to seeing you there.