



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our last week in school and last Newsletter of 2017. Thank you for all of your support and team work this year, it is much appreciated. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year. School will reopen in 2018 on Wednesday 3rd January.

Mr Gude – Paternity Leave

Mr Gude's wife has had the baby (a girl called Emily) and Mr Gude has now gone on his paternity leave and will be back on Monday 29th January. Whilst on his paternity leave Gingko Tree class will be taught by Mr Brudenell (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Kneebone (Thursday and Friday) this week and Mrs Moore (Thursday and Friday) after Christmas.

Year R Nativity

Well done to the Reception children for their amazing Nativity performance last Friday. Everyone really enjoyed watching. Thank you so much to the generous parents for providing costumes, donations and purchasing the photos and videos. We have not got an exact figure of how much we raised but it is estimated about £350.

Year 1 and 2 show 'The Tale of the Christmas Tree'

The year 1 and 2 children put on a wonderful performance at the Ariel Centre last week. They sang and danced with great confidence. The 'Fir Tree Bop' was a particular favourite. Thank you to all the parents and family who came to see them. Thank you to everyone who donated we raised £260 which will go towards Year 1 and 2.

Key Stage 2 show "The Snow Queen"

Thank you to everyone who donated we raised £330 which will go towards Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The Grove Christmas Party at Barrel House

The Grove Xmas party raised £572 on Friday so thanks so much to everyone for their generosity. All profit is going 50:50 to school and UNICEF. Next year we'll have it in a bigger venue so everyone can come who wants to. Special thanks to Vicky and Del for super sales on the night.

A reminder

The school finishes at 3.15. There are an increasing number of children that are not being picked up on time.

School party day – Friday

All parties will be on Friday and children can all come in party clothes. The Children's Kitchen menu for Friday is Party Lunch and this will consist of pizza, sandwiches, cocktail sausages, cheese and pineapple, sausage rolls, crisps, crudités etc. £2.40 for KS2 children. KS1 have free school meals.

Kind regards
Hilary Priest

Cot Bed for sale

https://www.mothercare.com/cot-beds/tutti-bambini-barcelona-cot-bed---beech-white/218835.html?cgid=nursery_cotbeds#sz=90&start=37

second hand cot bed with mattress for sale, near perfect condition. £60.

Delivery possible. Please contact the school office if interested.

TOTNES

CALENDAR 2018



This very high quality double A4 calendar retails at **£10** and I would be happy to make a **£2** donation to the PTA (or optionally for the Year 6 Residential fund) - **for each calendar sold** via the school / PTA. Hopefully some of the customers might buy extra copies to send to relatives as Christmas presents too!

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

*For orders through **The Grove Primary School** - please choose either 'voucher code' **GROVEPTA** or **YR6RESI** so that a donation can be made to the school fund option of your choice... along with your child's **class name**, so it can be delivered to you via the school