



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

Trumpet Tree Class are starting their Old Skills New Ways project and will be Forest Schooling all week. Many thanks to the Year 5 and 6 children who represented us yesterday evening at the Totnes Christmas tree light switch on. The children were fantastic and their singing and accompanying Christmas-themed actions filled the Civic Hall with festive cheer! They had great fun on stage and were an asset to our school; well done children!

Volunteers to hear children read

We are in need of volunteers who might be able to spare half a day every week to join a class to hear children read – if this is something you would like to do then please let us know. You will need to have a police check (DBS) but we can arrange this for you.

Children's Kitchen

Unfortunately we had to change the menu yesterday and today due to staff illness and we are sorry if this has caused any inconvenience to you and the children. Tomorrow will be Jacket Potato but we are not sure if Chicken Noodle soup will be available.

Film Night update

The School Council made £260 from Film Night. Thank you very much to Lyla, Ms Caldwell, Mrs Jarvis, Mr Monro, Esther and Daisy for giving up their Friday evening to volunteer. Without these volunteers we couldn't have done it.

Teddy Day update

The Teddy day raised £158.80 for children's Hospice South west. It's a really fantastic amount of money. Clara and Iris are really grateful and would like to thank everyone who supported this really worthwhile cause.

The pick-a-pocket

The pick a pocket apron is feeling empty. Could you help fill it with small hand-made items for the Christmas Fair. Take your amazing creations to Fiona Kendall in Acorn or Lime Tree class or give them to Rebecca.

Preparations for the Christmas Fair (Friday 13th December 15.30-17.30)

We urgently need contributions for our Tombola stall. We would really appreciate good quality gifts, chocolates, bottles/jars/wine, bubble baths/smellies, stationary sets etc. Any help is so appreciated so please consider popping any items into the boxes dotted around the school.

The staff and some of the parents have already been very generous in signing up to man the stalls for the Fair. We would really appreciate any help in the second hour (16.30-17.30), this gives you a chance to enjoy the Fair

with your children and then support it by volunteering to help! If you are able to help please do email me at: pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Bit of a random request but if any one has any bundles of white (or cream) wool that they would be happy to donate, please let us know – thank you!

PTA Christmas Raffle

The children should have come home with a book of raffle tickets. We have had some very generous donations and very exciting and interesting prizes are available.

The top prize is £100 donated from Marchant Petit. Friends of the school have donated vouchers for Fifty5a, Café Mumbai, Love Yoga, Waterside Restaurant, Pie Street, Nkuku, China Blue, Venus Café, Pie Street, Ben's Farm Shop, Personalised party invites from Gareth Coxon, Yoga at the Forge Yoga Centre, Morrison's, Gather, Plymouth Argyle, Gifts from Nicky Haynes, Exeter City Football Club, Fab Beauty, Seven Stars and One and Eight. WOW WOW WOW!

Tickets are £1 each or £5 for the book, if you would like more please ask Rebecca at the front desk, obviously the more you get the higher your chance of scooping the wonderful prizes!

If any parents/carers/friends of the school would like to donate a raffle prize please get in touch, we really appreciate your support, pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Praise Assembly

Praise assembly this week is Mountain Ash class on Friday at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly is Grey Birch Tree on Friday 6th December at 2.45pm.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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