



## Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Covid Update**

We do have a large number (20+) of positive Covid results coming into school currently (all year groups), which obviously is a huge cause of concern for all. If you have access to lateral flow tests and your child can manage being tested then it would be beneficial to all to test twice a week between now and Christmas. If your child has a cough, a temperature or loss of taste or smell you will need to get a PCR test asap (Lateral Flow is not sufficient for anyone with symptoms). If you haven't got access to transport, then we do have some postal tests you could collect.

Currently we also have 2 staff off with positive results and whilst we can manage this level of impact we do need to make you aware that if more teachers and Class Teaching Assistants contract Covid we have no way of covering whole classes for 10 days. We will of course keep you informed as we progress.

### **PTA Christmas Raffle**

A very big thank you for the generous donations we have received so far! We've got some great prizes, I really appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness. If any other parents/carers/companies can make a donation this would be warmly welcomed; 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 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))

### **PTA Christmas Cards**

A reminder to you all that Christmas card designs need to be in school by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This is a lovely opportunity to get creative and for the children to design their own cards. This can be a picture or a photo. If you have any pre-school children that would also like to design a card that would be great. We are really looking forward to seeing all your wonderful designs. A reminder to use A4 or A5 paper, landscape and do not use any shiny bits or sequins as they don't scan well. The cards are £5 for a pack of 10 (apologies for the discrepancy on the form). If you need any additional information, please email: [pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) A previous email had the attached form to include with your card, if you need a copy please ask at the front desk or email me for another copy. Emily

### **PTA Christmas Jumpers and Lucky Dip**

Many thanks for those that have contributed to this. Our intention was to have an after school sale alongside some festive treats. However, given current situations I feel it is sensible to postpone this. I will store the chrimbo jumpers for next year. The “small toy amnesty lucky dip” is still a great opportunity to have a clear out and recycle/reuse. So, I’m keen to still support this effort and arrange an opportunity in the New Year to “lucky dip”. Emily.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL HOSTS

# Totnes Christmas Light Switch On



WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2021 / 3PM-7PM  
TOTNES CIVIC HALL AND MARKET SQUARE

**FREE SANTA'S GROTTO**

**FREE CHRISTMAS CRAFT TABLES FOR ALL AGES**

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**GREAT FOOD FROM LOCAL SUPPLIERS**

**CHRISTMAS TREE TURNED ON AT 5.30PM BY THE TOWN  
MAYOR**

**CHARITY STALLS FROM TOTNES CARING & HOSPITAL LEAGUE  
OF FRIENDS**

**FREE BOB THE BUS TO AND FROM THE CIVIC HALL**

LEAVES FOLLATON STORES AT 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM,  
6PM, LEAVES BRIDGETOWN SPAR AT 2.30PM, 3.30PM,  
4.30PM, 5.30PM. RETURN TRIPS WILL RUN  
THROUGHOUT THE EVENT WITH THE LAST RETURN  
LEAVING THE MARKET SQUARE AT 7PM



INCLUDES DONATIONS FROM CHINA BLUE

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THE TIME - PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION