



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carer

Covid Update

Currently we have 15 cases, and 9 are in Flame Tree Class, as a consequence of this we will be bubbling up our classes internally to contain any transmission. I'm not sure what official policies are with regard to Lateral Flow as there still seem to be contradictory advice but I would suggest that using a Lateral flow on a child is fine and should give you a quick response. This would be useful if they have a headache and a sickness feeling as many of our cases for children are presenting this way to start. If they have clear COVID symptoms - cough, high temp, loss of taste or smell then follow up a lateral flow with a PCR. Positive lateral flows should also be followed up with a PCR. Always let us know if you have a positive result or are awaiting results. Please be ultra-vigilant.

New Date for Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday 27th January 2022

On Monday we sent everyone an email from the immunisation team at Virgin care explaining why they have to reschedule the nasal flu vaccine here at the school. You can still use the link to book your child in for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating “no” consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ’s on this link.

Request

Jennie is making a Christmas display in school and needs some Elves (not the naughty elves), Reindeer and a large Father Christmas. If you have any of these please could we borrow them. Thank you.

News from the Governors

We held our latest meeting on Tuesday of this week, and I am very pleased to say that it was in school - the first time we have met in person as a whole board since December 2019. It really was lovely to all be back in school, and in 3D. This latest meeting was a combination of the Resources and Teaching & Learning committees (we decided to do this as a full board while we remain on the low side with numbers) - but I am pleased to welcome Chris Grimshaw to the board. Chris is a wonderful addition, and I look forward to working with him.

We focused heavily on the curriculum, which as you know is being re-energised and rewritten (there is information on this on the school’s website) and as a board we have realigned ourselves to these groups and will be conducting visits this term, then termly, with the curriculum leads and staff. Other notable items covered were health & safety and the budget, both of which are in good shape thanks to the hard work of all staff, and it is wonderful to see the investments being made in areas such as reading and phonics that will benefit the children throughout their time at The Grove.

Finally, I am aware that I am yet to report back on the results of the Parent's Survey from the end of the last school year - we discussed this today and it will form a substantial part of the agenda for our December meeting, after which I will write to you all with the results, themes raised, responses and plans from the board and the school.

Ian Stewart, Chair of Governors

Design your own Christmas Cards

An email was sent out this morning with more information about this.

PTA Christmas Raffle

A very big thank you for the generous donations we have received so far! I really appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness. We are keen to have the most fabulous Christmas Raffle and have always been so grateful for the very kind and generous support from local businesses and we are hoping this year will be no different. 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 would 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)

PTA Christmas Plans

CHRIMBO JUMPERS: We would love to see if we can recycle, reuse and re-sell any unwanted/outgrown Christmas jumpers or t-shirts or dresses in adult and children sizes. If you have any to donate we would love this and then we can arrange a table top sale in early December. Please have a clear out over half term and drop them off with Rebecca at the front desk with my name on.

LUCKY DIP: We are inviting you all to have a small plastic toy amnesty. We will welcome your bags of small plastic/wooden toys that I have no doubt are cluttering your cupboards and then we will have a lucky dip stall alongside our Thursday bake stall throughout December to offer an alternative to the sweet treats options. Please have a clear out and drop off your bags of "treasure" at the front desk with my name marked on them, a great opportunity to recycle and reuse!

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.

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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**PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT WILL RUN IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE AT
THE TIME - PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**