



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for all of your consistent and caring support through one of the toughest times we have ever experienced at school. I also want to publically thank the staff at The Grove who have been incredible, making school really fun and engaging and such a very special place to be even when the world about us has been falling apart! May all your Christmases and 2021 be full of lots of blessings.

We will see you all again on the first day back at school for children - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### Timings for the day

Children arrive at school between 8.50-9.05am.  
 Only one parent, no parents on site beyond the school field  
 EYFS, KSI and Y6 top gate  
 Y3/4 main entrance

Class	Arrival Time	Pick up time	Where
Acorns	9.00-9.05am	3pm	Field
Dove Year 1 and 2	8.55-9.05am	3.05-3.10pm	Field
Lime Year 1 and 2	8.55-9.05am	3.05-3.10pm	Field
Beech Year 1 and 2	8.55-9.05am	3.05-3.10pm	Field
Chestnut Year 3 and 4	8.50-9.00am	3.05pm	Main Entrance
Golden Cedar Year 3 and 4	8.50-9.00am	3.10pm	Main Entrance
Mountain Ash Year 3 and 4	8.50-9.00am	3.15pm	Main Entrance
Ginkgo Year 5 and 6	8.50am	All classes will be filtering out between 3.10-3.15pm	Field or walk home on their own.
Flame Year 5 and 6	8.50am		
Trumpet Year 5 and 6	8.50am		

## **Track and Trace**

Schools are an essential part of track and trace should there be a positive case in a school, so it is crucial that you contact us if there is a positive case for one of the children attending the school. This is still needed into the school holidays until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December. Please use my email address [head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) which I will check daily in case this happens. Please note though that I won't be reading all my emails once on holiday and will take a proper restful Christmas break with my family so if you could title your email COVID positive case, that would be useful! Please also note that this means you may be contacted right up until 24<sup>th</sup> December to self-isolate your child as a contact for a positive case. Let's hope this doesn't happen but we felt it was best to warn you that it might!

If you have any additional concerns that we could help support you with then please do let us know as soon as possible.

## **A Special Visitor yesterday:**

Reception and Y1/2 received a visit this week from a very special visitor, Father Christmas! He arrived early in the morning to read each class a story and to tell them how amazing they have been this year. He also had presents for all of the children and gave them permission to open them later that day!

Thank you very much to the PTA who kindly donated the presents and have continued to fundraise on behalf of the school during this challenging time. The school really do appreciate all your hard work and effort.



## **Art Competition results**

The children did so well and we had so many great entries from all the ages. Please check out the page of the website with lots of the contributions put onto 2 videos – more to come.

[http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/art\\_and\\_craft/331133](http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/art_and_craft/331133)

We had lots of runners up and they got a prize of some charcoal pencils but the overall winner was Ralph! He created the most beautiful mobile of flying birds. Very inspired. The runners up were Maya, Tabby P, Florence T, Zofia, Ruby B, Rosa, Sophie G, Jake B, Jake S, Seth M, Blossom, Lacey, Jemima, Penelope, Bea S and Iris F-W.

## **PTA Update**

Many thanks to all of you that have bought Christmas Raffle tickets, your support is really appreciated. If you can get your tickets returned to us by the end of today you'll be entered into the draw! We are doing the draw first thing tomorrow morning and so look forward to spreading some Christmas cheer with our wonderful prizes. I am very thankful for a few key supporters of the PTA and some very generous donations. The prizes up for grabs are:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: £100 cash donated by Marchand Petit

Other top prizes: Eversfield Hamper, £30 Neuff voucher, Cott Inn Voucher, £70 yoga voucher from Natalie, £20 Venus Café voucher, Waterside Bistro voucher, 2hour Financial Review.

Lots more: Bottles of wine, port and mulled wine, chocolates, bags (children's and Cath Kidston), Exeter City FC and Plymouth Argyle FC donations, China Blue ceramics voucher, beautiful candle set and candles from Love Frankie; over 20 prizes in total!

Follow us on The Grove School & PTA Totnes Facebook page where I'll be posting more details or email me on [pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Just a reminder to save your Christmas jumpers/tops/outfits for our collection in the New Year. We have always tried to encourage as much recycling and reusing in the school and for our fundraising efforts. We will then

quarantine them and bundle them up into storage to auction off next year. Please consider this when packing up and tidying up after Christmas.

A reminder that this Thursday and Friday are fun-filled Christmas Party Mufti days. This is an opportunity to sparkle in Christmas jumpers or party clothes. Suggested donation £2 towards the PTA fundraising efforts.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from the PTA xxx

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

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