



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please no 'Sharpies' in school

What is happening this week and next

Year 5 will be going to KEVICC this afternoon to take part in an Anti-Bullying event 'humanutopia'. Parent consultations will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Haldon Cross Country yesterday

Yesterday 41 children from across Key stage 2 attended a Cross Country Event at Haldon Forest. The event had a huge turnout with many schools entering large teams. The children did fantastically well considering the cold weather and many placed highly in the ranks for their year group. Well done everyone! We will find out shortly if our teams have qualified for the Winter games.

Science

Calling all SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXPERTS! If there is anyone out there whose profession or interest is linked to science and/or technology, anyone who is prepared to come in and share their expertise with our children, any extra experiences that we can give the children of The Grove would be greatly appreciated. They would bring depth, fun, creativity and reality to these subjects. If you are able and willing please contact me through the following email address: helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk
I look forward to hearing from you.

Tickets now available for Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance of 'Sugar Plum' at KEVICC

Lime, Beech and Willow Tree class will be performing Sugar Plum on Tuesday 17th December. There will be two performances one at 1.30pm and the other at 4.30pm. Please order your tickets with Rebecca either by email or in person. We will try our best to accommodate everyone's requests. Please remember that every person including children and babies who will sit on laps need tickets due to fire regulations.

Tickets now available for Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance of 'Aladdin' at KEVICC

Ginkgo, Chestnut and Flame Tree class will be performing Aladdin on Thursday 19th December. There will be two performances one at 1pm and the other at 6pm. Please order your tickets with Rebecca either by email or in person. We will try our best to accommodate everyone's requests. Please remember that every person including children and babies who will sit on laps need tickets due to fire regulations.

Reading for Pleasure Day

In the new year we plan to organise a day where we focus purely on the enjoyment of reading. We are therefore looking for any volunteers who would like to help support on the day with sharing stories with children, helping to run our reading café and organising activities to promote reading. Any amount of time you can give on the day would be appreciated, even an hour at the beginning or the end of the day would be wonderful. If you already

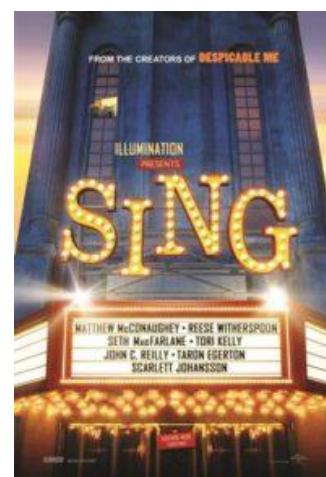
help with reading, we'd love you to be involved and we'd also welcome as many new helpers as possible to make the day a success. Do you know of anyone else who might like to be involved? If you feel passionately about the importance of reading, then please help support this event.

Please email Vikki Drew (vikkid@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) for further information and the days/times you could be potentially available so that we can confirm a date soon.

Save the Hedgehogs

Last weeks cake sale made £127.35 so thank you all very much to everyone who baked and then bought a cake. This Friday the children in Acorn unit will be making Hedgehog bread rolls to sell, for a donation, at the end of the day after school. This is to raise money for the same people who look after hedgehogs who are ill. Please help us support this worthwhile cause by visiting our stalls. Thank you in advance!

School Cinema Night – Friday 22nd November 5.30 until 7.30 pm. Book tickets £5 with Rebecca



Children's Hospice Fundraiser

Iris and Clara from Trumpet Tree class would like to raise some money for the Childrens Hospice. Therefore this Friday your child can bring in a cuddly toy of their choice and a bring £1 donation if they wish to support this charity.

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

It's great to see the bags of cuddly toys/teddy's and tomobola items filling up the donation boxes, please do keep them coming. I have already had some parents contact me to volunteer to help run the stalls, as have members of staff. I really appreciate any offers of help so please let me know if you are interested; pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Personalised Christmas Cards

This year we are giving you the chance to design your own Christmas Cards at home. You can get the whole family involved or get your children to design their own. The cards will come in packs of 10 and will cost £6.00 per pack (including envelopes). The forms have been sent home with the children last week, if you need any additional forms please email pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk or ask Rebecca at the front desk. The cards will have the name of the pupil, year and the school on the back. The picture needs to be on a flat piece of A4 landscape with no sequins/shiny bits, alternatively it could be a photograph. The form needs to be returned with the card design and payment to the children's class by Thursday 21st November to ensure we can get them back to you in time for the Christmas post!

Totnes Late Night Christmas Shopping

As we all know the Tuesday late night Christmas Shopping evenings get busy and car parking spaces are in high demand. We would really like to open up the Grove School Car Park and use it as an opportunity to support the PTA fundraising efforts.

A group of mum's have offered to man this on the 10th and then taking the opportunity to enjoy the market after the carpark has filled up – a great idea! Please let me know if you are available to volunteer for this on: Tuesday 3rd or Tuesday 17th from 4pm.

We think it is likely to fill up quickly so would anticipate you would only need to be there for an hour. Please email me at pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk if you are able to help.

Praise Assembly

Praise assembly this week is Beech Tree Class on Friday at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly is Trumpet Tree class on Friday 22nd November at 2.45pm.

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.

FREE

Large paddling pool, Car seat and Child bike carrier
If you would like more info please email the school

Once upon a Christmas at Totnes Library: Thursday 28th November 10:30am

Boo to a Goose theatre presents an interactive and multi-sensory show for children aged 2-8 and their families. A jolly couple, with help from cheeky elves and the Gingerbread Man, share their memories and stories, singalong songs and festive activities. Tickets £5, adults will go free but all children 6 months and over will need a ticket.

Tickets will be available in advance or on the door



Totnes Lantern Festival 2020

Please come along to our open evening for the whole community at **the Guildhall on Thursday 21st November, 7.30pm**. It's a great opportunity to find out what's going on and to get involved. If you can, invite a friend too. You don't have to be artistically gifted, there's lots for everyone to do over the coming months, not just making lanterns.

The theme is endangered animals. We want to celebrate the amazing species that share our planet. It will only be a huge success with your support. Look forward to seeing you all there.

