



### Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **What's happening in school this week and next**

Guava Tree class are back in school this week and last week they were at Adventure Okehampton. They had an amazing week. They all challenged themselves to the limit and loved every minute. It was really nice to see them all work so well together as a team. There are lots of photos which will be on the website soon. They will all have a lot of fond memories.

Yesterday all year 3 and 4 children went to The Barn Cinema at Dartington. Tonight's High 5 netball competition for Years 3 and 4 has had to be cancelled due to the weather. On Friday Year 2 children will be going to KEVICC for the Invasion Games Festival. Banyan Tree class need parent helpers for this event. Lovely singing throughout the school with children practising for Christmas performances. The Acorn unit have started learning songs for their Nativity which is taking place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

### **Medical assistance dog**

We are very excited that Gabriel in Y1, Willow Tree Class, is getting his medical alert assistance dog to help him with his diabetes. The dog, Mac, a flat-coat Labrador-retriever cross, is currently in training and will mostly be used at home and overnight but he will be coming into school with Gabriel's mum to drop off and pick up. We have a no dogs on site rule but obviously this dog will be an exception to the rule and the dog will be able to come right into school, in the playground and the building. If your child is allergic to dogs or has an issue with dogs, please will you let us know. Mac is not to be petted or fussed over as he will be working and wearing a jacket to indicate this.

### **Key Stage 2 show "The Snow Queen"**

Key stage 2 performance is a week today at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC. The day before is a full dress rehearsal day and all the children will be at KEVICC. Letters have gone out to everyone about ordering a school lunch for the two days. Tickets have been given out today. There are spare tickets for the afternoon show but unfortunately no spare tickets for the evening performance. Every person including children and babies need a ticket due to numbers and fire regulations.

### **Key Stage 1 show "The Tale of the Christmas Tree"**

Key Stage 1 performance is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 and 4.30 at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC.

### **Chess Club, Choir Club and Musical Theatre**

Today is the last week for these clubs due to the Christmas performance being on next week.

### **Christmas Tree**

We are needing a Christmas tree for the school and wondered if anyone could help with this. Ideally we would like it next week to put up before the Christmas Fair to make the school feel festive.

### **PTA - Christmas Fair**

Help Needed! If you can spare an hour to help on the day we would really appreciate it. We are looking for face painters and people to help man the stalls. Please email [pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **Raffle Prizes**

Do you run a business or know someone who could offer a raffle prize? We are so grateful for the generosity that has already been shown by parents and our local community, but could do with a few more prizes to offer. Again, please email the pta on the above address.

### **Old Decorations and Lights!**

If you have any you would like to donate, we would gratefully receive them! We want to make our fair feel very festive!

### **Tombola**

We still need some good quality tombola prizes. These could include; children's books, wine, toiletries, toys, puzzles, games etc.

### **PTA MEETING**

Tomorrow at 3.30pm in The Acorn Unit. We will be planning our Christmas fair! All welcome.

### **Usborne Book Fair**

This is being held in the school hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November (next week) and before 8.45am on Tuesday. Any commission made will be spent on each class. Please see more info at the end of this newsletter.

### **Praise assemblies**

Praise assembly this week is Lime Tree class on Friday at 2.45. The next praise assembly is Banyan Tree class on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2.45.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest

Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Signed

Head Teacher



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## **USBORNE BOOK FAIR** **November 27th 2017**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'm pleased to let you know that we will be holding a book fair in school with Vikki Drew from Usborne Books at Home. We will receive up to 60% of the value of all the books sold at the book fair in free books, so for every £1 spent, the school will receive up to 60p to spend on reading books! So please come and have a look and help us to earn lots of FREE books.

The books will be displayed in the school hall where you will be able to **ORDER** them on the 27th of November after school or before school on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> from 8.45am. The children will also be given a preview session in the afternoon where they will be allowed to browse the books and ask any questions they may have.

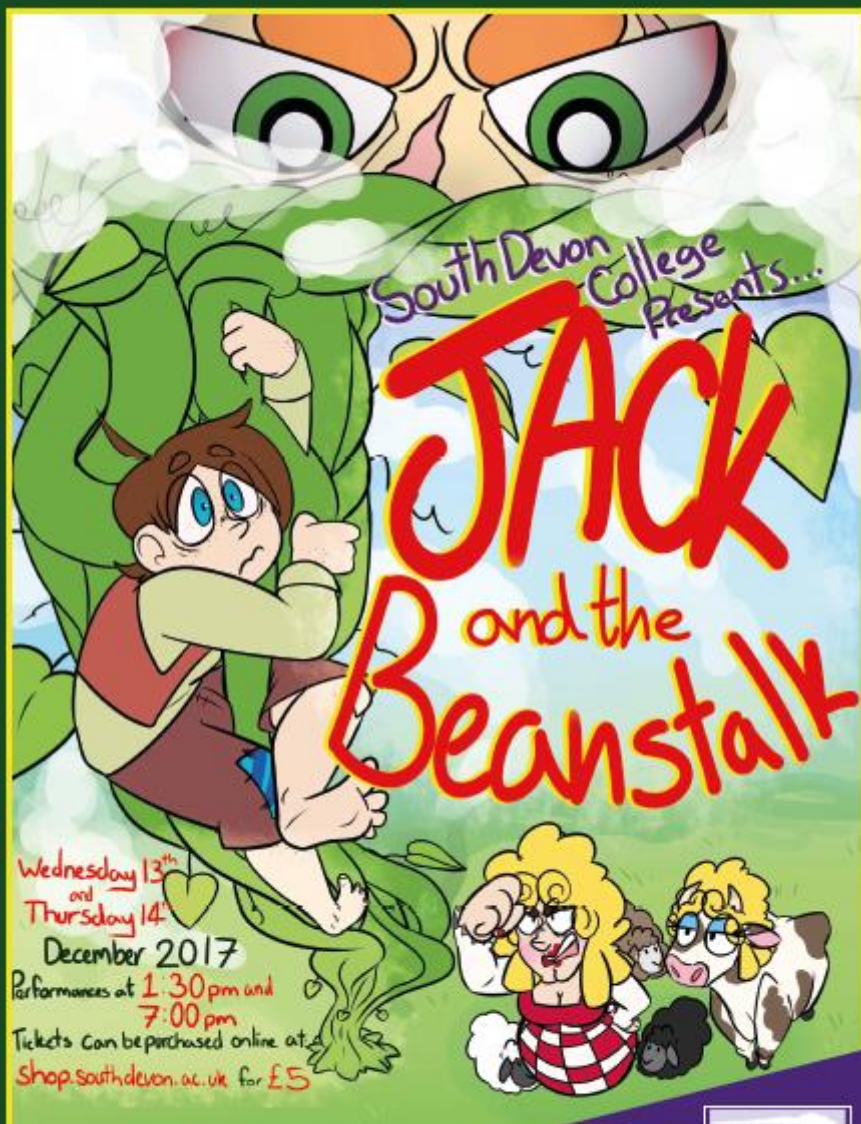
All books will be priced as marked on the back unless they have a special offer/sale price clearly displayed on the front of the book. Order forms will be available to fill out at various points around the hall.

If you can't make it, don't worry, you can view the full catalogue and any special offers at [www.vikkisbooks.co.uk](http://www.vikkisbooks.co.uk) and simply write down what you would like to order, your child's name and class and send it into school with the correct money in an envelope. Vikki will then process the order for you (please do not order online as these will not count towards our free books). Please make all orders by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

Books will be **ordered** and delivered to the school within 7 days. You will be able to pay with cash, cheque (payable: V.Drew) or debit/credit cards.

If you would like to order any books as presents for your children, please let Vikki know that you would like them delivered to the school office rather than given to the child and we will arrange this for you.

Please come along and have a look at the wonderful range of books on offer, we look forward to seeing you there!



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 2017  
Performances at 1.30pm and  
7.00pm  
Tickets can be purchased online at  
[shop.southdevon.ac.uk](http://shop.southdevon.ac.uk) for £5

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