



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What is happening this week and next

Years 3 and 4 are going to the cinema tomorrow to watch The Biggest Little Farm at the Barn Cinema in Dartington. The film examines where our food comes from and how it is produced, as well as supporting our PSHE work on growth mindset and perseverance. The film has a PG certificate. Parents consultation forms have been sent out and could they be returned by tomorrow please. Year 5 will be going to KEVICC next Wednesday to take part in an Anti-Bullying event 'humanutopia'.

Art Auction Update

On Wednesday last week, KEVICCs hosted a fund raising art exhibition and auction in aid of art and craft provision at our school. It was a fantastic evening which was well supported, despite the torrential rain! Nick Rangecroft, who is a Grove parent and art teacher at KEVICC organised the event, together with his wife Abby and a very supportive team. Three children from The Grove, Hazel in Beech Tree Class, Amelie and Iris both in Chestnut Tree Class, created and displayed an exhibition of their own work. All of the incredible pieces of art which were auctioned at the close of the evening had been kindly donated by local artists. The whole evening was great fun and raised the staggering sum of £790.00. This money will be used to enhance art and craft provision for all our children and we would like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone involved.

Flu consent update

A few parents who have missed the deadline to consent for the nasal flu vaccine have been asking how they can still sign up. Please can parents contact the Support Team on 03002470082 before the end of this week they will be able to complete the consent form over the telephone with a Team Member.

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 everyones requests. Please remember that every person including children and babies who will sit on laps need tickets due to fire regulations. We do not want to turn people away because they do not have enough tickets.

Years 5 and 6 Grey Birch, Trumpet and Mountain Ash – Christmas activities

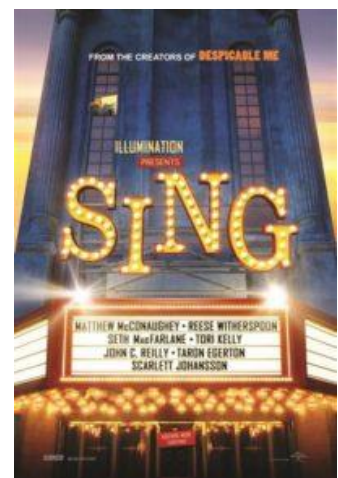
This year Years 5 and 6 will be singing at the Christmas Tree Lights Switch on Tuesday 26th November at 4.30 and are planning a trip to sing in a care/residential home in December. They will be saving all their performing talents for the Year 5 and 6 performance in July.

Cake Sale for Hedgehogs Thursday 7th November (tomorrow)

Last week the children in Reception found a second poorly hedgehog. The hedgehogs have both been taken to a hedgehog rescue centre and will be looked after over winter. Hedgehog numbers have been declining over recent years and the children are very keen to raise money to help them. They would like to have a cake sale this Thursday. If you can support them by donating or purchasing cakes it would be much appreciated. Please bring in cake donations on Thursday morning and leave them with Rebecca at Reception. **Cakes will be on sale after school on Thursday 7th November.**

Please form an orderly queue and be patient when buying cakes. Some of the stallholders are only 4 or 5 years old, they are very excited about selling the cakes and we would like them to enjoy it.

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 on Friday your child can bring in a cuddly toy of their choice and a bring £1 donation if they wish to support this charity.

MTA role

We are now looking for a 4 days a week meal time assistant to work in the lunchtime team in the dining hall. The role is from 11:30-1:30 and does require some level of physical ability to help put out the dining tables and chairs and then put them away again at the end. We would consider two people splitting this role if this would suit better.

Glitter

As a school we will not be using non-biodegradable glitter from now on to help our planet. We have found a company who will collect old glitter and give us a voucher for biodegradable glitter. If you have any at home that you wish to dispose of safely then please bring it in and we will send it off with ours.

Bags2School:

A very big thank you to all of those that contributed to the enormous pile of bags and to the parents who helped move the bags to the front door for collection. It was a great effort from everyone and we raised £176.00. Our thanks to Jenni Rowe for organising it.

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

We have already started to get lots of “treasures” for our small toy amnesty. This can be anything from stationary, role play toys, keyrings, party bag type toys etc. Please consider having a clear out as we are sure we can rehome them!

There are boxes around the school for your other donations, we would really appreciate:

- Soft cuddly toys and teddy’s for our much loved “adopt a teddy” stall
- Good quality items for the tombola; toys, unopened toiletries, unopened stationary bits, unwanted gifts(!!!), boxes of chocolates, craft packs etc
- Bottles and jars for the tombola (we’re keen to keep the amount of plastic down to a minimum so glass jars etc packed with goodies are ideal)

We obviously would welcome as many volunteers as possible to run the stalls on the day so please start considering this and let me know if you are available. You can email me on pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA Halloween Cake Sale

Another thank you – Cathy Quinn and her family very generously donated the enormous chocolate cake. Together with the other fiendishly yummy treats we made £40!

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 will be sent home with the children in the next few days, 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 or glitter, 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.

We are looking for volunteers to man this on: Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 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 Willow Tree Class on Friday at 2.45pm. The next praise assembly is Beech Tree class on Friday 15th 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.

Parent’s Netball Group

We are a relatively small but very friendly and enthusiastic group of parents who on a Tuesday evening enjoy (our version) of netball. We play in Kevicc’s school gym for one hour, meeting at 6.45. This costs £20-30 for a term or £10-15 for half a term (depending on numbers that attend). It doesn’t matter if you haven’t played since school and any level of fitness is accommodated. It’s a really good opportunity for good value exercise with a little bit of socialising and we would welcome any new parents to join us. If you would like to be added to our Whatsapp group for updates please let Alison Caldwell (in Reception) know or email pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



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