

## **Weekly Newsletter**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

On Monday Year 6 left to go Okehampton Adventure for their residential week. They are all enjoying their week. Parents are being updated daily through Eschools and Facebook. Tuesday next week year 3 and 4 are going to Barn cinema to watch 'Despicable Me 3'. This is part of the National Schools' Film Festival and we receive free tickets to the film.

#### Year 6 residential

I went along with Year 6 on Monday this week and for the first time stayed overnight. The children were amazing, the courtesy they showed to each other - helping with bags, working together to prepare their rooms, making their own beds, helping each other on the 5-mile night walk across Dartmoor etc — well it was amazing to behold and I felt extremely proud of them all. Our staff are also incredible — their energy is endless and their positivity and nurturing instincts are really lovely to witness.

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

Key stage 2 performance is on Wednesday 29th November at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC. Letters have gone out to everyone regarding tickets. Tickets will be distributed next week.

## Key Stage I show "The Tale of the Christmas Tree"

Key Stage I performance is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 and 4.30 at The Ariel Centre, KEVICC. Letters have been sent out so please complete the slip and return so we can allocate tickets.

#### Children in Need - This Friday

This year children can bring a teddy with them to school for the day for a donation that we will pass on to Children in Need on your behalf.

# Netball club - Wednesdays

Due to the High 5 netball tournament being held next week and then the Key stage 2 performance the following week this will be the last netball club for the year.

#### **PTA - BAGS2SCHOOL**

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items. We managed to raise £164.00

#### PTA - Christmas Fair

We have put the tombola boxes outside the classrooms and in the main reception. Please help us fill them for the Christmas Fair. We would also like new items of chocolates, gifts, wine, new books, toiletries etc. We are also collecting good quality children's books and toys for our pre-loved stall. Unfortunately this year we cannot accept any bric-a-brac or adult reading books.

If you are able to offer any help on the day, please email Kellie and Jenni on <a href="mailto:pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk">pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk</a> We particularly need help with manning stalls, glitter tattoos, face painting and Christmas crafts.

We are also working hard to put together a wonderful Christmas raffle. If you have a business that could offer a prize or could source a prize, we would gratefully receive all offers!

# Time to be creative - pick-a-pocket

Christmas is coming and it is time to be creative. If anyone is up for the challenge of making 10 small prizes for the Christmas Fair pick-a-pocket, then Fiona Kendall (in Willow Tree class) would love to hear from you. The prizes have to be homemade and small as they sell for  $\pounds I$  each and are very popular.

#### **Old Christmas Decorations**

If you have any old decorations or lights, the PTA would love to have them. We need to make our Grotto extra special for Father Christmas this year!

#### **Praise assemblies**

Praise assembly this week is Bay Tree class on Friday at 2.45. The next praise assembly if Lime Tree class on Friday 24th November at 2.45.

Kind regards

Hilary Priest



# TOTNES

# CALENDAR 2018



This very high quality double A4 calendar retails at £10. A £2 donation goes to the PTA (or optionally for the Year 6 Residential fund) - for each calendar sold via the school / PTA Contact Phil Hemsley on the following link to purchase.

# http://www.philhemsley.co.uk/page/totnes-2018-calendar-5350

For orders through The Grove Primary School please choose either voucher code **GROVEPTA** or **YR6RESI** so that a donation can be made to the school fund option of your choice along with your child's class name. The calendar can then be delivered to you via the school.