

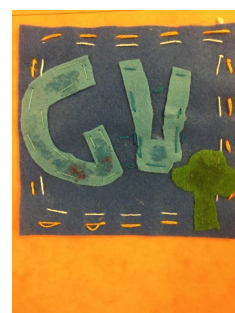


Friday 28th November 2019

The Grove Valer

Year 4—parent workshop

Year 4 had a superb parent workshop yesterday, showcasing, sharing and teaching their parents their newly found sewing skills. Year 4 had been appreciating the Bayeux Tapestry in their art lessons, and used this as a basis to enhance their skills in textiles. During the parent workshop, both parents and children used these skills to create their very own Grove Vale tile. All the tiles will be sewn together to make a Grove Vale Tapestry! It was wonderful to see such an amazing turn out, and the children really enjoyed it!



Year 6—parent workshop

On Tuesday, Year 6 welcomed parents to our Festive Sewing workshop. We had great fun creating Christmas decorations (and threading many needles). Thank you to all those parents who were able to come in to support and share this experience, it was a lovely afternoon.

Year 5 planetarium

On Wednesday, children in Year 5 were very lucky to have The Black Hole Planetarium visit Grove Vale! They were given an unforgettable experience about Earth and Space. The presentations covered areas in our Operation Lift Off topic which included the Sun and Stars, Day and Night and Phases of the Moon. The children (and staff!) especially enjoyed the projection of the mythological figures at the end which were used to illustrate stories from Ancient Greece. We were all mesmerised with the star patterns!

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Assembly

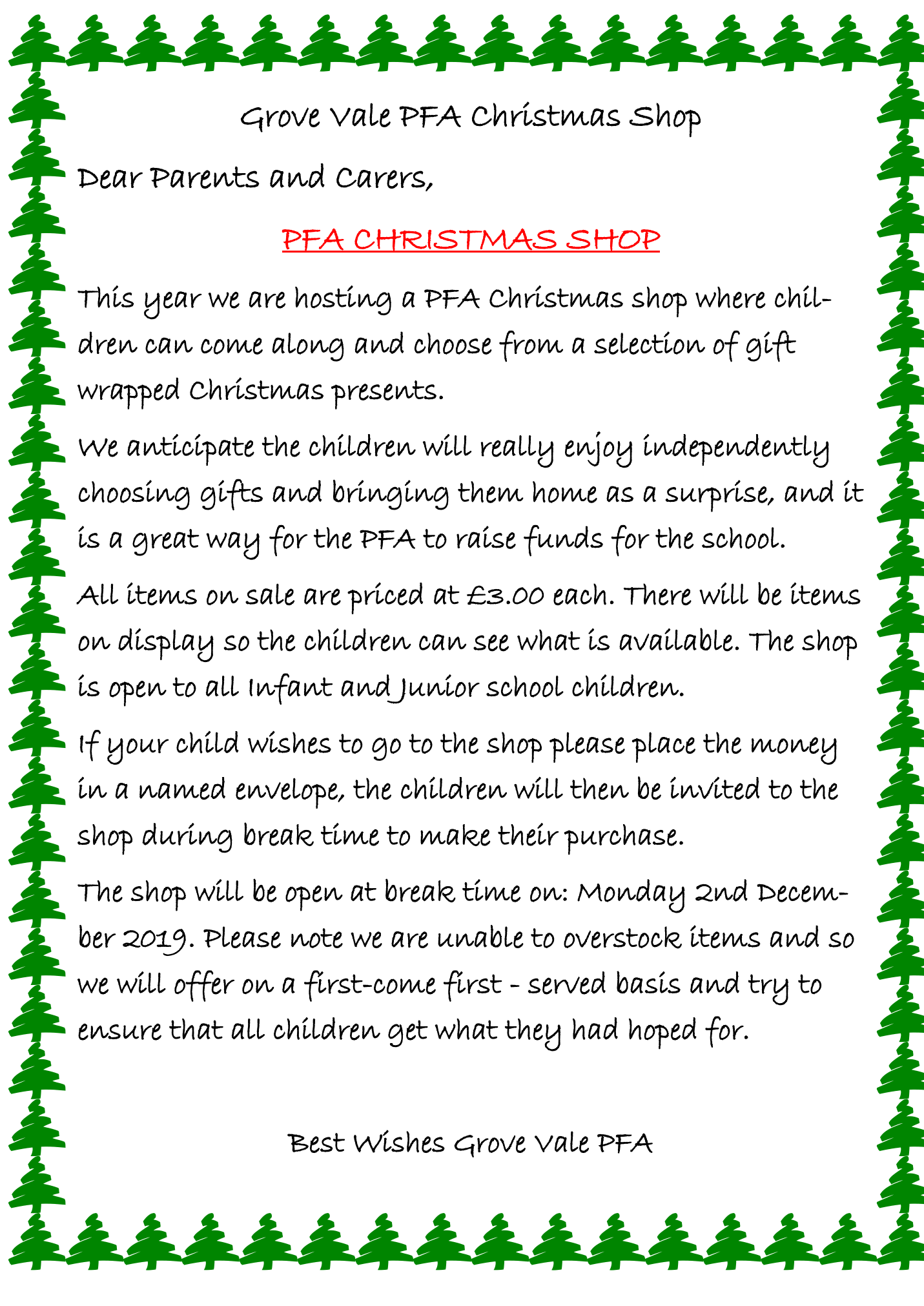
We look forward to inviting our year 1 and 2 parents to the first of our Christmas assemblies: The Year 1 and 2 Christingle and Carols assembly on **Tuesday 3rd December @ 9.15am.**

After School Club

Can we please remind parents whose children attend after school club. The club is closed on:

Thursday 5-12-19 and Friday 20-12-19.

Please make arrangements for children to be collected at 3.25/3.30pm.



Grove Vale PFA Christmas Shop

Dear Parents and Carers,

PFA CHRISTMAS SHOP

This year we are hosting a PFA Christmas shop where children can come along and choose from a selection of gift wrapped Christmas presents.

We anticipate the children will really enjoy independently choosing gifts and bringing them home as a surprise, and it is a great way for the PFA to raise funds for the school.

All items on sale are priced at £3.00 each. There will be items on display so the children can see what is available. The shop is open to all Infant and Junior school children.

If your child wishes to go to the shop please place the money in a named envelope, the children will then be invited to the shop during break time to make their purchase.

The shop will be open at break time on: Monday 2nd December 2019. Please note we are unable to overstock items and so we will offer on a first-come first - served basis and try to ensure that all children get what they had hoped for.

Best Wishes Grove Vale PFA

School Bank



Grove Vale will be having its own school bank! We have linked up with HSBC bank and children in KS2 will have the opportunity to open their own bank account at school. This will be run by children from Year 5 who are currently applying for the different positions advertised. The children in Year 5 have had an informative presentation from HSBC and the roles advertised are for the positions of Bank Manager, Marketing Manager, Assistant Manager and Cashier. All Year 5 children have had application forms. The deadline for applications forms is Friday 6th December 9.00 a.m.

We are very excited to have this opportunity at Grove Vale and more details about this initiative will follow soon!

Christmas Fayre Thursday 5th December

The annual Grove Vale Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 5th December straight after school. Thank you to all our parents for your kind donations so far for the Christmas Fayre.

We also need prizes for our raffle, if you or your employer are able to donate a prize, please could you contact the school office.

Next Thursday 5th December is Christmas jumper day for pupils, in return we ask for a donation for our cake stall at the Christmas Fayre.



We also need as much help as possible from parents during the day and also to run stalls during the fayre. If you are able to help (even just for 1 hour) please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office.

We have lots of things going on this year;

- Tombollas
- Games
- Raffle
- Santa's Grotto (must have booked prior)
- Hot food (burgers, sausages, samosas)
- Drinks
- Cake stall

Finally, please do come along to our Christmas fayre. We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks again for your continued support and remember that all money raised is money for the pupils at Grove Vale.





Christmas Post

From Monday 2nd December the Christmas post-box will be open within school. Children may send Christmas cards to friends and teachers within the school, can we please ask that all cards are clearly labelled with children's names and classes (class lists will be sent home). Can we also say that if children/families would prefer to make a donation of food (instead of sending cards) to the local food bank we would be happy to facilitate this.

Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 11th December it will be our Christmas Dinner day. If your child would like a dinner on this day please pay via Parent pay.

Vegetarian option available.

The cost is £2.40



The Sun Books for School

Can we please ask parents to start collecting the Sun Books for schools tokens – Schools need to collect 3,500 tokens to get a box of more than 100 books from the Collins Big Cat reading programme.



November Twitter Competition

We really love to hear about your sporting hobbies outside of school and would love to share these with the rest of the school. Take part in the November Twitter Competition to have your pictures or images shared in assembly and on the Grove Valer. To enter follow [@GroveValePS](https://twitter.com/GroveValePS) on Twitter and hashtag [#GVactive](https://twitter.com/GroveValePS).



Monday 2nd December	Christmas post to start
Tuesday 3rd December @ 9.15am	Years 1 and 2 Carols and Christingle assembly to parents
Thursday 5th December	Whole school online safety day
Thursday 5th December	Xmas jumper day—bring a donation of cake
Thursday 5th December 3.45-6pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday 9th December @ 9am	Year 5 to Q3 to watch Panto
Tuesday 10th December @ 9.15am	Little Valers and reception Nativity to parents
Wednesday 11th December @ 2.30pm	Little Valers and reception Nativity to parents
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Dinner day
Thursday 12th December	SCHOOL CLOSED—POLLING DAY
Friday 13th December	Year 1 Church Visit
Friday 13th December @1.30pm	Year 2 PANTS talk
Monday 16th December	Polar Express theme day—non uniform day—pupils wear pyjamas.
Monday 16th December 4pm	Christmas Choir performance to parents
Tuesday 17th December @ 2.30om	Years 3 and 4 carol service—parents welcome
Wednesday 18th December @ 9.15am	Years 5 and 6 carol service—parents welcome
Wednesday 18th December @ 2.30pm	Year 3 Christmas Cornet concert to parents
Thursday 19th December 9am & 2pm	End of term assemblies
Friday 20th December	Party day—non-uniform (party clothes)
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Spring term start—pupils back to school

