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Dear Parents and Families

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Spring Show Langtree Parish Hall: Tuesday 02 April 2019 Thank you to everyone who came along to watch our Spring Show production on Tuesday morning. In front of a capacity audience, our children excelled at showing families a snapshot of what has been happening in class during the Spring Term. Class F gave a performance about the life-cycle of frogs, and sang a song about frogs; Class One did a gymnastic display; Class 2 recreated a story on E - Safety; and Class Three sang us multiple songs. I hope you were as proud of them as we were! Thank

you again to everyone who came along.

School Meals: with this newsletter you should receive a copy of the new school meal menu for the Summer Term, which includes tempting new recipes and dishes ready for the warmer weather. These include, tortilla boats, vegetable fajitas, and sticky chocolate with chocolate sauce - delicious! Prices will remain the same at £2.20 per meal.

Homework Survey: Thank you to everyone who has completed the Homework Survey. The deadline for returning completed responses is this Friday. Please hand your slips in to the school office if you would like to participate. I am hoping to be able to collate the information over the next couple of weeks, and will report back to parents via a future Newsletter.

Class and Sports Team School Photos Emily from Tempest Photography battled against changing weather conditions to complete our sets of class photos by revisiting on Thursday morning to take traditional groups outside. Her advice is that proofs for these will be delivered into school during the early part of the summer term. We will let you know as soon as the full-size prints are here in school for you to see, and send home mini-proofs for you to have a look at via pupil post and decide if you'd like to place an order.

Class Three Residential Trip: PGL Barton Hall, Torquay: Thank you to everyone who has already made payments towards Class Three's residential visit booked to take place in June. Can we ask that all payments are made by Friday 24 May 2019 at the very latest?

PTA Update: By the time you read this Newsletter, the Grand PTA Easter Egg Hunt will have taken place at the end of school today, with thanks to everyone who has either taken

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time to organise this great fun event, bought tickets or donated a raffle prize. A full report will come to you in our next Newsletter.

HappyMaps



Happy Maps: New Website for Parents I am pleased to have been asked to let you have details of a new website designed to help parents find useful resources on the behaviour and mental health of their children - from babies to young adults. It is hoped that 'Happy Maps' will be really useful to parents whose children do not meet specialist referral thresholds. There is good general information especially for primary schools (including dealing with the challenges some children find tricky when they start school; for example, coping with new routines, or feeling anxious about leaving their parent) and also family living, which has advice about (amongst other things) coping with death or loss, encouraging good behaviour and problems with toileting. You can take a look at their website at :

www.happymaps.co.uk

Instant Images Embroidery: Instant Images Embroidery is now trialling a new 'Click and Collect' method of ordering Primary School Uniforms. To order from the website, you need to go to www.instantimagesembroidery.co.uk , select the 'School Uniform' tab and then click on 'Langtree Primary School' to choose your items, paying either by Pay Pal to complete your purchase, or in the shop itself on collection. This is an additional service, and you are of course still welcome to visit the shop to discuss any particular needs or for children to try garments for size.

Child Care Course: Come Along and Find Out More About Childminding! Devon County Early Years and Childcare Service have an information session where people who may be interested in becoming a childminder can come along and hear about the process and ask any questions they may have - with no commitments. For example, you may want to know what qualifications (if any) are needed or what's involved in being self-employed. The information session is on Wednesday 1 May 2019 in Taw View, North Walk, Barnstaple, EX31 1ED between 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

Parent Governor Shortly after Easter, we will be writing to you to invite nominations for a Parent Governor vacancy as one of our Parent Governor's four year Term of Office is soon due to end and she does not plan to re-stand for election. Full details will be coming out to you straight after the Easter Holiday, but meanwhile, if this is something which might be of interest to you, please come and have a chat with either myself or Mrs Taylor-Coleman, our Chair of Governors - or any member of the governing body.

GTS Transition Information: I have been asked to let you know that Great Torrington School have added a page to their website which explains what happens - and when - for Transition from primary to secondary education. All documents that are sent out to

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parents/carers are on the right hand side of the page, including a kit list for camp and the data forms that they chase up. For more information, please click onto:

<https://gts.devon.sch.uk/information/transition.html>

**Sports Round-Up Reports,
latest news, updates and scores**



<p>Tri-Golf and Super6's Golf events</p>	<p>Various staff and golfers: Yrs 3,4,5 & 6</p>	<p>With the help of GTS Sports Leaders, golf is quickly becoming an established part of our PE/sport curriculum. Players enjoyed tee-ing off at Great Torrington Club and the Royal North Devon Golf Club, giving pupils chance to try a sport not always high on the list - with surprising results!</p>
<p>Devon Winter Games, Paignton</p>	<p>Mrs Heard & Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Fuller Netball squad</p>	<p>Congratulations to our squad for qualifying to compete in this county-wide event for the second year, and finishing in fourth place. They faced tough competition from some much bigger schools, but were not daunted by the challenge - especially Maddi, who won a special award for 'Determination'. Well done all of them and thanks to team coaches and volunteer drivers for helping achieve a tremendous result.</p>
<p>Holsworthy Netball League</p>	<p>Mrs Heard, Mrs Mitchell: netball squad</p>	<p>The match against the Holsworthy Federation challenged our team, who lost 8-5 during some very determined play. Well done to our players for maintaining courteous play throughout.</p>

Refurbishments: I am very excited to be able to let you know that, during the Easter holidays the school is due to have some refurbishment to some class rooms, and outside buildings. Class One, Class F and 'City Park' are all due to have new carpets and thanks to Devon Norse, our caretaking contractor, the school's outside buildings are going to be pressure washed, making them look cleaner and smarter.

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Permission Slips: A quick reminder that for any activity that takes part in the school day, we will notify you by letter or on the newsletter that it is happening but, as there is no requirement for you to complete and return a permission slip, written parental consent will not be requested from you for the majority of off-site activities offered by the school. For example, sporting activities or visits to local amenities because such activities are part of the school's curriculum and usually take place during the normal school day. For visits outside our normal school hours, or other activities, we will of course seek your consent for your child to take part having provided full details about the visit. If you do not wish your child to take part in the activity then you will need to speak to school staff in order to withdraw your child. I am hopeful that this procedure will make life easier for you - and for us!

School Diary Dates

Spring Term 2019: last day of term Friday 05 April 2019

Summer Term 2019: first day of term - everyone back in school please on Tuesday 23 April 2019 ready for swimming, sports day and class visits (but not all on the same day!).

Film Club and Class F 'Stay and Play' sessions: Summer Term dates will be planned at the beginning of the new term.

Community News

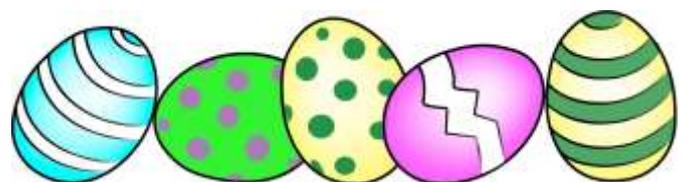
RHS Rosemoor Hop-on down to RHS Rosemoor for a great garden adventure with 'The Rhyming Rabbit' this Easter. Keep your eyes peeled for the Rhyming Rabbit on a hop-about the garden trail - including a giant burrow - and enjoy craft activities based on the picture book by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks. Activities vary daily - normal garden admission applies. For more details, please click on: www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/rosemoor

Active Monkeys Easter Holiday Sports Camp at Great Torrington School: Tuesday 09 & Thursday 11 April; Tuesday 16 and Thursday 18 April: 10am - 3pm for ages 5-11 years: £15 per child, per day but booking is essential as SPACES ARE LIMITED. Please contact Adrian Avery to book : 07780665378.

On behalf of all staff, I hope you have a lovely Easter Holiday and, should you choose, enjoy just a little chocolate - but lots of sunny days.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Smale, Head Teacher



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