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Dear Families

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal We are pleased to be able to offer poppies and wrist bands in exchange for a donation to the Royal British Legion, and all available from the School Office.

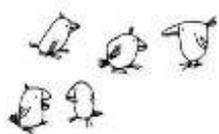


Harvest Celebration: We were thrilled by the number of families who came to watch, and join in with, our Celebration on Tuesday morning. Thank you to everyone who came along. Our retiring collection, in aid of WaterAid, raised over £80 to be donated. Thank you to everyone for your support.

It's Been a Sporty Sort of Week..... All classes have been busy enjoying a variety of sporting activities during the last week. Class Three and Class Two took part in a very tough and challenging cross-country run, the St Stephen's Shield on Wednesday - well done to everyone who ran as part of the Langtree Team; Class One took part in a multi-skills sport morning at GTS on Thursday and had a great time trying lots of sporty activities; our very enthusiastic netball team played their first Holsworthy League netball match against Bradford Primary School, starting the season with an impressive 9-4 win; and our Surf Club surfers went along to their last session for the term at the North Devon Surf School where Fergus was awarded 'Surfer of the Season' (selected from 17 schools who have attended these after-school sessions) and Donte achieved the 'Most Improved Surfer' award. Well done to both of them, and to everyone who took part in any of these events.

School Meals We are due to change our school meal menu after the Half Term break so, to keep you up-to-date, a new copy should reach you with this Newsletter. Look out for tempting tasty treats such as Mixed Grill, Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry (one of Miss Mellody's favourites) and Autumn Fruit Crumble and Custard. Meal prices remain the same at £2.20.

On Tuesday 01 November Jacky is helping us celebrate **Bonfire Night** by cooking a special **Bonfire Menu:** Bangers, Roman Candles (vegetarian sausage served in a wrap) and Rocket Beans are the order of the day, followed by Sparklers for pudding (cookies with sprinkles). Jacket potatoes with the usual toppings are also available on the day. Please book and pay at the school office.



Start of the School Day and Early Bird Drop-In: Drop and Go! I am pleased to be able to let you know that our drop-in sessions are proving to be quite popular. For a cost of £1.00 each, you can leave your child with Miss Weeks in Class F from 8.30am any morning of the week.



Operation Christmas Child 2016 Lists of suitable donations have now appeared - thanks to Mrs Mitchell - outside each classroom. If you would like to be involved, please choose an item(s) which you would like to give by writing your name beside it/them, pop it on your Half Term shopping list, and bring it into school after the holiday. Don't forget, we are happy to receive donations of money to help cover transport costs for the charity.



PTA News, from Clare Heard: Thank you to everyone who came to our last meeting, our AGM. It was nice to see some new faces. Our officers for the year have been elected:

Chair: Clare Heard; **Vice-Chair:** Lizzy Hunkin; **Treasurer:** Sophie Folland; and **Secretary:** Teresa Glover. We are still on the lookout for some new members to join our PTA and if this is something you would be interested in or would like to be part of our PTA mailing list please email Teresa on tglover78@yahoo.co.uk.

Last year we had a very successful year and managed to raise a whopping **£2784** for our children and their school. Lookout for the posters around school for more information about what we purchased over the last year.



We have made plans for the term's fundraising events and they start off with a **Non-Uniform day** (if you're attending the Halloween Party, no donation is required) and **Halloween Party** for the children on Friday 4 November in the Parish Hall. Thank you to everyone who has already bought their ticket: there are still some available from the School Office, costing £3.50 per child which includes, snacks, party games and entertainment but please remember to buy tickets no later than Wednesday 2 NOVEMBER (the Wednesday straight after Half Term). There will be a prize for the best costume at each party. The times are: Class F/KS1 Party – 3.30pm – 5pm; and KS2 Party at a slightly later and spookier time of 5pm – 6.30pm. Lookout for the posters around school for more information

If anyone has any unwanted Halloween decorations and would like to donate them to the PTA please could drop them into the school office by weds 2nd November (Wednesday after Half Term).

After Half Term the children will be designing their Christmas cards and coming home with proofs for you to look at. If you wish to buy your child's Christmas card design, you will need to order and pay for them online, then return your card slip back to school so it can be put onto their art work and sent off to the company for printing. This is slightly different process to previous years, so if you need any help or support please speak to a PTA member who will be very happy to give you some advice.

Last year, some parents also got their children to design their own card at home, which was then used for 'Thank-you' cards. If this is something you would like to do please have your child's artwork ready for after half term (on an A4 piece of paper and no sequins, shiny paper or glitter please).

We will be finishing off the term with our annual Christmas Fair, which is planned to take place on Friday 9th December from 3pm to 5pm in the Parish Hall – so pop the date in your diary. Fun and games for all.

School Diary Dates

Mon 31/10 Autumn Term: second half: first day back in school for everyone.
Fri 04/11 PTA Non-Uniform Day: Halloween theme: parties after school: Langtree Parish Hall
Mon 14/11 Tempest School Photos: individual and family photos from 8am
Tues 06/12 Class F Christmas Play: Langtree Parish Hall: 9.30am plus refreshments
Boots the Chemist: 'Flu Vaccinations: Years 1,2 & 3 children.

Fri 09/12 PTA Christmas Fair 3-5pm
Mon 12/12 Main School: Christmas Play: afternoon and evening performances.
Weds 14/12 Christmas Dinner followed by Carol Service
Thurs 15/12 Class Christmas Parties
Fri 16/12 Last day of Autumn Term.

Film Club: Mondays: 28 November; 30 January 2017.

Stay and Play: Fridays: 04 November; and 02 December.

Community News

TgiF: the next TGiF is Friday 21st October, in the church at 3.30, after school. The story will be about David and Goliath. All welcome. No charge. We look forward to seeing you. Rev Warren, Trudi and Pat.

'Air Extreme' Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple The team at the new trampoline park on Roundswell Business Park, Barnstaple are now running regular support sessions for people with additional needs taking place on Sundays from 10-11am. Please arrive by 9.30am as there is a limit of 30 bouncers during these times to make sure they all have plenty of space. The tone of the session is more relaxed and chilled with jumpers benefitting from calmer music at a lower volume than regular sessions. There is no formal teaching or guidance during these times - with a 'safety crew' on hand - so jumpers need to be accompanied by a parent or carer. Sessions cost £10 per person, with free admission for one carer per person. Please note there is no disabled access onto the trampoline floor so visitors must be physically fit and capable of jumping unassisted onto the trampolines under supervision of their carer. A pre-bounce visit is encouraged! More details at: www.air-extreme.co.uk/activities/support-sessions.html or T: 01271 349806.

Repair It! Community Repair Events Across Devon: Barnstaple and Bideford 'Recycle Devon' is holding a series of special community repair events across each district in Devon when members of the public can take along any broken household electrical items, including computers, to be fixed by a team of volunteer menders on the day - **AT NO COST**. The events will run on weekend mornings and repairs will be carried out on a first come, first served basis - so please be prepared to wait. Please note they won't be able to fix CRT televisions or monitors, electric blankets or microwaves for safety reasons. Our nearest 'Repair It!' events are:

06 November at Barnstaple Pannier Market (EX31 1SY) as part of the '361 Energy Fair'

19 November at The Old School Rooms, Bideford (EX39 2BU) with Bideford Sustainability Group.

More details or to volunteer your skills: 'phone Emma: 07966 566435 or E: emma.croft@devon.gov.uk

With best wishes for a well-deserved, restful Half-Term break. I will look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 31 October.

Yours sincerely

Helen Mellody,
Head Teacher