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Dear Families

Application for Secondary School Places We have been asked to inform parents of Year Six pupils that the online facility to apply for a secondary school place in September 2017 opened on 1 September 2016, and will remain available until Monday 31 October 2016. Once the facility closes you will not be able to apply online and your application may be considered 'late'. Late applications will be considered after timely ones where schools are full. If you miss the deadline, please contact the Admissions Team on 0345 155 1019 as soon as possible. For more advice, including guidance through the process or to actually make an application, please visit www.devon.gov.uk/learningschools/admissions/how-apply-school-place/admissionsonline.htm.

MacMillan Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea Friday 30 September 2016

Thank you to everybody who supported this event. We haven't quite finished totting-up the final total, but we think it should be at least £200. A massive 'thank you' to everyone who helped us achieve this magnificent amount.



Start of the School Day and Early Bird Drop-In Following our Newsletter item before the Summer, we have decided to try opening our Early Bird Club at 8.30am from Tuesday to Friday as a drop-in section, in addition to the regular slot on Monday mornings. If you wish to take advantage of these drop-in sessions, which will cost £1.00 per child, please make your way straight to Class F where Miss Weeks will be ready to settle your child and collect your payment. We intend to review this arrangement at the end of the Autumn Term. Those parents who like to arrive early might, in future, wish to take advantage of this arrangement. In all other cases, please remember that your children are not supervised before 8.55am. Please do not leave them to play before that time.



Operation Christmas Child 2016 Those of you who have been with us for a year or two will be familiar with our tradition of supporting this very worthy appeal. We are almost ready to start collecting donations once again and hope to be able to send two shoeboxes from each class full of things such as soap, pencils, gloves, small toys and sweets which will then be distributed to children anywhere in the world who are victims of war, poverty, famine, disease or natural disaster. Lists of suitable donations will be appearing outside each classroom just before Half Term so 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. Alternatively, we are happy to receive donations of money to help cover transport costs for the charity.

Book Bags I am pleased to be able to let you know that our new stock of book bags has arrived. Reception children should by now have received their free bag, with replacement bags available from the School Office for any that are looking slightly the worse for wear at a cost of £5.00 each.



PTA News, from Clare Heard:

Thank you to everyone who came to the last PTA Meeting and helped to make plans for this term's fundraising. Our next meeting is our **AGM**, due to take place on **Wednesday 12 October** here in school at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along – we are on the lookout for some new members to help us fundraise for our school and children, by raising money for the school and those little extras that are difficult to pay for from the school budget. Here are some other PTA dates for your diaries:



Friday 04 November: Halloween Non-Uniform Day plus party after school. More information to follow about times and tickets will be available from posters soon to be on display around the school.



Friday 09 December: Christmas Fair: 3-5pm in Langtree Parish Hall.

Look out for more details about our Christmas Card fundraising project, which, with the help of your children's design skills here in school, could sort out your Christmas card list this year!

School Diary Dates

Tuesday 18 October: Harvest Show: 9.30am Langtree Parish Hall : everyone welcome.

Autumn Term Half Term: Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 2016.

Film Club

Mondays: 17 October (film to be announced on Monday 11 October when booking will open); 28 November.

Stay and Play

Fridays: 04 November; and 02 December.

Community News

'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

Yours sincerely

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