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Dear Families

Now that we are settling back into the term, this seemed a good opportunity to introduce a new member of staff to you: Mrs Louise Rands-Silva who has joined us to work across Classes Two and Three, focusing mainly on pastoral support. We are also pleased to tell you that Mrs Sophie Folland has stepped into Class One to fill the gap left by Mrs Fishleigh at the end of the Summer Term. We hope they are both enjoying their new roles.

Book Bags We are still awaiting delivery of a new stock of book bags and I know that our new Reception children are very keen for them to arrive. We will be distributing one each to them and to any other new children in the school as soon as they do. If your child already has a book bag which is looking slightly the worse for wear, or has lost one, please remember that you are always welcome to purchase a new one from the Office at a cost of £5.00.

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/admissiononline.htm.

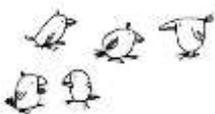


MacMillan Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea Friday 30 September 2016 This

year, we are again hoping to support the very worthwhile MacMillan fund-raising campaign by holding a Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea next Friday in Langtree Parish Hall Leader+ Room. Morning coffee will be available from 9.30am until 11am,

and afternoon tea from 2pm until 3pm. Look out for posters next week for more details, but we do know that there will be a fabulous prize raffle taking place too. Donations of cakes, biscuits or any other edible goodies will be welcomed or alternatively a prize for the raffle. Please leave all or any of these at the School Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness ahead of this event.

Lunchtime Football Training: Class One and Reception Children I am very pleased to be able to let you know that we are able to offer training on a Friday lunchtime for our younger children, ably led by Mrs Haville and some of our Year Six pupils. If your child is interested, please be sure they have a kit here in school, including boots if you have them, plus an extra layer to put on if the weather turns chilly.



Start of the School Day: A quick reminder that staff are happy to supervise children in the playground at the front of the school from 8.55am onwards. Please can I ask that you do not drop children off any earlier than that? If, at any time, you need to be on your way quickly, please make use of our 'Early Bird' Before School Club - currently places are available from 8am every

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday morning. We ask that bookings are made in advance just to be sure we have enough staff to cover. Forms, including Registration Forms for first-time Early Birds, are available from the school office. The cost per session is £2.50 per child (or first child) and £2.00 for siblings. Use of the Club has been dropping-off

for some time now and we are keen to make sure that it meets parents' needs. We are considering running the Club from 8.30am on a daily basis with a charge of £1 per child, and would be interested to know if this would be more useful than the current arrangement. Please can you let us know, so that we can make a decision by the end of September.



PTA News, from Clare Heard:

Thank you to everyone who came to our first PTA meeting of the year and helped make plans for the up and coming term. Dates and details of future events will be coming to you soon so watch this space!

Thank you to everyone who has been shopping on line via our Easyfundraising account; it is great that we have raised just over £117 by just supporters shopping online. We have currently 18 supporters so far and if this is something you would like to help us fundraise with please visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/langtreecomm to sign-up for free sign up and choose 'Langtree Community School' as your cause. It is so easy to use and costs you nothing so please sign up and help us fundraise for school. If you are unsure what to do please ask one of the PTA members or Mrs Cook in the office who will be happy to help. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 12 October 7.30pm** here in school. We are looking for people to join our fundraising team to help us fundraise for our school and our children.

Without the PTA our children would not have the extras which are difficult to pay for from the school budget such as Class F playhouse, Netball and Football kits, the fantastic Small World Area, the Quiet Area and the Class 3 Residential visit subsidy. Please come along and join our team to help make a real difference for our children and their school.

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: 26 September (bookings closed); 17 October; 28 November.

Stay and Play

Fridays: 07 October; 04 November; and 02 December.

Community News

Brownies! The First Torrington Brownies are holding a taster session for girls aged between 7 and 10 years on 26 September 2016 at Torrington Baptist Church Hall, New Street, Torrington, EX38 8BS between 6.30pm and 8pm. Please contact Emma for more details or to book a space: m: 07795387545 or e: emma.1st.torrington.brownies@outlook.com.

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

Helen Mellody, Head Teacher



Opportunities for children and young people to make music in North Devon

Wren Music's youth roots program runs two youth music groups based in

Barnstaple.

North Devon Roots Band runs on Tuesdays after school from 5 - 6.30pm. This group is open to children and young people of all abilities aged 8 - 18. The group provides instruments to use during the sessions or you can bring your own if you have one. The emphasis is on group music-making and singing and playing in a band. There are no auditions and you don't need to read music to join the group. North Devon Roots Band costs £5 per session or £45 per term (10 sessions) and the group meets at Holy Trinity Church Hall in Barnstaple. Term starts on Tuesday 20th September. North Devon Roots Band is led by Wren Musician Becki Driscoll, with support from a team of experienced music volunteers.

Roots Acoustic is aimed at older and more experienced musicians and is open to young people aged 13 - 18. You do need to have your own instrument to join Roots Acoustic and be prepared to put in some practice at home because the group only meets once a month. The focus is on learning and exploring folk and traditional music, creating arrangements for the band and performing. Recent gigs include a performance on the Live Lounge Stage at Chagstock Festival. Roots Acoustic costs £10 per session and also meets at Holy Trinity Church Hall in Barnstaple. The first session this term is Saturday 24th September and sessions run from 1.45 - 4.45pm. Roots Acoustic is led by Wren Music leaders Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll.

For more information about either group please contact Becki on beckiwrenmusic@gmail.com.