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Dear Parents

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Welcome back to the Spring Term 2018, and some slightly chillier, but more seasonal, weather than we have all become used to having. I hope Christmas and the New Year were as exciting as you would have wished, and that everyone had chance to enjoy time with families and friends. On behalf of all staff here, I would like to thank everyone who passed in presents and cards, once again especially for the Staff Room which has looked particularly well stocked with scrumptious goodies, providing a welcome top-up at break times well into the new term. Families were extremely generous and staff appreciated every single one. Thank you.

Reception Admissions September 2018 A final reminder that, if your child was born between 01 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, the time to apply for a primary school place in Devon schools will end on **15 January 2018**. Please click on www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline to apply online. If you cannot access the school admissions website, please call 0345 155 1019 for advice, or email primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk.

Chicken Pox and Shingles There has been a case of Chicken Pox reported in school. Chickenpox is usually a mild and common childhood illness that most children catch at some point. It causes a rash of red, itchy spots that turn into fluid-filled blisters that crust over to form scabs and usually begins with a fever, feeling generally unwell and glassy fluid filled spots spreading all over the body. Shingles is characterised by pain and spots on part of one side of the face or body only. Shingles is not infectious unless you touch the spots; fluid from the spots and crusts from the spots are infectious.

Chicken pox is spread from person to person by a virus shed from the nose or throat as droplets or by direct contact. The fluid inside the spot is infectious. Chicken Pox is infectious during its early stages from 1 - 2 days before until 5 days after spots first appear. Our medical guidance advises that the minimum amount of time for exclusion from school is five days from when the spots first appear, with no exclusion for family members who do not have any symptoms. The incubation period of chicken pox is between 13 and 17 days after contact with the infected person. **If a pregnant woman who thinks she has not had chicken pox before has contact with a case, she should take medical advice as soon as possible.** Although chickenpox is a mild disease in normal healthy children, it can be fatal in children whose immune systems are impaired in any way such as children on treatment for leukaemia or children who have had a transplant.

If you think your child may have Chicken Pox, please seek further medical advice and, to prevent spreading the infection, can we please ask that children stay away from nursery or school until all spots have crusted over and your child feels well enough to cope with a day at school. For more information, please click on : www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/

MTA If you have a couple of hours to spare in the middle of a Monday or Tuesday, and possibly see yourself working in school, we might have just the thing you're looking for as we have a vacancy for a MealTime Assistant to join our busy lunchtime team. You would be helping maintain and encourage healthy eating, and excellent

lunchtime behaviour with patience, kindness and enthusiasm - which are all far more important to us than any experience. For more details, please see our advert attached, or just pop-in to have a quick chat with us or collect an Application Form.

Parking and Use of the Parish Hall Car Park We continue to be grateful to the Parish Hall Committee for agreeing that we can have shared use of their Car Park. Can we take this opportunity to let new families know that we have a **voluntary 'No Parking Zone' around the entrance to the school** in order to make sure that all drivers have a clear view of pedestrians at all times with the only exceptions being for disabled visitors to the school, the school bus and taxi, for whom spaces are allocated on either side of our gate. **Can we please ask everyone to avoid stopping or parking their car around the gate and leave this area free?** Additional disabled parking is available, immediately in front of the Parish Hall, for anyone with restricted mobility.

The hatched map, at the end of this Newsletter, shows parking areas we ask to be kept clear at the beginning and end of the school day, to help keep everyone safe. This includes an area alongside the Parish Hall which, if kept free, allows a free-flow of traffic in and out of the car park. Please make sure that any relatives collecting children on your behalf are also aware of this and finally, please remember to drive slowly in the car park at a speed no greater than 10mph. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and help to keep everyone safe.

M&M Productions: 'Beauty and the Beast' Tuesday 30 January 2018 Those families who have been with us for a while will already know about our annual pantomime treat for all pupils, when M&M Productions visit to entertain us to West End standards by performing a traditional pantomime, this year, 'Beauty and the Beast. I am very happy to offer that the school pays for the visit, as our way of saying 'thank you' to children for their hard work throughout the year, but if any families would like to make a contribution towards this cost, it would always be welcomed. Please leave these with Mrs Cook in the School Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



PTA Happy New Year from all of the PTA!

'Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre, either through attending, helping or donating. A special thank you goes to the wonderful students who sang or danced for us. Thank you to all the PTA members and all of the staff for their contributions, help and support.'

The refreshments from the Christmas plays as well as the Fayre raised a fantastic £767.95. We have also had a payment of £62.60 from Easyfundraising; so thank you to everyone who shopped online and used this, it is greatly appreciated.

*The PTA will be meeting on the **Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm** at the Green Dragon, so if you would like to come along, anyone is most welcome. One of the main items to discuss is the plan for events and activities for 2018. If you cannot attend the meeting but you would like to make some suggestion on a) what events you would like to see being run this year or b) suggestions of what you would like to see PTA money spent on this year then please contact me using the e-mail address: kaye.french@icloud.com Thank you again to everyone for their generous support and help,
Kaye French and all the PTA.'*

School Diary Dates

Spring Term FILM CLUB: from 3.30pm

Mon 29 Jan 2018

Film to be confirmed. Please book by Friday 26 January at the very latest to reserve a place: £1 per child.

Mon 26 Feb

Film to be confirmed. Please book by Friday 23 February at the very latest to reserve a place: £1 per child.

Spring Term STAY AND PLAY: Class F's Open Session: 10.30am-12noon

Friday 02 February; Friday 02 March 2018

Tues 30 Jan

PANTOMIME: M&M Productions: 'Beauty and the Beast'.

Thurs 08 Feb

PARENTS' EVENINGS – details to follow.

Mon 12-Fri 16 Feb

HALF TERM: school closed

Tues 27 March

SPRING SHOW: Langtree Parish Hall: 9.30am

Thurs 29 March

Spring Term: last day of term.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Smale, Joint Head Teacher

