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Dear Families

Swimming Pool Quite often at this point in the Summer Term our school site is by now echoing with the sound of swimmers braving the sparkling blue waters of our pool as they enjoy their daily swimming session. This year, unusually however, we have been battling with a series of water-related challenges thrown at us by the pool - mostly about keeping the water in it, rather than making it clean or draining it out. Karen is not a Caretaker to be beaten by a challenge and thanks to her not giving-up, is hopeful that it will be ready to use during the early/middle of next week. Please listen out for a message coming via your child's class teacher to let you know that swimming is able to start, along with a request for kits to be here in school.

Sports Day Thursday 05 July 2018 : All families are cordially invited to join us for our annual Sports Day, taking place this year on Thursday 05 July from 1.30pm. We are planning to hold a swimming gala during the morning, with races in the pool for Classes One, Two and Three plus Reception children, switching to the sports field during the afternoon for our track and field events. We are grateful to the PTA for offering to provide some very welcome refreshments during our afternoon break, which will include frozen ice-poles, hot drinks and biscuits in exchange for a donation to PTA funds.

On the day, to add to the sporty theme, Amanda our Kitchen Manager is providing a special sporty lunch of a hot sausage roll, wedges with carrot and cucumber sticks plus organic apple iced fruit lollies. If that's not quite what your child fancies to eat, there are three other choices from which to choose, but for these she will need advance bookings. Please use the booking form attached to book an alternative meal and return it to the School Office no later than Tuesday 07 July for the booking to be included. The cost of this sporty meal will be the normal price of **£2.20 for children**, which includes a drink, but please don't forget that for children in school years Reception, Years One and Two meals continue to be **FREE OF CHARGE**, as they are Government-funded. Similarly, families in receipt of Free School Meals will not be charged for children's lunches. Please remember that, if we do not receive a booking form for an alternative meal, we will assume that all meals will be the main meal as detailed below:

Sporty Meals in-a-bag Thursday 05 July 2018 from 12.15pm**Child's Meal : £2.20 Adult Meal (all booked in advance please): £5.00**

- (1) Sports Day Main Meal: Child's meal: **NO NEED TO BOOK** in advance: Adult meal: **PLEASE BOOK**: Hot sausage roll, wedges with carrot and cucumber sticks; organic apple iced fruit lolly.
- (2) Sports Day Vegetarian Option: **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**: Hot vegetarian sausage roll, wedges with carrot and cucumber sticks; organic apple iced fruit lolly.
- (3) Sports Day Cold Lunch: **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**: Sliced roast chicken with crisp lettuce and juicy tomatoes in a bap, with wedges; organic apple iced fruit lolly.
- (4) Sports Day Cold Vegetarian Lunch: **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**: Cheese, carrot and mayonnaise salad bap, with wedges; organic apple iced fruit lolly.

Alternative desserts available on the day: flapjack, fruit salad

Various fruit flavoured cup drinks or chilled water.

We would warmly like to invite parents to join us for lunch on this day too, with the same menu choices as above. Please use the family booking form attached to reserve your meal, as we need advance bookings for all adults visiting and eating with us on the day. Bookings with payment should be with us no later than Tuesday 07 July 2018 to be included. As always, please be in touch with Mrs Cook or Amanda if you have any questions or queries about Sports Day meals.

Due to pressure on space, please remember that Nursery Lunch Club will not be running on that day as we are also offering adult meals for parents to enjoy. Nursery children are welcome to stay for lunch with a parent if they are planning to stay for the afternoon and cheer-on an elder sibling. We are hoping the weather will be dry (and sunny), enabling everyone to eat outside if they choose and are looking forward to meeting lots of families on the day to join with us for an afternoon of sporty fun!

OnLine Payments Thank you once again to everyone who returned a response slip giving us feedback about introducing online payments. These have helped us make the decision to go ahead and introduce payment online as a way of keeping up-to-date initially with dinner money payments. We hope that once this is in place and working well, we will be able to introduce online payment for other things; for example, for the Class Three Residential Visit, enabling families to keep track of the amounts they have paid and when those payments were made. For a few weeks, to give families and Mrs Cook chance to become familiar with the new system, we will continue to offer cash payments as an alternative so do not envisage the Office becoming completely cashless just at the moment. I will keep you updated of progress.

Starting in Reception in September? A final reminder that if for any reason, you were unable to attend our first meeting for new parents, we have now arranged an alternative date: Monday 18th June. Miss Bellew and I will be happy to meet you in the main building as soon as you have settled your children into Class F.

End of the School Day Arrangements If you have a change of plan and make arrangements for somebody else to collect your child, can we ask that you please ensure you let the class teacher know who to look out for at the end of the day. We appreciate that plans sometimes change unexpectedly at the last minute, so a message via the School Office in this instance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping to keep your children safe at a busy time of day.

Sports Round-Up Reports, latest news, updates and scores		
Aquathon GTS	Clare Heard Aquathon Team	Swimming and running provided a challenging morning for our Aquathon Team,
Tag Rugby Tournament Barnstaple Rugby Club	Class 3 Mrs Mitchell Mrs Heard	Well done to everybody that took part in the Tournament. The team played really well against some tough competition and although didn't gain a place, enjoyed a good day taking part.



Tempest Photography: Class and Team Photos Emily from Tempest Photography visited last week to take class and team photographs. Proof copies should shortly be arriving back in school for you to view and, if you would like, to place an order.

Class Three Residential Visit This week we have been especially pleased that the good weather has stayed with us as Class Three, along with Mr Smale and Mrs Mitchell, have been staying in South Devon for their

annual Residential visit. We have a selection of photographs here in school for you to look at and see some of their daily activities for yourselves, and I know that Class Three families with 'Class Dojo' access have also been able to view daily updates sent direct from Mr Smale. I feel sure they will all have lots of exciting stories to tell on their return to North Devon at the end of the week and look forward to hearing all about their stay.



Good Morning Campers! This week we have again been welcoming visitors from Abbotshall Primary Academy, Stanford-le-Hope (Thurrock) when they arrived on Monday afternoon to camp on our site this week using the Parish Hall for their meals and enjoying a variety of day trips, before returning on Friday morning. This year, Class Two were pleased to accept an invitation from Abbotshall to join them for an after school barbeque on Tuesday evening. This has once again been a chance for our children, and theirs, to find out a little about life in a very different part of the country and we are pleased that they are always so keen to revisit.

A Message from the PTA: Thank you to everyone who has already brought in their **Bag 2 School**; Class 3 is filling up well! Just a reminder that the deadline is **Monday 18 June at 9am**. All bags would be greatly appreciated. The money raised from this will be going towards the purchase of swimming equipment such as small and large floats and dive sticks.



We have now purchased a range of toys and equipment requested by Class 3 and these will be delivered to Mr Smale and the Class on Tuesday 19th June. Class 2 will also be receiving a delivery very soon, and having the transport paid for their class trip this term.

The Summer Fayre will be held on **Friday 13 July**. This will include a bouncy castle, an orienteering course, street dancing, a wide range of other games and stalls and an opportunity to see Mr Smale in the stocks! Donations would be greatly appreciated that would be suitable for the lucky dip, children's prizes, and adult tombola and or course any cakes for the refreshments nearer the time.

Hayley Bond and Selina Woolacott will be running a **baby and children's nearly new sale** on the **21 July between 11am -1pm at Langtree Village Hall**. Hayley has kindly offered to donate her share of the profits to Langtree School. Further details will be available in the next newsletter and on the poster that will be in reception soon. If you are able to help at the event or would like your own stall please contact Selina on 01409 281280 /selinawoolacott123@btinternet.com

The next PTA meeting will be held on **Thursday 5 July** at 8pm. Any new members are welcome to come along and get involved. For further details please ask Mrs Cook, or contact kaye.french@icloud.com.

Yours sincerely

Helen Mellody, Joint Headteacher