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Dear Families

Once again, here we are sending home our last Newsletter of the school year. We feel sure that the children are looking forward to their summer holiday break and are guessing that you are also looking forward to spending more time with them. As always, there are a lot of people who have helped to make this another successful year for Langtree. So, in no particular order, can I please say a big 'thank you' to all the staff, all of our families, our governors, our PTA and our volunteers - Jenny and Adrian - and all our drivers who have helped to make sure our children arrive safely at their particular event, or are returned home at the end of an event.

'Farewell Year Six' Thank you to all Year Six families who came along on to our Leavers' Assembly on Monday afternoon in the Parish Hall to share a giggle and just a few emotional tears as our Year Six pupils presented a snapshot of themselves (and Mr Smale) in the future, and watch the now traditional photo slideshow. We were grateful for a hot cup of Mrs Mitchell's tea after all the reminiscing and celebrating. We would like to say a special 'thank you' to Sue Mills for presenting The Tinky Mills Cup to this year's worthy recipient. 'Goodbye' to all those families who have been with us for just too many years to count on one hand, who won't have any particular reason to be here in September and especially to any of those who have supported our PTA during their time here: we are very grateful to you all.

Year Group Awards and Attendance Awards In recognition of the continued hard work across the school throughout this year, we will again be awarding special certificates to a child in each year group who has demonstrated either academic achievement or outstanding personal attitudes. We will be saying 'Congratulations and Well Done' in:

Reception Award for Kindness and Helpfulness; **Year One Award** for Independence;

Year Two Award for Reading Improvement; **Year Three Award** for Hard work and Determination;

Year Four Award for Maths; and **Year Five Award** for Sport and Fair Play.

We shall be presenting our termly and annual Awards for great attendance slightly nearer to the end of the week with extra recognition for 100% attendance for the current school year or, for Year Six pupils, for high attendance while they have been with us here at Langtree School. As we are sworn to secrecy for all of these awards until the end of term, we plan to display a list of proud recipients here in school during Thursday afternoon for families to read when they visit.

ParentMail/Class Dojo : When you say 'Stop!', we stop! Had a change of heart? If at any time you would like to unsubscribe from ParentMail/Class Dojo or any other service we have offered you (and to which you have signed-up), please let us know. We are able to remove your details quickly and efficiently from any of our offered services so just be in touch with your request, either by e-mail (to admin@langtree.devon.sch.uk), by telephone (01805 601354) or in writing to the school address. To help us keep our services in tip-top working order and provide exactly what our families expect, we might ask you why you would like to opt-out of a particular service, just to make sure we don't need to make any changes to the way we work, or the sort of things we offer.

Keeping Children Safe: Security Fencing and Site Entry: Our Summer Holiday Project Fencing and gates that surround and secure a school typically meet a wide variety of important criteria, from preventing unauthorised entry to the grounds and controlling the flow of people around a site; protecting pupils, staff and visitors from accidents and injury; deterring theft and reducing the risk of malicious damage as well as making sure that even our youngest children stay safely on our site once they have arrived. Governors have been considering all of these aspects of Langtree School over the last year or so, and recently made the decision to change the way the main entrance (via the Parish Hall Car Park) operates as even now during the school day, it is often locked. During the Summer Holiday, we will have contractors working here to put up additional fencing and gates to help direct visitors to the School Office, limiting options to wander across our site. At the beginning and end of the school day, unlocked gates will give families unrestricted access to classrooms or cloakrooms but shortly after the bell has been rung signalling the start of the school day, all gates will be secured leaving only one option for access: via the Office/Reception entrance. We will look forward to seeing the project develop as it's put in place over the next few weeks, and to seeing the finished effect, ready for the beginning of the new school year.

Message from the PTA: Kaye French Thank you to everyone who supported, donated to, or attended the Summer Fair. There were so many gifts and refreshments donated; we are extremely grateful for this. The fair had a fantastic attendance and as a result of everyone's help and support, the event raised just over £500. This money will be saved for next term when we start again working with the teachers and children of the school to identify what they would like the money to be spent on.



This means that in this academic year the PTA events and activities have raised over £3250.00. A huge thank you goes to the children, parents and families and to all the staff of the school. We are grateful to everyone who gets involved, makes donations and supports our events. I would also like to thank all PTA members who give up so much of their time to make all these things happen. The PTA would like to wish you all a wonderful Summer holiday!



Photo Competition We are grateful to Andy Roe for visiting school this week to give us details of a photo exhibition in Langtree next October, part of which will be a competition for any children from school. There will be two categories to enter: any single photo of your choice or a group of four photos with some sort of theme: for example friends, food, my garden, holiday or 'selfies'.

Pictures need to be printed: 10cm x 15cm for the group of four and 15cm x 20cm for the individual photo. If you have any questions, or cannot print your own pictures and need help with this, please contact him:

andy51roe@gmail.com.

Extended Childcare (1) Nursery Lunch Club This very popular Club will continue for Nursery children during the Autumn Term, for our youngest children to stay with us for an extra hour or so to eat, chat and play with their friends until 1.20pm. The cost for this care will remain the same at £3.00 if your child brings a home packed lunch, or £5.20 to enjoy a school meal too with slightly different (less) charges if you are eligible for 30 hours of government funded childcare. Bookings as usual, should be made at the School Office.

Extended Childcare (2) 'Early Birds' Before School Club I am very pleased to be able to let you know that, our 'Early Bird' Club will continue to offer two options to help your mornings get off to a good start. We plan to continue our 8.30am drop-off to Miss Weeks at a cost of £1.00 per child (no booking required); and also be continuing to offer an earlier session running from 8am at a cost of £2.00 per child, covering care up until 8.55am. We ask that parents book this earlier session, as we would need to ensure that the correct numbers of

staff are present. Please note that staff will be working in school on the 4 and 5 of September so please be in touch on those days to let us know if you would like to access this early session on the first day back, either by email or telephone.

School Uniform As many of you may be shopping during the Summer Holidays, this is probably a good time to remind you of our Uniform and Dress Code: black or grey skirt, city shorts or trousers and white polo shirt, with a blue sweatshirt (or optional red sweatshirt for Nursery). Shoes should be black, and of sensible design, and trainers maybe worn for a PE session, but NOT as school shoes. A quick reminder that we are introducing a recommended PE kit from September, which includes a blue (royal blue) t-shirt and black or grey shorts.



Universal Free School Meals I am pleased to confirm that these are due to continue into the new school year in September with children in Year Reception, One or Two eligible to receive a daily school lunch at no cost to families. **Please note that if your child is currently a Year Two child, moving into Year Three with us in September, we shall no longer be able to claim this subsidy from the Government on their behalf, and will need to ask you to pay £2.20 per meal - unless, of course, you are in receipt of Free School Meals under the DCC qualifying benefits route** - more details available from www.devon.gov.uk/free_school_meals.htm.

School Meals Please note that our meal menu will roll forward into the Autumn Term, starting with WEEK ONE for our return to school. For the beginning of the Autumn Term, the price for a meal will be held for the fifth consecutive year at £2.20.

Music Tuition: Autumn Term 2018 I am pleased to tell you that both Simon and Tina will be returning to us to offer music lessons to any pupils, during the school day on a Tuesday (saxophone, clarinet and flute tuition - plus recorders or newly introduced 'Toots' which are beginner training flutes) and Friday (piano and violin) respectively. As we will be losing several Year Six musicians this term, we are very keen to ensure we have some new recruits so that both Tina and Simon are able to continue to offer these opportunities. Information on all of these lessons is available from the school office - just pop in to tune-up!

Tempest Photography Delivery of all orders for photographs has now taken place. If, for whatever reason, you seem to be missing an item, please be in touch with Mrs Cook in the School Office who will be happy to make enquiries at the Laboratory on your behalf.

Wedding Bells in Class One Thank you to everyone who kindly and generously made a donation towards a wedding present for Miss Preece and her soon to be husband, Ben. We are pleased to be able to let you know that we bought them a beach-themed ornament and some Euros to spend when they jet-off on a honeymoon far, far away during the Summer Holiday. We wish them much happiness together for the future, and look forward to hearing the distant 'pop' of champagne bottles at the beginning of the holiday as their guests toast their future good luck. Thank you again to everyone who passed in a contribution.

Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 26 July Summer Term: last day for pupils.

North Devon Show: Wednesday 01 August 2018

Langtree Parish Show: Saturday 11 August 2018: details below

[Tues/Weds 04/05 September 2018: Autumn Term: Non-Pupil Days: staff working in school]

Thurs 06 September 2018: Autumn Term: first day back in school for children.



Langtree Parish Show Saturday 11 August 2018: Langtree Parish Hall With lots of classes to enter, this Annual Show is certain, once again, to be an impressive display of all things local. Classes are open to residents of Langtree Parish and those outside the Parish who are members of Clubs or Societies which meet regularly in the Parish Hall. This includes: Langtree Primary School, WI, History Group, Short Mat Bowls. Maximum 2 entries per class. For more details please see the entry form attached, together with details of Children's Classes or 'phone 01805 601602. Good luck to all exhibitors.

Langtree Community Garden has been chosen to have one of the community boxes at Waitrose, Holsworthy during August. If you're heading in the Holsworthy direction for a grocery top-up during that month, the Garden fundraisers would be really grateful if you could choose them when you're donating your green token after shopping. Thank you for your support, from all the garden fundraisers.



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



Children Invited to join 'Mischief Makers' at Devon Libraries

Devon Libraries are calling for children to sign up to read six books this summer as part of Mischief Makers, Summer Reading Challenge 2018! The Summer Reading Challenge asks 4-11 year olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer. The theme for the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge is Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. Please see the flyer attached for more details or pop into your local library to chat to your librarians!



Summer Holiday Club Roll up! Roll up! Fun, songs, activities, etc with a theme of the circus: Mon 13th, Tues 14th, Thurs 16th August: 10am - 12noon. Shebbear Village Hall. Children 5-11 (and families welcome) Entrance: free (Donations welcome) Contact: Martin Warren (01409-281424) Advance booking helpful.

With best wishes for a relaxing, sunny and fun-filled Summer Holiday. We will both look forward to seeing everyone back in school in September.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Smale, Joint Headteacher

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