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Dear Families



MacMillan Coffee, Tea and Cake Afternoon Thank you to everybody who supported this event last Monday. We haven't quite finished totting-up the final total raised, but we think it should be at least £130. A massive 'thank you' to everyone who helped us achieve this magnificent amount and our Year Six children who helped serve and sell during the event.



Harvest Show Monday 15 October from 9.30am: Langtree Parish Hall

All families, extended families, friends and relatives are warmly invited to come and join us for our Harvest Show, due to take place on the above date in Langtree Parish Hall when each of our classes will be showcasing a curriculum-themed activity for everyone to watch. Entry to the event is free but a retiring collection, to be donated to a charity soon to be chosen by the children, will be collected on the morning. Please come and join us!

Harvest Lunch: To continue the Harvest theme, Amanda is offering a special Harvest Lunch on that day when the menu will include traditional roast chicken, cranberry sauce and gravy (with garden carrots, farmers' fresh cabbage, crispy golden roast potatoes) or (choice 2) tasty homemade Homity Pie, with either of those followed by homemade apple pie and custard (jacket potato option available too) - all for the amazing price of £2.20. This will replace the printed menu choice for Monday of Week One (Beef Pasta Bolognese/Macaroni Cheese). Please book and pay using your normal arrangements.

North Devon Journal We have again been invited by the Journal to take part in their 'First Class' supplement, featuring a photo of our Reception children. This is due to be taken here in school on Monday morning and submitted to the Journal Office for them to use. If you would prefer that your child is not included, please let us know as quickly as possible so that we can make sure he/she is not included.

Application for Secondary School Places A reminder that the online facility, to apply for a secondary school place in September 2019 (available at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) opened on 1 September 2018, and will remain available until Wednesday 31 October 2018. This is the easiest way to apply for a place, or you can contact the Admissions Team's Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019 to request a hard copy of the form. We have been asked to remind you that it is essential that as many applicants as possible apply on time, as demand for spaces is predicted to be higher this time around, and late applications may be disadvantaged.

NHS Virgincare 'Flu Vaccination: Years Reception to Year Five Pupils The NHS/Virgincare Immunisation Team will again be offering the 'flu vaccination to all primary children from Reception to Year 5 during the Autumn Term and will be visiting Langtree School on Monday 05 November to carry out individual vaccinations. This year, they are encouraging parents/carers to use an electronic consent system via a secure portal online, so we shall shortly be writing to families with more details about how to access this, should you choose for your child/children be immunised.



Autumn Apple Pressing! You might already know that we have an Apple Press here in school, which for a big chunk of the year sits quietly in our garden shed. For the last couple of weeks, however, it has been out and about being put to good use pressing a bumper crop of apples to extract juice ready to drink. Miss Rands-Silva is happy to press any spare apples you have - please just deliver them to her in Class 2 or leave them in the school garden in a basket or bucket, ready for her to use.

Message from the PTA: Kaye French Halloween is fast approaching and the PTA will be running the annual **Halloween parties**. These will take place on **FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER** at the Parish Hall. The party for Class F and Class 1 children will take place from 3.30pm – 5pm (we will happily collect your children from class and take them to the party and entertain and look after them until 5pm). The party for Class 2 and 3 children will take place from 5pm to 6.30pm. There will be prizes for the best costumes, a wide range of games as well as refreshments. All tickets are £3.50 and are available from the school office. Tickets will be on sale from Mrs Cook from Monday 08 October and must be purchased by Wednesday 31 October.



FRIDAY 02 NOVEMBER is a 'Halloween' non-school uniform day. Suggested donation £1 to PTA Funds. For children who are attending the party, no donation is needed.



Thank you to everyone that has completed their home designs for the **Christmas card scheme** and sent them into school. Samples are ready to be sent off and processed. Watch this space for more details of ordering coming soon.

PTA funds have now purchased for Class F a new wooden play kitchen, which has now been assembled and is now being used every day by the children. Funds are also contributing to the Didgeridoo Man who will be visiting Class 1.

A reminder that **The PTA AGM** will be held on Friday 12th October at the school at 7.30pm. This will be followed by drinks at the Green Dragon. All new members are welcome and it would be great if you would like to join and get involved.

Sporty Events Key Stage 2 children recently attended a tennis coaching/festival day hosted by the Atlantic Racquet Centre in Bideford, when children could move from one tennis station to another to improve their tennis skills under the instruction of qualified tennis coaches. For more information about continuing tennis coaching, or booking lessons, please contact the Centre direct: **07587 782 675** or click onto [www. http://www.atlanticracquetcentre.co.uk/contact/](http://www.atlanticracquetcentre.co.uk/contact/) for more details.

Multisports at GTS: Class 2 attended a Multisports Festival this week. This combined lots of local primary schools working under the instruction of Sports Leaders who had organised the morning. A good time was had by everyone.

School Diary Dates

Fri 12 Oct	PTA AGM: 7.30pm in school.
Mon 15 Oct	Harvest Celebration: from 9.30am: Langtree Parish Hall. All families warmly invited.
Autumn Term Half Term: Monday 22 - Friday 26 October 2018. School closed to children.	
Mon 29 Oct	Autumn Term Second Half: first day back in school for everyone.
Fri 02 Nov	PTA Halloween Non-Uniform Day and Parties after school.
Tues 13 Nov	Tempest Photography visiting: individual and family photos from 8am.

Film Club

Mondays after school: 29 October (first Monday after Half-Term. Bookings will close Friday 19 October); and 26 November 2018.

Foundation Stage 'Stay and Play' Sessions:

Fridays: Friday 02 November and Friday 07 December 2018

Our Foundation Stage provides a happy and nurturing environment in which Nursery-aged children are sensitively and expertly prepared for mainstream school and school life. If you have a child of pre-Nursery age who is soon due to start with us, we would love you to come along to see for yourself what makes our class so special, and warmly invite you and your child to our 'Stay and Play' sessions on the first Friday of every month. The children will have a chance to play in the classroom, as well as play in the garden, and to mix with our current nursery children; an ideal opportunity for you and your child to experience our Foundation Class together, meet some of our staff and become familiar with the Foundation environment. It's a good time to ask questions and talk to other families. You can come and view the well-equipped and comfortable facilities and observe, and take part in, play, interaction and development in a stimulating environment. We look forward to welcoming you!

Community News

LEAP into a Cosy Winter! Vulnerable and fuel-poor residents across Devon are being encouraged to apply for expert help to keep warm and cosy this Winter, and reduce energy bills by up to £300 per year. 'Cosy Devon' and the 'Local Energy Advice Programme' (LEAP) is a free advice service supported by Devon County Council and funded by energy suppliers. It helps households with energy saving measures and, once an application is accepted, advisors will visit and look at current heating and warmth levels in your home. They can install a range of simple measures, provide energy efficiency advice and help look for better deals on energy bills. They might even be able to offer help to repair or replace a boiler that's not working or is very old and doesn't meet current standards. For more information, please visit www.applyforleap.org.uk.

Be a Chorister for a Day Saturday 01 December 2018 at Exeter Cathedral Exeter Cathedral is hosting a free Chorister Open Day on 01 December, open to girls and boys aged between 7 and 9 years who enjoy singing. It is a great chance for young people to be encouraged and coached by professional musicians in an inspirational setting, rehearsing and singing with current choristers in Exeter Cathedral. In addition, they will have a special opportunity to take part in the annual Christingle Service. For more details, please collect a leaflet from the School Office - **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

Yours sincerely

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