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Dear Families As we once again approach the end of this busy and exciting term, I will apologise in advance for the length of this Newsletter but as we have lots of festive events planned, I have included below more information about each one to help you enjoy them too. Here are our festive events (in date order), to which we look forward to welcoming lots of families, and people connected with our school:



Christmas Post Box Our Christmas Post Box is already in place in the main entrance porch, ready for everyone to post their cards. We are grateful to our Class Three Post Delivery Team who will be providing a daily sorting and delivery service to each class (and the Staff Room) for the next two weeks.

This is the Greatest Show! 'Bethlehem: The Musical': Langtree School's Main School Christmas Play **Monday 10 December: 2pm and 5.45pm Performances:** Langtree Parish Hall I am pleased to let you know that tickets (at £2 each) for both performances of our main school production have been flying out of the Office this week, with demand for the evening performance especially high. We are able to seat almost 200 festive spectators at each performance, so do not anticipate that we will have any problem with availability and are happy for small children to be seated on adult laps, just as long as you let us know how many you are likely to bring - the 2pm performance being more appropriate for younger children. As always, if you have any special access or seating requirements please let us know and we will always do our best to help.

On to the last few details and requests for that day: doors will open 15 minutes before the start of each performance so please don't start queuing too early, especially if the weather is bad. We shall change the children out of their costumes after each performance.

2pm Performance: We expect the afternoon show to finish at approximately 3pm. So, if you are coming along to watch, you are welcome to take your children home with you when you leave but, if you don't, please collect your children any time after 3.10pm from the main school. School transport will run as normal on that day - but please let us know if your child will **not need** to use it, as we are able to cancel the service if there are definitely no passengers.

5.45pm Performance: As last year, our evening performance will start at a slightly earlier time to accommodate other Hall users. We need to make sure we have finished our production, and cleared-up, by 7.15pm. In the evening, we would be grateful if children could be returned to us in the Parish Hall no later than **5.30pm** to give them time to change.

Please note that, during both performances, some parents may take photographs but we ask that this is strictly on the understanding that these are for family use only and will not be published on social networking sites without the express permission of everyone included in the picture. Can we also please request that any older brothers or sisters sit with their families? Thank you.

After all the excitement of the two performances, you are welcome to let your child have a lie-in the following morning, **with Registration extended until 10.45am on Tuesday 11 December** to allow for this. To help with school meal planning, please let us know your child's lunch arrangements in advance, especially if they prefer a vegetarian or jacket potato option. Finally, but no less importantly, we are very grateful to the Parish Hall and

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Committee for the continued use of the Hall, as without this amazing facility just on our doorstep, our Christmas events could not take place with such a warm, festive flourish.

Our **Foundation Class** will be staging their very own Christmas production on Monday 17 December again in Langtree Parish Hall, when families of those children will be warmly invited to watch them perform. This event tends to attract a slightly (slightly!) smaller audience and for this reason is not ticketed.



Christmas Dinner: Thursday 13 December A reminder that our scrumptious Christmas Dinner is just having its final details planned by Amanda, our Kitchen Manager and that, for the usual cost of a school meal (£2.20), your child can enjoy roast turkey with a sausage and bacon roll plus all the usual festive trimmings followed by Christmas Pudding with custard (no nuts or alcohol included) or ice-cream with a festive shortbread, or fresh fruit salad. The vegetarian alternative for that day will be a Quorn roast, plus of course roast or mashed potatoes and all the festive vegetables. On this day, there will be no jacket potato option. **We will assume that everyone will choose the roast turkey option with ice-cream for pudding, UNLESS** we have heard from you that your child would prefer the vegetarian choice or Christmas Pudding for dessert or is bringing a packed lunch from home - thank you to everyone who has already let us know.

IMPORTANT NOTE ONE: Nursery Families: please note there will be **no Lunch Club** running on this day (that is, Thursday 13 December).

IMPORTANT NOTE TWO: Reception (Class F), Year 1 and Year 2 Children (Class One): school meals for children in these year groups are funded by the Government under the Universal Free School Meals scheme: families with children in these year groups **do not need to pay** for these meals, even on Christmas Dinner day.

Thank you again to everyone for your help at a busy time of year.

Class Parties: Tuesday 18 December All classes will be having their Christmas Parties on the afternoon of Tuesday 18. We plan for Reception children to spend the morning in Class F with Miss Mellody, ready for their Christmas Party during the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to come to school in party clothes ready for the afternoon's fun and games, with no donations expected. **FOR THAT DAY ONLY**, there will be no morning session for **NURSERY CHILDREN**, who are invited to join us at 1.15pm for their party instead. Please note the school day will finish at the usual time of 3.30pm on that day.

Class F Christmas Play: Monday 17 December: Langtree Parish Hall : 9.30am All parents and families of children in Class F are very warmly invited to come along to watch our youngest children perform a Nativity-based production in Langtree Parish Hall, and stay for hot drinks and mince pies to round-off our busy festive schedule. Some might say we save the best 'til last, but we'll leave you to be the judge of that one! As our Class F funds are pretty low at the moment, instead of charging for admission or refreshments, we shall be asking for donations towards these costs: thank you for your support which, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

Sports Round-Up

Reports, latest news, updates and scores



<p>Local Learning Community High5 Netball Match/ Football Match Bradworthy Primary Academy</p>	<p>Clare Heard/Jill Mitchell Netball team Adrian Folland Football team</p>	<p>The next match of the term in this newly established League was played afterschool on Tuesday 27 November when Bradworthy Academy visited Langtree: football team just lost by 3-2, and netball team won 10-2. Thanks go to team coaches, supporters for their help on a rainy afternoon, and of course all the players for an excellent standard of play.</p>
<p>Holsworthy Netball League Langtree –v- Halwill</p>	<p>Clare Heard/Jill Mitchell</p>	<p>Our match took place after school on Monday 26 November with a win for the Langtree team scoring 6 goals against Halwill's 1. 'Player of the Match' was Heidi. Well played everyone!</p>

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PTA Update The Christmas Fayre is almost here and final plans are being made. This will take place on Friday 14 December from 3.30pm in the Parish Hall. We hope you can all join us.

There will be a number of stalls including those selling, homemade crafts and gifts, door wreaths and table arrangements and jewellery. There will also be a wide variety of games and activities. We will hopefully have some Christmas singers as well as Father Christmas will be there in his grotto.

We would be grateful for any donations and help. We are looking for:

- ⊗ Raffle prizes
- ⊗ Any bottles of wine (for an adult game)
- ⊗ Sweets for prizes
- ⊗ Any good quality second hand soft toys
- ⊗ Any gifts suitable for a lucky dip (wrapped if at all possible, worth a 50p price)

You are very welcome to leave any donations at the School Office for safe-keeping.



We are also looking for donations for refreshments such as sausage rolls, biscuits, cakes; large or smaller cupcakes. These would be needed on the morning of the 14 December.

Anything you can donate would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to have a stall at the fayre please contact me. My e-mail is kaye.french@icloud.com.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Film Club: this after-school Club has closed its doors now for the term. I am sure you will join with me to thank Miss Mellody for giving children the chance to stay late at school with their friends to enjoy watching, munching on snacks and generally having a great time! I am unsure at the moment when or if it will reopen in the Spring Term but will include an update in our first Newsletter of the Spring Term to let you know. Meanwhile, thank you to Miss Mellody for making sure it has been a huge success and to everyone who has come along to watch.

Class F 'Stay and Play' sessions: Class F held their last open session today, Friday 07 December, so thank you in advance to everyone who came along to indulge in a little bit of festive foundation sparkle! Please look out for Spring Term dates coming to you in our first Newsletter of the Term in 2019.

School Diary Dates

Festive Events: dates and details included above, but please come and ask us if you have any questions about any of the events.

Thurs 20 Dec

Autumn Term: last day of term for everyone.

Mon 07 January 2019

First day of the Spring Term 2019: Non-Pupil Day: staff training in school.

Tuesday 08 Jan

Everyone back in school today please!

Yours sincerely

Nigel Smale, Joint Headteacher

