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Dear Parents

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**Severe Weather Closure** We are grateful to all families for their understanding last Friday when the school had to remain closed due to very icy conditions, not just around our site, but also on access roads and lanes. In the event of severe weather, I have to assess the safety of the school site in general and then make a decision about opening (or closing) the school. I always hope to avoid this outcome, but the safety of children, staff and families has to be balanced against any inconvenience that a school closure may cause and on this occasion, I had to judge that it was not safe to open the school. We were able to use all our messaging services to let families know my decision - Class Dojo and 'ParentMail' - and included posting webpage updates in an attempt to reach as many families as possible, early in the day. Please let Mrs Cook, or class teachers, know if any of these did not work for you. We will look forward to warmer weather as the winter months progress!

**Parents Evenings: Wednesday 06 and Thursday 07 February 2019** - Thank you to all parents who have come into school this week (and especially yesterday) to meet with teaching staff and discuss children's progress. I hope you found the appointments useful. If you missed this opportunity, please be in touch with class teachers to make alternative arrangements to meet.

### Sports Round-Up

#### Reports, latest news, updates and scores



<b>GTS Football Tournament</b>	Adrian Folland Year 5 and 6	Postponed due to bad weather: to be played next week.
<b>GTS High Five Netball Festival</b>	Clare Heard/Jill Mitchell GTS Year 5 and 6	Congratulations to our netball team for progressing into the next round in this Tournament. Langtree amazingly won every game, making them the top of the leader board. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Heard for their help for this event.
<b>Holsworthy Netball League</b>	Clare Heard/Jill Mitchell Holsworthy Sports Hall Langtree Vs Shebbear College	7 - 5 A well-played match made sure Langtree netballers left no doubt about winning against Shebbear College. Thank you to our parents for their help transporting players and supporting the team.

**School Term Dates, 2019 - 2020:** I am pleased to be able to let you know that governors have now agreed term dates for academic year 2019 to 2020. If you would like to see the dates for next year please take a look on the school's website: [www.langtree.devon.sch.uk](http://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk).

(choose 'School Office'/'Term Dates'). Alternatively, paper copies have been placed on the notice board in the school reception area for you to take.

**Message from the PTA** Following the PTA meeting on the 24 January, we have talked about a number of events that we can run this year. These will hopefully include an Easter event, the Summer Fayre, Bags 2 School, a sponsored reading challenge and much more.

Our first activity will be the **Smartie Challenge**. This has been launched in school by Mrs Heard this week, with more details, and an empty tube, coming home with this Newsletter - if you wish your child to take part.



The money we raise from this and future events will be contributing to the £2000 the PTA has pledged to put towards the new ICT equipment in the school. Following this the plan is to purchase a cover for the swimming pool.

The next PTA meeting will take place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at 8pm in the Green Dragon. All new members welcome.

If you would like to contact me regarding any events and about joining the PTA please use the email address: [kaye.french@icloud.com](mailto:kaye.french@icloud.com) to contact me. Thank you in advance for your support and enthusiasm! Kaye French.

### Community News

**Langtree Parish Church** A new family service is starting this Sunday (10 February 2019) at Langtree Parish Church at 11am. The service is aimed at family, so there will be lots of audience participation and fun activities. The service was last for 45 minutes and there will be refreshments after. All are welcome.

**Langtree Pantomime 'Hoodwinked'**: It's Pantomime time again at Langtree Parish Hall. 'Hoodwinked' by Andrew Yates is based on Robin Hood characters but in new situations. The cast includes some children from Langtree School. The evening performances are on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7:30pm. There is also an afternoon performance on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2:30pm. The tickets are £7.00 and concessions are £5.00. Please book tickets by calling 01805 601602 for collection on the door. All proceeds will go towards funding a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) for use by the whole community.

### School Diary Dates

**Spring Term FILM CLUB**: from 3.30pm: Mon 25 Feb: Film to be confirmed. Please book by Friday 15 February at the very latest to reserve a place: £1 per child to include snacks and a drink.

**Spring Term STAY AND PLAY: Class F's Open Session: 10.30am-12noon: Friday 01 March 2018**

Mon 18 -Fri 22 Feb

**HALF TERM**: school closed

Tues 02 April

**SPRING SHOW**: Langtree Parish Hall: 9.30am: all families are warmly welcomed to our Spring Term production.

Friday 05 April

**Spring Term: last day of term.**

Yours sincerely

Nigel Smale, Acting Head Teacher