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Dear Parents,

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World Book Day: A big 'thank you' to everyone who came to school yesterday dressed as their favourite character from a book. Please take a look at some fabulous photos of the day, on display in the Staff Room windows, next time you are in school. During the day yesterday, our older children listened to our younger children read during visits to Class One and all children were able to take home a £1 National Book Tokens voucher which can be swapped for one of the World Book Days books (eg 'A Very Fishy Tale' by Lauren Child; or 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' by Jeff Kinney), or used towards any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more. Please visit your book store before 31 March 2019 to use book vouchers, or for more details. We hope that everyone who took part in 'World Book Day' enjoyed the day.

Good Luck Netballers! I am very pleased, proud and excited to be able to let you know that our netball team have again qualified for the netball High5 competition, part of the Devon Winter School Games, due to take place at the end of March in Paignton. The Games are supported and promoted by 'Active Devon', working with lots of schools, local authorities, governing bodies and the health sector to encourage healthy lifestyles and inspiring everyone to 'get active and stay active!' To be able to take part in an event at this level for a second time is more than a unique opportunity, and has only been achieved after a lot of effort and hard work. I know our players will 'give it their all!' and play their socks off, but I'm sure you would like to join with me to wish them the very best of luck. I will let you know how they get on in the Newsletter after the event but meanwhile am grateful to our sporty netball staff (Mrs Heard and Mrs Mitchell) for freely giving their time, confidence and enthusiasm to our players and making sure Langtree's name is lit-up on the score board!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

Action for Children: Introduction to 'The Solihull Approach' I have been asked to pass on details about a new group being put together by Children's Services Practitioner Geoff Dixon at Torrington Children's Centre, from 6pm - 8pm on a Wednesday evening starting from **Wednesday 3rd April** for 10 weeks (until **Wednesday 05 June**) . This is intended for parents or carers who would like to know more about sensitive and effective parenting over a FREE 10 week course, and will be looking at ways of thinking about parent/child relationships and why things sometimes go well, and sometimes they don't. This is not a therapy group, but there will be time set aside within each session for parents and carers to explore some of the emotional pressures they are under. The aim is to provide a way of thinking, about difficulties, which can be used in different situations, and although no quick fixes to every parenting issue is promised, you will be able to learn techniques to help with behaviour issues as the course progresses. If this is something of interest to you, please collect a form to apply for a place from the school office.

Message from the PTA A massive 'thank you' to everyone who got involved in the Smartie Challenge. Thank you to all the children who worked hard earning



the money and for all families and friends who supported them. This has raised a staggering **£608.81** and is a significant amount to put towards the ICT equipment for the school.

Our next event will be the **Easter Egg Hunt!** This will take place on **Friday 05 April** and will start at 3.30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon from Mrs Cook - these will be £3.50. Should anyone be able to donate a raffle prize or to provide some cakes or biscuits, this would be appreciated.

The next PTA meeting will take place on Thursday 25 April at 8pm in the Green Dragon. All new members welcome.

If you would like to contact me regarding any events, or about joining the PTA, please use the email: kaye.french@icloud.com. **Thank you once again for your fantastic support!**



Class Three Residential: June 2019 Thank you to all Class Three families for quickly responding to our letter about this year's Residential visit. A quick reminder, to help you plan your family finances that the date for us to receive final payments for this trip is: **FRIDAY 24 May**. As always please speak to Mr Smale if you have any questions or queries about the week's visit to PGL Barton Hall.

Student Support: Exemplar Education Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned a response slip. If you would still like to express an interest, or not, in this scheme, it's not too late. Please pop your details into the School Office for Mrs Cook to forward to Exemplar.

School Diary Dates

Spring Term FILM CLUB: from 3.30pm: Mon 01 April: Film to be confirmed: Please book by 3.30pm on Friday 29 March 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 05 April 2019

Tues 02 April	SPRING SHOW: Langtree Parish Hall: 9.30am: all families are warmly welcomed to our Spring Term production.
Weds 03 April	Tempest Photography: class and team photos.
Friday 05 April	Spring Term: last day of term. PTA Easter Egg Hunt: from 3.30pm

Community News:

Road Closure: Please note that BT OpenReach have let us know that there is going to be a planned road closure between **Southcott Cross and Langtree** (EX38 8RH). The road will be closed on **Wednesday 31 May 2019, between 09:30 and 15:30**. However this closure falls during our Summer Term **Half-Term** week so hopefully will not be too disruptive for families.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Smale, Acting Head Teacher