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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Please see below important dates and information that you may find useful.



Please also note the dates for School Christmas events below - don't forget to add them to your diary!

Home Learning can be found every week on our School website or <u>here</u>.

Dates for the Diary

PTA Wreath Making Workshop
Christmas Jumper Days (look out for a JustGiving link nearer the time)
Year 1 and 2 Multi skills Festival at GTS
Class F (Nursery and Reception) Nativity in the school hall 9.45am
PTA Christmas Bingo
Class 1, 2 & 3 Nativity in the Parish Hall 2.30pm
Music sharing assembly (children who have lessons with Ania) 9.30am
Class 1, 2 & 3 Nativity in the Parish Hall 3.45pm
Christmas Dinner (+ Vegetarian Option)
Christingle 5.30pm (see poster below)
Last day of the Autumn Term
First day of the Spring Term
Y5 Residential to London
Y6 residential to St Georges House

Outstanding fees

Please ensure you pay any outstanding fees on your child's Eduspot/SchoolMoney account. We request that payments are settled at the end of each half term. If you are facing any financial difficulties or are having any technical difficulties using the app, please come and have a conversation with us at school at your earliest convenience.

A Message from Tempest Photos

Dear Parents,

Have you ordered your **Individual** school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 1st December**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit <u>www.tempest-orders.co.uk</u>

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

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Clubs and School Dinner Bookings

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have booked your child/ren school dinners and wrap around care via the SchoolMoney app. It has made an enormous difference and reduced school staff having to follow this up - thank you!

<u>Thank you</u>

We would like to thank B & N butchers for raising ± 150 for the school. They hold a raffle for the school at Langtree Market, which is on every Thursday.



Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Symons

We had an assembly this morning to say goodbye to Mrs Symons as she starts her maternity leave. The children created a 'quilt' of messages and Amanda created a stunning cake. We all wish her well for her new arrival and look forward to meeting him soon! Here she is with her gifts and cake...



Sporting News

A busy half term with sporting events at Langtree. Well done to the Bee netballers who have now finished playing their League matches on a Tuesday night against other schools in our Learning Community. The netball squad have played with such determination, confidence and passion and have represented Langtree superbly.

They look forward to finding out the results of the league when they attend the Bee Netball Tournament at GTS in January.

They played their last game against Monkleigh and won 12-1.

Well done to Evie who was awarded Player of the match.

We finished off the season with some friendly matches against Monkleigh. Years 3 and 4 took to the court first and had a chance to use their netball skills in an actual game, followed by our Year 5 and 6 team who played a game. Both teams confidently earned the win. Well done to all of our Bee Netballers.

A team of Year 5 and 6 children competed in an Indoor Athletic competition at GTS. They took part in a range of running, throwing and jumping events. They competed against other schools and earned themselves 3rd place overall. Well done to Martha and Tommy who gained 1st place in individual events.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who help with these events, without you these matches or events would not happen.



All things Christmas!

Class F Nativity



It is that exciting time of year again and we are preparing Class F's Christmas play on **Thursday 5th December**.

It will be 9am drop off time at class F so we have time to get the children settled and ready for their play.

The play will be in the School Hall, you will need to come through the office to sign in and then go into the School Hall at 9.30. The performance will begin at 9.45am.

After the performance if your child does not normally attend on a Thursday, you will need to collect them from the teacher to be signed out.

Please ensure you sign out at the office when you leave.

Tea and coffee will be available after the performance, for a small donation.

KS1/2 Christmas Plays

The Christmas plays for KS1/2 are in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on **Monday 9th December** and 3.45pm on **Wednesday 11th December**. Please arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before the performance.

After each performance, the PTA will be providing refreshments for a small donation. If you are then collecting child/ren you will need to remain in the Parish Hall for 20 minutes whilst the school staff take them back in to school to change. You will then be able to collect them from their usual home time pick up points. In line with our safeguarding procedures, if somebody else will be collecting your child, parents/carers please make sure you have let us know in advance.

Photographs/Videos at School Events

We are delighted that many of you are hoping to attend the school/parish hall to enjoy seeing and hearing your children perform. We would like to ask that you take a moment to be 'in the moment' with your child and enjoy the live experience with us.



The children would like to see your faces, your smiles and your pride as they share their hard work with you.

If you choose to photograph or film school events then the school is not responsible under data protection legislation for photographs taken for personal use by parents, carers and their relatives during school events. However, we request parents <u>not</u> to share photographs of their children taken at these events on social media if they include other pupils. This is because it may not be appropriate that such images are shared. This may be because, by personal choice, parents do not wish photographs of their children to appear on social media or it may be for reasons of child protection about which other parents would not be aware. We would also expect that if during such an event a parent requests another parent not to take a photograph of their child that those wishes are respected. Please help us to keep all of our children safe in an ever changing and progressive world of technology. Our Privacy notice can be found on our website.



We welcome everyone to wear their Christmas Jumpers every Friday during December (dates above) and also on our **Christmas Dinner Day** which is **Wednesday 18th December**.

Please follow the link to donate to Save the Children for our Christmas jumper days.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/langtree-community-school-1732808085278?newPage=true

Please see the jumper swap shop poster below.

The children will be finding out about the children they will help with our generous donations this Christmas. Please ask them all about it.

<u>Christmas Dinner</u>



On **Wednesday 18th December** the option on this day is a Traditional Christmas dinner or a vegetarian Christmas dinner. Booking via SchoolMoney, you need to book either Roast (Honey roast Gammon for the Turkey option) or Veggie slice for the vegetarian option. This will let Amanda (Kitchen Manager) know which option your child would like. The kitchen will **not** be

providing any other option on that day, so if your child would <u>not</u> like Christmas dinner, please provide them with a home packed lunch.



Bring a Christmas Jumper that is in good condition, and swap it

> Or purchase a Christmas Jumper for the upcoming Christmas Jumper days at school for £1 each

for free.

CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT

Langtree School PTA

Get ready for a festive and fun-filled Christmas Bingo Night! Gather your friends and family for an evening of laughter, joy, and exciting bingo games with a holiday twist.

GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL



Friday 6 December 2024



Langtree Parish Hall



Arrive 7:00PM Eyes Down: 7:30PM

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Langtree Community School

Christingle



Wednesday 18th December Langtree Church of All Saints at 5.30pm

Children to sit with their parents/carers

(parents are responsible for their children holding lit candles)

PTA Coffee and mince pies afterwards



CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND NEWS



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Join us in the children's library for these lovely activities and events.



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CHRISTMAS BOOKS

Saturday 7th December 10 - 12.30

We have all the Christmas children's books out! Board books for the little ones and lots of picture books including some classics, as well as craft books and stories for older children.



SATURDAY CRAFTS ~ CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Join us for a morning of festive making in the children's library. Make a pretty light-catcher decoration and help us decorate the library Christmas tree. FREE drop in event. Donations welcome.



Thursday 19th December 4pm CHRISTMAS STORIES BY THE TREE Join us in the children's library to hear some classic and new Christmas tales. Come along in your festive jumpers or pyjamas, and get cosy around the tree for the stories. Stay afterwards for Hot Chocolate and Gingerbread Men! FREE drop in event. Stories start at 4pm.

Pop in and see us soon. Everybody is very welcome!



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Have a great weekend!