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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Please see important dates below for upcoming activities & events leading up to the end of the summer term.

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### Dates for the Diary

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Class F Teddy Bear picnic 1.30-3pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception meeting with Mrs Symons 9am in the school hall
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent forum and leaders 9.10am study suite
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers assembly - year 6 parents welcome 2pm in the school hall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer fair 3.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 trip - Milky Way
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Menu change - Wednesday lunch today - Roast dinner
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Menu change - Tuesday menu today - Sausage roll
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the summer term
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First day back

### Sports Day

It was sports day on Thursday and it was lovely to see so many families gathered to watch. The children were amazing in their support of each other, behaving respectfully and showing determination. They put their all into each race and should be proud of their efforts. Several children surprised themselves with their achievements and grew in confidence, which is what it's all about. Thank you to Mrs Heard for coordinating the event, to the staff and volunteers for all their hard work and the PTA for providing refreshments.

### Special Diet Registration form

If your child has any dietary requirements or changes to their dietary needs, please notify the school immediately. The kitchen manager will support these requirements. Please note until the arrangements are in place you will have to provide your child with a home packed lunch.

### **Menu change**

Please be aware of the menu change at the end of term. **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** menu (roast dinner) will be served on the **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** and Tuesday's menu (sausage roll) will be served on the Wednesday.

### **Class F -Billy Bear's end of term Party**

The party is being held on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July and will be starting at 1.30pm in Class F.

We will be having a little picnic and playing some party games.

The party will be ending at 3pm.

If your child does not usually attend a Monday afternoon session they are welcome at no additional charge.

**Please drop your child off at 1.30pm to the school office and we will bring them up to the school office once the party has finished at 3pm.** We are unable to have adults stay with their children due to safeguarding.

If your child would like to attend Billy's party please either email, telephone the school or let a staff member know as soon as possible please.

**We look forward to seeing your children there and don't forget to bring their teddy bear!**

### **September Reception Children - Meeting with Mrs Symons**

There will be a meeting with Mrs Symons for the parents of the children joining our reception class in September. This will be in the school hall at 9am on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** with Mrs Symons.

### **Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

We will be holding a leavers assembly for our year 6 children on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm** in the school hall. We welcome parents of our y6 children to attend too.

### **Year 6 - Milkyway Trip**

The year 6's will be going on a leavers trip to the Milkyway on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**. We thank the PTFA for kindly covering the cost, so there will be nothing for parents to pay. Please refer to the email sent out for all relevant information about the trip.

### **Breakfast and Afterschool Club**

Please note that Afterschool Club will **not** be running on the last three days of term (22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> July) so we please ask that you make other childcare arrangements after school for these days. **However, Breakfast club will run as usual.**

### **School pick up arrangements**

Please call the school office as soon as possible if pick up arrangements for your child change, so we can let the class teacher know. We need consent from the parent/carer for any changes to normal pick up. For safeguarding reasons, we cannot accept your child telling us.

If you haven't booked the afterschool club for your child, but need them to attend at last minute, you must call the school to book them in. If your child regularly takes the bus home, but on an occasion doesn't need to, again please make sure you let us know in advance, so we can ensure your child doesn't get on the bus and gets home safely.

## Outstanding Payments

We ask that you please logon to Eduspot/SchoolMoney and settle any outstanding payments by the end of the summer term. We will be sending out reminder email/texts to anyone who has anything outstanding to pay for this school year. If you have any issues with payments, please email the school or pop into the office to speak with us.

## Outdoor Learning



In Outdoor learning over the year the children have planted seeds, looked at the growing process and this week have harvested their produce. They harvested potatoes, carrots, broad beans, rhubarb and blackcurrants. Well done Langtree School.

## Action-packed Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme bookings are now open

### Sent on behalf of DCC's HAF Team

**"Get ready for a summer of funded exciting activities and enriching experiences!"**

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we're pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our action-packed Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme!

Funded by the Government's Department for Education, the scheme offers funded activities and healthy, nutritional hot meals during school holidays to children of low-income families.

This summer's HAF programme promises a wide range of fun and educational activities for children of all ages to spark their creativity, encourage exploration, and help them develop new skills and make friends.

We've teamed up with over 1000 different activity providers across Devon to offer more than 30,000 places to children aged five to 16 years old, who receive **benefit-related free school meals**.

From arts and crafts workshops to sports tournaments and outdoor activities, the programme is designed to keep children engaged, active, and well-nourished during the school break. All clubs will be operating for a minimum of four hours for four days and will include a hot meal. We have also increased the number of places for secondary school aged children, with some sessions taking place during the evenings and at weekends.

**Stuart Collins, our Director of Children and Young People's Futures, said:**

"There are approximately 18500 children and young people across Devon who are eligible to attend these funded activities because they receive benefits related free school meals.

"The school holidays can be particularly difficult for some families as with children at home, the cost of food and activities can quickly mount up, particularly with the current cost of living.

"We know, from our previous Holiday Activities and Food programmes, how much children and young people value this time. It helps to keep them active during the holidays, provide them with a nutritious meal, and support them to learn new skills and make new friends in a safe and fun environment."

Places are limited, so don't miss out! We encourage parents and carers of children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to book their child's place as soon as possible.

**Parents whose children attended previous Holiday Activities and Food events, said:**

"It made my son happy. He tried new things and met new friends. He enjoyed himself, which makes me happy."

"The Holiday Activities and Food scheme allows my child to attend clubs that usually we would not be able to afford."

"My son is severely autistic with extreme behaviour, and they managed his needs well and tailored his activities to what his interests are."

For more information on the HAF programme, including booking details and eligibility criteria, please visit our website.

Details of activities can be found on the interactive map [on our website](#). If your child is [eligible to access the programme](#), simply search for a provider in your area, have a look at their listing to see what they're offering, then when you're ready, book a place with them directly using your unique HAF code.

The HAF programme is fully funded by the Government's Department for Education, and they set the criteria for those attending and the aims of the programme. Nationally, the aim is to provide activities, including a nutritional meal, during the school holidays to young people, aged five to 16 who are eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals. That means, it's a condition of their funding that places are allocated to children and young people who are eligible for Free School Meals first. Beyond that, we have taken a decision locally to use an extended criterion. If there are any places available after allocation to children who are eligible for Free School Meals, and if there is still sufficient Government Department for Education funding to do so, places can be offered to parents and carers of children and young people with Educational Health and Care Plans, (EHCPs); children in care, or who have been in care; and young carers.

We are very happy for places to be given to children and young people who meet the extended criteria, but in the first instance, we have to prioritise the allocation of places to those who are eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, then they can book places on our HAF programme when activities become available. Parents and carers will have been sent a code by their school which is unique to their child and can be used to book a place.

If your child is not eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, but has an EHCP, or is (or has been) in care, or is a young carer, then they can be considered for a funded extended criteria place on activities if places are still available after children eligible for Free School Meals have been allocated places.

If you are a parent or carer of a child who meets the extended criteria, please contact your preferred provider and let them know that you are asking for an extended criteria place and explain the category so we can ensure that the funding is allocated. Our HAF providers will hold a waiting list for these places and allocate them a week before the holiday period starts."



## TORRINGTON LIBRARY



### SUMMER TERM EVENTS AND NEWS

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

2024

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Marvellous Makers

#### COMING SOON...

#### Summer Reading Challenge 2024 - Marvellous Makers!

Join us this summer to celebrate creativity with the Summer Reading Challenge. We have loads of exciting activities and events planned for the holidays.

It's FREE to take part in the challenge and all children aged 4-11 are welcome. It's an excellent way of keeping youngsters reading over the holidays and can help improve their reading and confidence.

Saturday 6th July 10 - 12.30

#### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE LAUNCH

Visit the library to find out all about the challenge, join in and receive a special challenge pack. We have lots of lovely new books to choose!

We will have **badge making, glitter tattoos, colouring and puzzles.**

If you can't make the launch, you can come along to the library anytime afterwards to join in!

Saturday 29th June 10.30 - 11.30

#### NEW! CHILDREN'S READING GROUP

A new group for book lovers aged 10 - 14.

Meeting monthly, including a drink and biscuits.

Bring along a favourite book and join Michelle and other children to share your love of reading.

Saturday 13th July 10.30 - 12

#### LEGO CLUB

FREE drop in session in the children's library. Come along and get creative!



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