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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good week, please see the latest news and information for the school.

It's the end of term and what a week of festivities we have had! We hope the children have enjoyed the lead up to the Christmas holidays and we wish you and your family a well-earned rest and a wonderful Christmas and New Year!



Useful information and what's coming up in the New Year...

Mrs Cook's Retirement

We had a lovely time gathered together both in school for an assembly and in the Parish Hall for a party to mark Mrs Cook's retirement. The children presented songs, poetry and artwork, which was presented with as a keepsake. The contributions from staff and parents contributed towards a gift comprising National Trust Membership, vouchers for Pilates and books, Prosecco, an orchid and chocolates. She has sent in a few words to share with you all (below). We all wish her a healthy and happy retirement.

From Louise Cook:

'Langtree, You're Awesome! Thank you from the top, middle and bottom of my heart for the gifts and kind words I received from families, children and staff on my last day at Langtree School. I was completely and totally over-whelmed and could not have predicted how emotional the afternoon was going to be. The children, during the Assembly, spoke amazingly confidently and with feeling, but had it not been for the books of words and artwork presented to me to take home and keep, I would not have remembered (or believed!) many of the kind things they had included. I want to conclude by saying that Langtree School has always been a haven of understanding, acceptance and inclusion and it has been a privilege to have been able to reflect that ethos. I am very very grateful and thank everyone again for so many amazing memories - especially to all the organisers behind the scenes who arranged the afternoon's events. With every best wish for Christmas and the New Year 2024.'

Swimming Success!

This week pupils from Years 3 and 5 successfully completed their 10 week swimming course. The 10 one hour lessons offered our pupils a fantastic learning opportunity, as well as great value for money (parents made a voluntary contribution of just £3.50 per lesson). Of the 25 children taking part, all were water confident and happy by the end of the course. Two children who were non-swimmers before the course, swam 10 metres at the end of the course. The national curriculum requires all Year 6 pupils to be able to swim 25 metres independently and a fantastic number of children achieved

this during their final lesson. A huge well done to all the pupils for their hard work and determination to make such fantastic progress.

Bee Netball

Well done to all of the Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the Bee Netball League. They played regular matches against other schools in our learning community and showed great confidence and passion when representing Langtree. Thank you to Mrs Heard for organising this and to the other members of staff who have supported the teams.

Christingle and Advent

We would like to say a big thank you to Reverend Warren for visiting us each week to share an advent assembly and for supporting our Christingle service in the church. It was a really lovely, if rather cold, evening where we came together to enjoy many carols, some amazing reading by Class 3, a candlelit carol and delicious mince pies afterwards.



Nativity Plays



It was such a treat last week to see the Class F Nativity play. The children did so well to learn and remember their songs and lines and looked amazing in their costumes. Classes 1-3 then performed their musical nativity twice on Tuesday. They really stepped up to put on a magnificent performance for their audience, telling the story through the eyes of a grumpy innkeeper. Well done to all of the children for your musical skills, singing, dancing and acting and to the staff for supporting them to make it possible.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner was held on Wednesday and it was a fabulous event, with all of the school gathered together to enjoy a delicious meal. The children were well mannered and full of festive spirit. We would like to say thank you to Amanda and Andrea for their hard work in the kitchen, to the PTA for providing Christmas crackers and to all the staff for coming together to make it such a special occasion.



Active Advent

Since the 1st December, the children have been taking part in iMoves Active Advent. They have loved joining in with a range of dances and active challenges each day. The calendar continues next week, so if you want to continue at home, you can sign up following this link

<https://imoves.com/activeadvent2023>

PE after Christmas

PE will continue on the same days after Christmas.

Class 1 - Thursday

Class 2 - Tuesday

Class 3 - Tuesday

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and brings uniform to change into in case they get wet and/or muddy.

School Dinner Menu change to Wednesday 3rd January

Please note a temporary change to the school dinner option on Wednesday 3rd January. The option was Roast Pork but for this day it will be Roast Chicken instead. If you have already booked the Roast Pork in advance and your child doesn't like chicken, please go back onto School Money/Eduspot to pick a different option for that Wednesday - thank you.

Breakfast & After School Clubs are available to book via Eduspot/SchoolMoney.

Teacher led clubs - Available to book now - spaces limited

<u>Day</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Starting from...</u>
Thursday	Science Club	11 th January



We would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024 - from all the Staff at Langtree Community School.