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Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly this week, we talked about our school motto 'learning together, growing together, aiming high' and what that meant to them. Walking around the classes this week, it has been great to see this in action. In Oak class, the children were really working hard on their letters and sounds and we can already see progress in their writing. In Beech class, the children were really focused on their Maths, using place value to add and subtract hundreds, tens and ones and, in Sycamore, you could feel the focus in the air in art as they created their own versions of Edvard Munch's 'The Scream'. We look forward to seeing the final results! To support 'aiming high', in the corridor, the children are lucky to have access to a great range of books on loan from the Devon School Library Service featuring inspirational people and jobs. This has been very popular...we wonder who they will find most inspiring!

Please note two new events below on the diary dates; Children in Need and Christingle.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the school and your child/ren. Remember, if you have a concern please contact us via families@langtree-school.org, so we can work with you to support the best outcomes for the children.



Please follow the link for your child's home learning

https://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk/web/home_learning/723698

Please follow the link for curriculum maps

<https://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk/web/curriculum/628383>

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

<u>Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2026</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
29 th Sept	Appledore Book Festival Author Visits
6 th Oct	KS2 Farm wise Trip at Westpoint
9 th Oct	Harvest Festival 2.30pm Parish Hall
23 rd Oct	Last Day of Autumn Term
2 nd Nov	First day back to school
13 th Nov	Children in Need
W/B 23 rd Nov	Parent Consultations
26 th Nov	Tempest - Individual and Family photos
4 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (every Friday in December)
9 th Dec	Christingle 5.30pm All Saints Church
14 th December	Nativity 2.15pm Parish Hall
16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
18 th Dec	Last day of term

Home Learning

You will have received a home learning link in an email. The new webpage explains how home learning and our reading reward schemes work. We would like to reinforce that home learning should help to support reading and complement/extend learning. It should not be a battle or cause stress. Please make sure you speak to your child/ren's class teacher if you have any concerns. https://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk/web/home_learning/723698

PE Days

PE day is Wednesday for ALL children. We ask that they please come to school in their PE kits, they will stay in this all day, so do not need a change of clothes.

Music Lessons

We are lucky to have a visiting flute and piano teacher, Ania, who comes to school on Tuesdays. If you are interested in your child/ren having lessons, please read the information below and contact Ania directly to arrange this.

'My name is Ania Job, I have over thirty years' experience of teaching both piano and flute. I try to make the lessons for primary school children as fun as possible! However, they do need to be prepared to do a little bit of practice in between lessons so will need their own instrument at home. Please do email / phone me if you have questions.'

aniaflute@gmail.com

07787914950

Appledore Book Festival

We are excited to welcome one authors to school on Tuesday 29th September. Unfortunately, John Townsend who was due to be visiting EYFS/KS1 is unwell and unable to attend. However, the children will still find out about him and all receive one of his books. Tom McLaughlin will still be visiting KS2. Follow the links to visit their websites and find out more.

Thank you so much to the PTA for funding this event!

<https://johntownsend.co.uk/>

<https://tommclaughlin.co.uk/>

Harvest Festival - 9th October

Our Harvest Festival this year will be on Friday 9th October at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. Family are welcome to attend. Please pick your child up from their classroom as usual, so we can ensure a safe and swift handover. If you would like to donate to the local food bank, please bring these items into school the week before. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

Thank you to everyone who has taken on board the healthy snack choice menu; it is great to see so many children tucking in to more healthy options.



Wishing you a lovely weekend!

