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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Performances

Thank you for coming along to support the children who delighted the audience in every performance. Their energy and confidence shone through and we are all very proud of each and every one of them.

'Reception, Years One and Two, 'The Christmas Story'



Years Three and Four, 'Cinderella'



Years Five and Six, 'Hansel and Gretel'



Parent and Carer Feedback Survey

Staff work incredibly hard to plan, prepare and deliver the Christmas performances and other events throughout the school year and we very much hope you enjoyed the performances this year. We would like to offer parents and carers the opportunity to provide any positive or constructive feedback. Please click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/X7V5DDWrw5ayBDAh6>

Christmas Meal

We shared a wonderful Christmas meal as a school, thanks again to Hayley.



Year Six, Christmas Carol Service, The Warren Nursing Home

The residents were thrilled with the children's singing and loved joining in with the carols.



Christmas Cakes

We hope that you all enjoy your tasty Christmas cakes made by the children.

Topics

The Spring term will commence on Monday 6th January 2025 and the topics are as follows:

Reception, Years One and Two - Muck, Mess, Mixtures

Years Three and Four - Light

Year Five - To Infinity and Beyond!

Year Six - Dickens

The children in Reception to Year Six will be bringing home their topic books for you to share.

We have two trainee teachers joining the school for the Spring term, Jess Langmead will be spending most of her time within Class One and Jordan Gammon will be spending most of his time in Class Two.

Forest School

Reception, Years One, Two and Three will have Forest School every week as follows:

Reception, Year One, Year Two	Tuesday
Year Three	Friday

Please can you ensure that your child has warm clothing and wellington boots in school. Forest School clothing will be sent home each week for washing. It would be really helpful if all clothing is named. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Please note that after school clubs will commence on Monday 6th January. If you would like your child/children to attend an after school club please complete the after school club permission form, copies have been sent home.

Reading Books

We would really appreciate it if you could have a look at home for any school books that your child may have been reading in the past and return them to your child's class teacher.

Menu

Please find the menu attached, the menu will remain the same up until we recruit a school cook. It will be the Week Two menu when the children return on Monday 6th January.

Instrumental Tuition

A big thank you to Mrs Cooper for providing piano and flute lessons, we are looking for a replacement and will let you know as soon as we find someone.

Guitar lessons will commence on Tuesday 14th January.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find an online safety newsletter attached.

Primary School Admissions for September 2025

The admissions team have asked us to remind all that the primary school admissions closing date is at midnight on 15th January 2025.

PE including Swimming

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on the following days:

Reception, Year One and Year Two on Mondays

Years Three, Four, Five and Six on Tuesdays

We have organised swimming for the whole school beginning in January. We are employing Leisure Centre coaches and every child will have a one hour lesson. Please collect your child from outside the Barnstaple Tarka Leisure Centre at the times indicated below.

Reception, Year One, Two and Three Swimming Thursdays

Lessons will begin on Thursday 9th January for Reception, Year One, Two and Three and you will need to collect your child from outside the Leisure Centre between 3.20 pm and 3.30 pm. Please do not enter the Leisure Centre as a member of staff will bring the children outside for safe collection.

For families that have siblings where one child may be swimming and one child may be at school, please collect your child that is swimming first and we will look after the older sibling in school for collection at approximately 3.45 pm or your child may be booked in for an after school club.

Years Four, Five and Six Swimming Fridays

Lessons will begin on Friday 10th January for Years Four, Five and Six and you need to collect your child from outside the Leisure Centre from 3.15 pm onwards. Please do not enter the Leisure Centre as a member of staff will bring the children outside for safe collection.

For families that have siblings where one child may be swimming and one child may be at school, please collect your **child from school first at 3.10 pm**. Please email admingoodleigh@goodilf.org.uk if you intend to collect your child at 3.10 pm. Once you have decided on the collection time please only change this arrangement in exceptional circumstances by notifying the office.

We are requesting that parents and carers do not come along as spectators as this is very distracting and it can cause distress and unnecessary upset for a number of children. We commit significant resources to this activity and want all children to enjoy the experience and make maximum progress. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

One piece swimming costumes need to be worn and swimming trunks should not be below the knees. If your child's hair is below their shoulders it will need to be tied back or they will need to wear a swimming hat. If your child normally wears swimming goggles they may wear them to the lessons, although you will need to have provided permission and accepted responsibility for any injury involving swimming goggles within the Parental Consent (SOE3a) Form.

Bag2School Collection

We are pleased to announce that we have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school. By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided - this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect> for full details). In addition to raising funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Please use to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! **Bag2School will be collecting all donations on Thursday 23rd January at 9.00 am and we ask that donations are brought into school on this day or the afternoon before.**

Many thanks for helping us with this fundraising opportunity.

The staff and children would like to thank you for your support during 2024 and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 6 th January	First Day of Term
Thursday 9 th January	Reception, Years One and Two weekly Swimming Lessons begin
Friday 10 th January	Year Six, Sports Hall Athletics, Pilton Community College Years Three, Four, Five and Six weekly Swimming Lessons begin
Tuesday 14 th January	Years Three, Four, Five and Six, We The Curious, Bristol Please drop your child off at the Tesco Rose Lane Bus Stop at 7.45 am where a teacher will be waiting. Please collect your child from the Tesco Rose Lane Bus Stop at 5.45 pm
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year Four, Tennis Festival, Tarka Tennis Centre
Thursday 23 rd January	Bag2School Collection, please bring any donations to the playground before 9.00 am
Friday 24 th January	Whole School, Chinese New Year Cultural Champion with Chiu Chan
Thursday 30 th January	Years Three, Four, Five and Six, Handpans with Lyndon Forster
Friday 14 th February	Whole School, Holi Celebration

After School Clubs Permission Slip

Please complete and return to the office if you would like your child to attend an after school club(s)

Name of child / children	When	Activity	For
	Monday 3.30-4.30	Colouring and Craft	EYFS, Years 1-2
	Monday 3.30-4.30	Design using Calligraphy, Painting and Drawing	Years 3-6
	Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Secret Garden Play	EYFS, Years 1-4
	Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Football	Years 5-6
	Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Board Games	EYFS, Years 1-3
	Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Board Games	Years 4-6
	Thursday 3.30-4.30	Netball	Years 4-6

Parent/Carer signature

Date



SEASONS GREETINGS!

NORTHERN DEVON FAMILY HUBS

**WARM SPACES OVER CHRISTMAS
DROP INS FOR FAMILIES**

YE O VALLEY FAMILY HUB 24TH DECEMBER 10-12
(APPROACH VIA SUNFLOWER ROAD, EX32 7DU)

TORRIDGE FAMILY HUB 31ST DECEMBER 10-12
(VICTORIA PARK BIDEFORD EX39 2QG)

ILFRACOMBE FAMILY HUB 31ST DECEMBER 10-12
(MARLBOROUGH ROAD ILFRACOMBE EX34 8JL)

**COME IN FOR A WARM SPACE TO SIT AND CHAT
NO NEED TO BOOK**

**IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE PLEASE RING
THE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE LINE ANY TIME
BETWEEN 10-3PM OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD ON
0800 538 5458**

**WE ARE CLOSED ON 25TH, 26TH DECEMBER AND
1ST JANUARY 2025**

 



CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

Holy Trinity Church, Barbican Terrace, Barnstaple EX32 9HQ
Email: office@trinitybarnstaple.org.uk Telephone: 01271 374240

 *You are welcome to join us*

Saturday 14th December
Quiet Christmas Service 3pm

 **Sunday 15th December**
All In Family Christmas Service 10:30am
Carols by Candlelight 7pm 

Thursday 24th December
Crib Service 4pm

Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Communion 10:30am



GLORY to the new born KING!



Was your child born between
1st September 2020 and
31st August 2021?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details
to a primary school, you must apply
for a place through the Admissions
Team. This is the only way to apply;
other forms or lists held by schools
will not count.

Devon
County Council



Goodleigh Parish Council are delighted to announce that we have received £18,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund following our recent application.

The money will be used to create a new surface for the play area near the village hall. We are meeting with the company doing the work as soon as possible and hope that the work will be done in the new year.

More details will be available once arrangements are in place.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA £7.50

23RD DECEMBER '24

@THE CASTLE CENTRE

10:00AM-12:00PM

raffle, a continental breakfast and see father
christmas!

why not hire a craft table ?!



PLEASE PRE-BOOK

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FUNDRAISING FOR TIANNA'S TRIP TO
UGANDA WITH PARK SCHOOL