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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we said goodbye and good luck to Miss Larrington and Miss de Ville. Miss de Ville has been offered a taxi contract with longer hours and also has many orders for her works of art which is keeping her very busy.

Year 5/6 Big Bang

The children had a fantastic day at Great Torrington School and their behaviour was exceptional. They learned how to extract their own DNA, made lip balm and won three out of the four prizes for the one minute timer primary challenge. Mr Phillips will be adding more information and photographs to the blog.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 'The Santa Trap'

The children really enjoyed the performance.

Forest School

Forest School will commence on the first day back, Monday 4th January. Please make sure that your child has old, warm clothing including hat and gloves in school which is named. During the winter months Forest School clothing will be sent home each week for washing.

Reception	Tuesday AM
Year 1	Tuesday PM
Year 2	Monday PM

Freedom Centre

A huge thank you for your donations of food for the homeless.

Music Tuition

Music lessons will commence in the first week of term.

Year 5/6 Hockey

Class 4 will be learning hockey as part of their PE next half term. Please make sure that they have their mouth guards in school. Thank you.

Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm St Gregory's Church 20th December

Your children should arrive at the church in school uniform for 6.20pm.

Topic Books

Your child will be bringing home their topic book. We hope you enjoy sharing a snapshot of this term's learning with your child. We ask that the children bring back their books in January as we need to keep work within the school for the academic year.

Swimming

The whole school will be swimming at the Leisure Centre this term. Years 3 - 6 will start on Tuesday 5th January and Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 will start on Friday 8th January. We are employing Aquarius Swimschool coaches as usual and every child will have a one hour lesson within ability groups.

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 sign the form below to accept responsibility for any injury involving swimming goggles. **Please return the permission slip on the first day of term.**

After School Clubs

The after school clubs for the first half of Spring term 2015 will commence on Monday 4th January, please see the list and permission slip below.

School Closures

If there is a risk of the school having to close because of snow, please listen to Heart Barnstaple Radio 96.2 and 97.3 or visit www.heart.co.uk/barnstaple and search for the school closure list. You can also check information on Radio Devon and the Devon County Council website.

The staff and children would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Kate Grant
Head of Teaching and Learning

Diary Dates

Sunday 20th December	Carols by Candlelight, St Gregory's Church, 6.30 pm
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn term
Monday 4th January	First day of Spring term
Tuesday 12th January	Year 5/6 Pilton Community College Hall Primary Indoor Athletics
Monday 18th January	Year 5 and 6 visit from Sandyha Dave, Cultural Champion
Friday 22nd January	Year 5 and 6 North Devon Sports Hall Athletics, Leisure Centre

Name of child/children	When	Activity	For
	Monday 3.30-4.30	Art Club - Miss Peddle	Years 3-6
	Monday 3.30-4.30	Running Club - Mr Delahunt, Simon Haywood and Sylvia Haywood Panella	Years R - 6
	Tuesday 3.30-4.30	Construction - Becki and Mr Delahunt	Years R - 6
	Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Science - Miss Simpson	Years 1-2
	Wednesday 3.30-4.30	Film - Miss Grant	Years 3 - 6
	Thursday 3.30-4.30	Board Games - Stacey and Jess	Years R - 6
	Thursday 3.30-4.30	Netball - Mrs Sampson	Years 2 - 6
	Thursday 3.30-4.30	Tag Rugby - Mr Delahunt and Simon Haywood	Years 2 - 6

Signed.....

Swimming - whole school, 10 weeks

I give permission for my child/ren.....to take part in this activity as detailed in this newsletter.

I give permission for my child/ren.....to wear their swimming goggles and accept responsibility for any injury involving swimming goggles.

Signed Date.....

Tel contact number.....

Hello

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2015/16 school year. We've had a productive term starting off with the bingo night which we held in the village hall this year. It was a fun evening, rounded off with a raffle. The Bags2School was again successful, thank you to everyone for donating their unwanted clothes.

Each class held a cake sale earlier this term.

We had a brilliant array of cakes donated each week so thank you for that and thank you to everyone who stayed after school to buy and eat them; amazingly we had lovely weather for all four sales!



Last week the children put on two fantastic Christmas performances. We were there selling mulled wine and mince pies and held a raffle at the end of each evening. A huge thank you for all the raffle prize donations we received and to everyone who bought tickets. We had some good prizes this year - tickets to the Big Sheep, tickets to the Milky Way, a chicken dinner hamper, bottles of wine, various foods kindly donated by Tesco, to name a few. The school also had a stall at the Church Christmas Fair.

On Wednesday night we held the school Christmas Disco. This year we had one disco for the whole school which we thought worked really well and the children enjoyed themselves. Just over 70 children attended, the DJ did an excellent job of keeping them entertained. Ava Crossey-Catlin, in Class 1, fought off strong competition to win the title of Best Dancer, a unanimous decision made by the cheering crowd! A huge thank you to Kim and David for donating and serving the refreshments for the children.

So far this school year we have raised just over £500. We've contributed this money to help with enrichment of the curriculum and supporting school activities such as Forest School, theatre trips, the Christmas Disco etc.

A huge thank you to parents and staff for all your support so far this school year. We have some exciting events coming up next term, if you would like to help out at any of these events or have any suggestions please get in touch with one of the PTFA members.

Have a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to a busy 2016!

Goodleigh Primary School PTFA

Jo Williams, Victoria O'Connor, Frankie Cook, Sarah Manning, Becky Spencer, Kim Dole