



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

**Design your own...** You should have a Christmas card design and order form sent home today. Please complete your orders and return to school no later than 11<sup>th</sup> November so that they can be sent off to the printers.

### Dental Visit

Today, Codden, Tarka and Barum classes had a visit from Kim Childs, a Dental Health Professional from Torrington Dental Practice. She talked to the children about all aspects of general oral health. The goal being to improve the long term dental health of our community. The children and staff learnt lots from her talk and will hopefully share some of this with you at home. The year 2 children took part in a practical session to have their teeth disclosed - this helps to highlight any areas that they may be missing with their toothbrush. We are hoping Kim will return later in the year to talk to the KS2 children.

### Reading for enjoyment class rewards

This week the percentage scores on the doors are: Tarka 89% Barum 66% Saunton 69% Exmoor 71% and well done to this week's winning class Lundy 97%.

### Class merits

Your children may have told you that whole classes are collecting merits this term. This promotes team work and support for each other. Once they reach 500 they have a non-uniform day to celebrate. This week Lundy Class achieved their 500 merits...well done!

### Pre-school news

This week we have been making pumpkin pictures. Have a look in the window to see our display. We have also been looking at the sizes of real pumpkins and drawing faces on them. We cut one open to look inside and roasted the seeds for our snack. Yum!



**PARKING WARNING:** We have been informed that parents are parking their cars along the pavement opposite the school. This is a very dangerous place to park and cross, it also obstructs the pavements preventing push chairs from getting past. PLEASE park safely, further away and walk the short distance in order to keep all of our children safe. Thank you

### After School Clubs

We are trialling a new system where you can book your child into the after school clubs via the [online booking system](#).

The clubs you can now book online are; Music, Board games and Irish Dancing.

You can reserve a space and we will take a register from the system. We would appreciate if your child is unable to attend any of the sessions you have booked that you log in and remove them from the register, so children are in the right place at the end of the day.

Please check the clubs info for details and make sure your child knows every day where they should be after school, it is not possible for office staff to take last minute calls and organise your children.

You are able to change your booking up to midnight the day before.

We expect there may be teething problems please be patient and we will do our best to resolve any issues as soon as we can.

If you experience any issues please don't worry, ring the school office.

**PTFA: Next meeting:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 8.45am

The social platform is to be used for updates and correspondence. All decisions will be made in meetings.

**Christmas Fayre:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-7pm

**Christmas shop:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec in the morning

### Christmas Cards

This year the PTFA, with the support of the school staff, have given children the opportunity to design their own Christmas cards to be printed. Today, you should have received your children's design with an order form on the back.

Packs of 12 cards are £5.50 and there are many other items to choose from for which we get paid per order.

Please send your money in to school by 11th November so that your order can arrive back in time for the end of term.

Thank you in advance PTFA

### **Air Extreme Socks**

We are fortunate that our KS2 children throughout the year get the opportunity to go to Air Extreme. If anyone has any spare Air Extreme Socks at home that are unwanted then could you kindly donate them to school.

### **Volunteers and DBS checks**

We welcome parents and volunteers to help in school and on trips. If you would like to help us out please collect a DBS form from the office.

[School Uniform](#) Please refer to our uniform policy and adhere to these expectations. Thank you.

[Dates](#) (Term dates are on the [website](#))

Children in Need: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November (The school council will give us more details next week.)

Flu Immunisation: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas market: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30

Christmas Jumper days: every Friday in December: donations to Action for children on 13<sup>th</sup> December

Rec and Y1 Christmas play: Dress rehearsal and afternoon performance: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Evening performance: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Christingle Y2-6: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm at St John the Baptist church

Christmas shop: In school Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

With very best wishes  
Melanie Smallwood

### On site After School Child Care - 'CABIN CLUB'

Mon-Friday 3.15-5.30pm

**£4.00 per hour including a snack**

Please book your child's place using the online [system](#)

**\*Pre-booked places only due to staff ratio\***

**Please make sure you child knows where they should be at the end of the day, every day, before they come to school.**

If you need early morning care (from 7.45am) please contact Helen Robinson: 07789488080 or email [helenrobinson@rocketmail.com](mailto:helenrobinson@rocketmail.com)

### After school clubs next week 3.20-4.20pm

Monday: Football: Y3 up (Last one 4.11.19)

Music: Y2 up

Thursday: Construction/Board Games, Netball (yr4-6)

Friday: Irish dancing - Young ones (beginners) 3:15-4:15 Older group 4:15-5:00

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