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**Certificates**

In our assembly this week certificates were awarded to:

Kacie Foster, Rian Bawden, Tegan Surman-Jordan, Oliver Mortlock, James Fyers, Nye Faulkner, Harry Stevenson, Isabel Dapling, Tom Nolan and Emily Kingdon.

Artists of the month award was presented to:

Max Stevenson & Joshua Brown

Well done to you all we are very proud of you.

**Happy Birthday!**

Phoebe Dallyn  
and  
Aidan Barrow

**Notices**

**Year 3 & 4 children:** A letter has been sent out today about this year's residential.

**Film Club**

This will be on Friday 11th March showing 'Two by Two'. If you would like book a place please contact the office or Becky.

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**A Message from Mrs Denham**

Just before half term we held a lovely opening ceremony of the new classrooms – saying a big thank you to the councillors involved, but especially to Malcolm Prowse. It was lovely to “show off” the new building and share how much the children really enjoy their learning in their new classroom.

We've had a busy week in school with lots of visitors – and as always its lovely to hear their comments about the pupils and the school environment. Several pupils were “interviewed” about their learning, their work and attitude to learning – and their replies were just delightful! They made me very proud of all we achieve at Bratton and across the Federation.

We are very sad to say a big GOODBYE to Mrs Willis who has worked at the school for over 10 years. She has worked with hundreds of children and made such a difference to their lives. She is moving on to pastures new but will keep in touch with the school. We wish her all the very best.

Mrs Gosling continues to make good progress after her operation and hopes to be back in a few weeks' time. We are very grateful to Mrs Hathway and Mrs Spears for supporting the children so well in her absence.

Thank you so much for showing support and understanding about the car parking situation. Things seem to be slowly improving and hopefully will ensure that no child or adult gets injured.

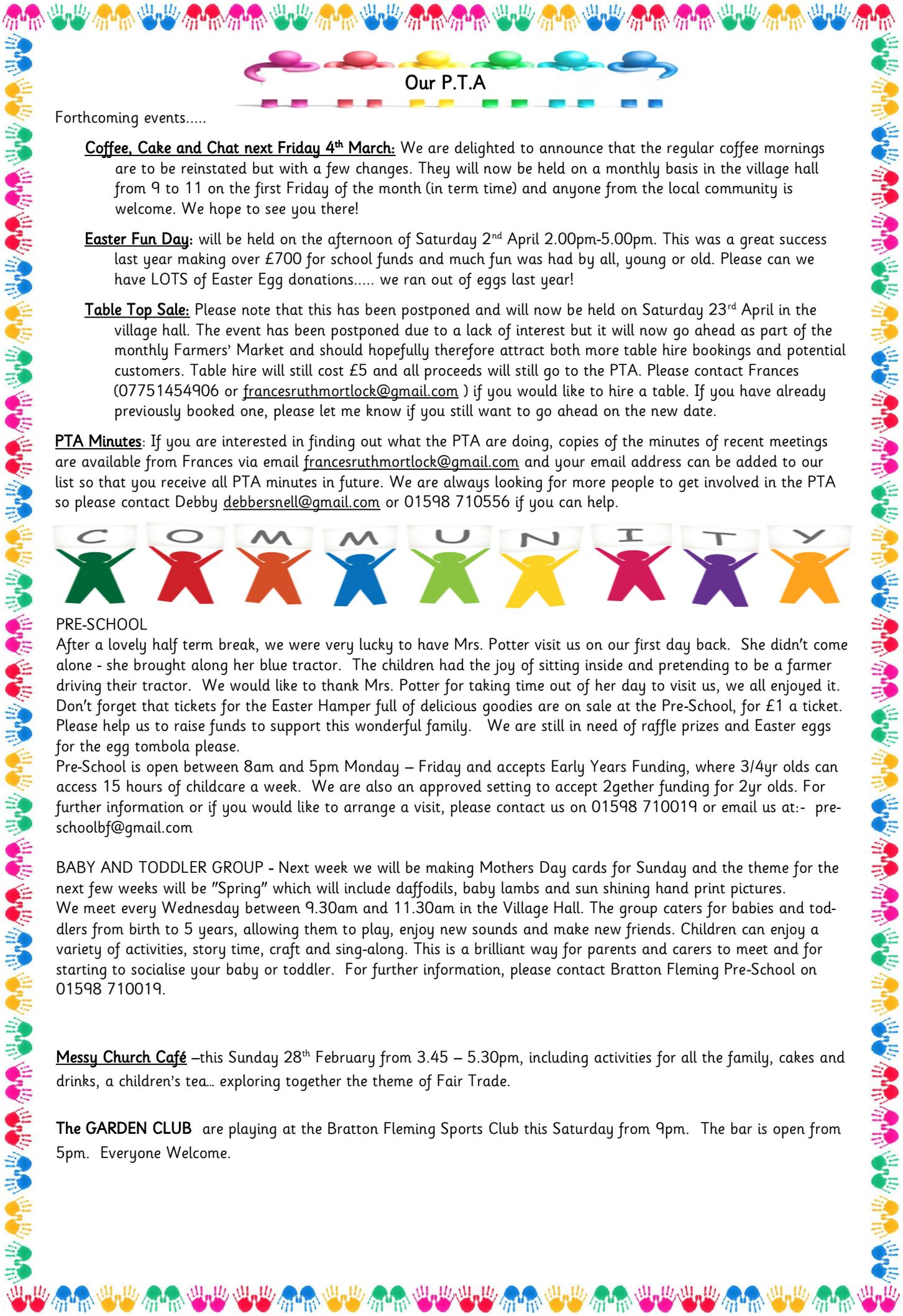
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**Clubs** Next week the after school clubs will be cancelled due to parent conferences taking place, however Mr Anderson's cricket club on Tuesday and Mr Wheatley's football club on Thursday will still run.

**World Book Day Thursday 3rd March 2016** To celebrate World Book Day we are dressing up as our favourite book character to participate in a day of special book activities!

**Sports for Schools:** The children who had raised sponsorship money have received their prizes today in Celebration Assembly. Thank you once again for all your efforts, the school have just received some new hockey equipment bought with this money which some of the children have been trying out this week!

**Inspirational Assembly 4:** A big thank you to Bethan Richardson who came in on Wednesday to talk to the children about her career as a Fashion Designer. The children were captivated by what the job entailed and enjoyed looking at the different stages of the design process. We now look forward to Jonny Bowden's



## Our P.T.A

Forthcoming events.....

**Coffee, Cake and Chat next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** We are delighted to announce that the regular coffee mornings are to be reinstated but with a few changes. They will now be held on a monthly basis in the village hall from 9 to 11 on the first Friday of the month (in term time) and anyone from the local community is welcome. We hope to see you there!

**Easter Fun Day:** will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2.00pm-5.00pm. This was a great success last year making over £700 for school funds and much fun was had by all, young or old. Please can we have LOTS of Easter Egg donations..... we ran out of eggs last year!

**Table Top Sale:** Please note that this has been postponed and will now be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in the village hall. The event has been postponed due to a lack of interest but it will now go ahead as part of the monthly Farmers' Market and should hopefully therefore attract both more table hire bookings and potential customers. Table hire will still cost £5 and all proceeds will still go to the PTA. Please contact Frances (07751454906 or [francesruthmortlock@gmail.com](mailto:francesruthmortlock@gmail.com) ) if you would like to hire a table. If you have already previously booked one, please let me know if you still want to go ahead on the new date.

**PTA Minutes:** If you are interested in finding out what the PTA are doing, copies of the minutes of recent meetings are available from Frances via email [francesruthmortlock@gmail.com](mailto:francesruthmortlock@gmail.com) and your email address can be added to our list so that you receive all PTA minutes in future. We are always looking for more people to get involved in the PTA so please contact Debby [debbersnell@gmail.com](mailto:debbersnell@gmail.com) or 01598 710556 if you can help.



### PRE-SCHOOL

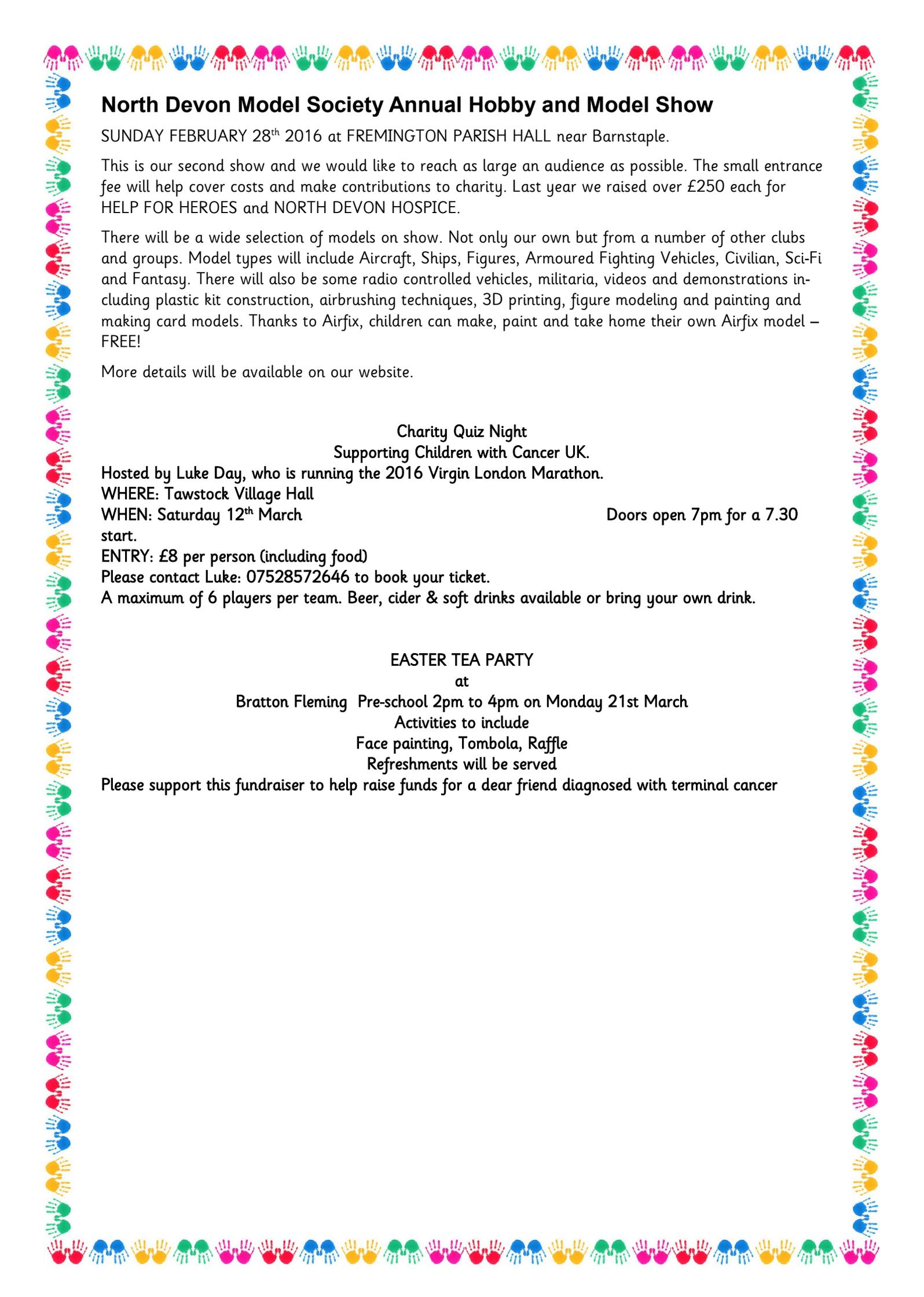
After a lovely half term break, we were very lucky to have Mrs. Potter visit us on our first day back. She didn't come alone - she brought along her blue tractor. The children had the joy of sitting inside and pretending to be a farmer driving their tractor. We would like to thank Mrs. Potter for taking time out of her day to visit us, we all enjoyed it. Don't forget that tickets for the Easter Hamper full of delicious goodies are on sale at the Pre-School, for £1 a ticket. Please help us to raise funds to support this wonderful family. We are still in need of raffle prizes and Easter eggs for the egg tombola please.

Pre-School is open between 8am and 5pm Monday – Friday and accepts Early Years Funding, where 3/4yr olds can access 15 hours of childcare a week. We are also an approved setting to accept 2gether funding for 2yr olds. For further information or if you would like to arrange a visit, please contact us on 01598 710019 or email us at:- [pre-schoolbf@gmail.com](mailto:pre-schoolbf@gmail.com)

**BABY AND TODDLER GROUP** - Next week we will be making Mothers Day cards for Sunday and the theme for the next few weeks will be "Spring" which will include daffodils, baby lambs and sun shining hand print pictures. We meet every Wednesday between 9.30am and 11.30am in the Village Hall. The group caters for babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years, allowing them to play, enjoy new sounds and make new friends. Children can enjoy a variety of activities, story time, craft and sing-along. This is a brilliant way for parents and carers to meet and for starting to socialise your baby or toddler. For further information, please contact Bratton Fleming Pre-School on 01598 710019.

**Messy Church Café** –this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 3.45 – 5.30pm, including activities for all the family, cakes and drinks, a children's tea... exploring together the theme of Fair Trade.

**The GARDEN CLUB** are playing at the Bratton Fleming Sports Club this Saturday from 9pm. The bar is open from 5pm. Everyone Welcome.



## North Devon Model Society Annual Hobby and Model Show

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 at FREMINGTON PARISH HALL near Barnstaple.

This is our second show and we would like to reach as large an audience as possible. The small entrance fee will help cover costs and make contributions to charity. Last year we raised over £250 each for HELP FOR HEROES and NORTH DEVON HOSPICE.

There will be a wide selection of models on show. Not only our own but from a number of other clubs and groups. Model types will include Aircraft, Ships, Figures, Armoured Fighting Vehicles, Civilian, Sci-Fi and Fantasy. There will also be some radio controlled vehicles, militaria, videos and demonstrations including plastic kit construction, airbrushing techniques, 3D printing, figure modeling and painting and making card models. Thanks to Airfix, children can make, paint and take home their own Airfix model – FREE!

More details will be available on our website.

### Charity Quiz Night Supporting Children with Cancer UK.

Hosted by Luke Day, who is running the 2016 Virgin London Marathon.

WHERE: Tawstock Village Hall

WHEN: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start.

ENTRY: £8 per person (including food)

Please contact Luke: 07528572646 to book your ticket.

A maximum of 6 players per team. Beer, cider & soft drinks available or bring your own drink.

### EASTER TEA PARTY

at

Bratton Fleming Pre-school 2pm to 4pm on Monday 21st March

Activities to include

Face painting, Tombola, Raffle

Refreshments will be served

Please support this fundraiser to help raise funds for a dear friend diagnosed with terminal cancer