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Certificates

In our assembly this week certificates were awarded to:

All the Reception children, John Potter, Shaun McBryde, Megan Davie, Amy Dunbavin, Annabel Hotham-Gough, Sapphire Childerley, Max Stevenson and Hannah Hughes

Happy Birthday!



Damian Tibbetts, Oliver Kingdon,
Keeley Drew Jake Greening
and
Casey Dallyn

Family Values

Friendship

The only way to have a friend is to be one.
Ralph Waldorf Emerson

25 September 2015

Newsletter: 03

A Message from Mrs Denham

On October 9th we will be holding our Harvest Festival in St Peters Church at 10am. We ask that the children could bring in some coins that will be put on a picture, and then counted up and sent to the Amigos Charity. Phil Pugsley from Amigos is coming in to school to talk to the children all about the charities work. If you could also send in any tins and packages and we take these to the Freedom Centre.

We wish all the Y5 and year 6 who are attending the London residential next week a fabulous time. They are visiting Stonehenge, the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, the London Museum, going up to the top of the Shard, watching Matilda and taking part in a behind the scenes, Matilda workshop, eating at Planet Hollywood and having an evening tour of London! On the last day, they are also visiting a school right in the centre of London which should be a fascinating experience – a little different from a small, village, school in rural Devon!

On Wednesday October 7th, we are thrilled that the new double mobile classroom will be delivered and craned into place on the school field! We would just like to let parents know that two large lorries with the mobile classroom and a crane will have to get through Furze Park from about 10am onwards. The work will all be completed by the afternoon. They drive through Furze Park and into the staff car park and the crane will then lift the classroom over the hedge and into place. We apologise for any disruption and will do everything we can to ensure it all goes smoothly.

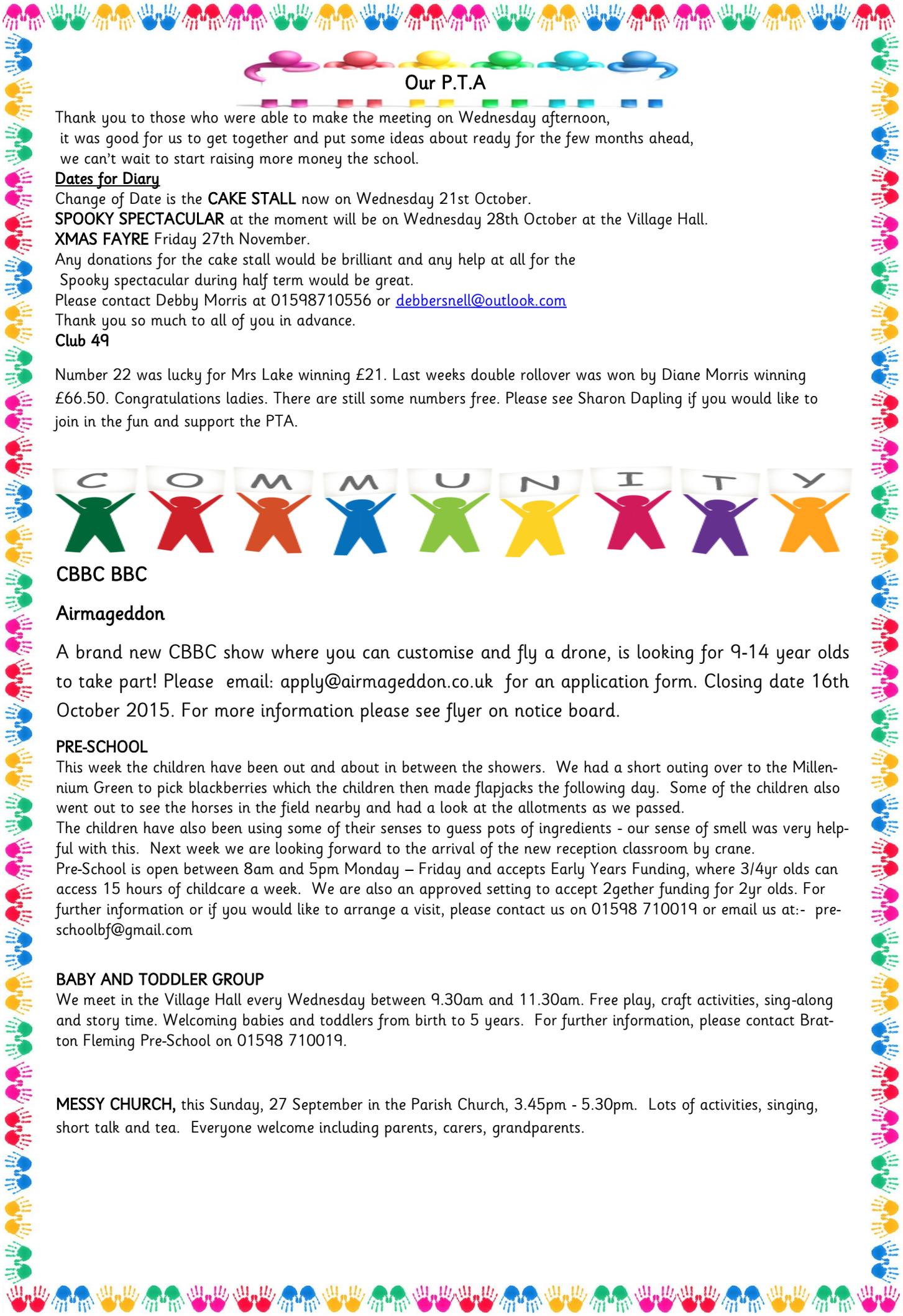
Year 5 and 6 had an enjoyable morning working with Tangle Theatre this week, they took part in communication and drama activities and learnt about different cultures.

Notices

Coats Please can you ensure your child brings a coat to school every day, as we like for the children to go out at break time and lunchtime play as much as possible.

Class Bray From Monday please could all parents of reception children wait at the hall door at the end of the day.

If anyone has any cardboard tubes Class Bray would be very grateful of them.



Our P.T.A

Thank you to those who were able to make the meeting on Wednesday afternoon, it was good for us to get together and put some ideas about ready for the few months ahead, we can't wait to start raising more money the school.

Dates for Diary

Change of Date is the **CAKE STALL** now on Wednesday 21st October.

SPOOKY SPECTACULAR at the moment will be on Wednesday 28th October at the Village Hall.

XMAS FAYRE Friday 27th November.

Any donations for the cake stall would be brilliant and any help at all for the Spooky spectacular during half term would be great.

Please contact Debby Morris at 01598710556 or debbersnell@outlook.com

Thank you so much to all of you in advance.

Club 49

Number 22 was lucky for Mrs Lake winning £21. Last weeks double rollover was won by Diane Morris winning £66.50. Congratulations ladies. There are still some numbers free. Please see Sharon Dapling if you would like to join in the fun and support the PTA.



CBBC BBC

Airmageddon

A brand new CBBC show where you can customise and fly a drone, is looking for 9-14 year olds to take part! Please email: apply@airmageddon.co.uk for an application form. Closing date 16th October 2015. For more information please see flyer on notice board.

PRE-SCHOOL

This week the children have been out and about in between the showers. We had a short outing over to the Millennium Green to pick blackberries which the children then made flapjacks the following day. Some of the children also went out to see the horses in the field nearby and had a look at the allotments as we passed.

The children have also been using some of their senses to guess pots of ingredients - our sense of smell was very helpful with this. Next week we are looking forward to the arrival of the new reception classroom by crane.

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

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the Village Hall every Wednesday between 9.30am and 11.30am. Free play, craft activities, sing-along and story time. Welcoming babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years. For further information, please contact Bratton Fleming Pre-School on 01598 710019.

MESSY CHURCH, this Sunday, 27 September in the Parish Church, 3.45pm - 5.30pm. Lots of activities, singing, short talk and tea. Everyone welcome including parents, carers, grandparents.



To all our friends,

One small step, one giant leap....

As many of you are aware we opened **Treetop Shoes** after less than a year of moving to North Devon. Dom and I planned to run the shop and home together, but after 6 weeks of signing the lease we received an ominous phone call from his previous employer.

‘How’s life in Devon?’ ‘Lovely thanks, we’re opening a shop!’ ‘That’s nice.....but please come back.....’

We discussed in detail the pros and cons and decided to take a leap of faith. Dom in London four days a week, three children at school and nursery in Bratton Fleming and a shop to run six days a week. Why not? There are worse things in life to deal with. It worked. We have enjoyed a steady increase in trade as word has got out there and built up a loyal customer base from all over North Devon and beyond. We have kept our suppliers happy, we broke even in our first year of trading and we are really proud that our little business is viable in a tough retail market.

The Next Step....

Back to school this year has been a great success and now we can catch our breath. The children have all settled back into school life and our summer staff are playing hard at Uni. We however have been deliberating hard as to how Treetops realistically fits into our future plans. We are redressing our challenging work/life balance.

We have discussed late into the night during the past two weeks and we have concluded that it is best for us if we stop right here. Closing down carries negative connotations, there isn’t anything ‘down’ about our decision. But for the sake of our work/life balance we believe that this is a positive move- ‘moving on’ rather than ‘closing down’. This is entirely a personal decision and not a commercial one.

To thank you for your support during the past 18 months we would like to offer all our Loyaltree cardholders special discount on our remaining stock. We would like to give you the opportunity to purchase stock at 50% discount before we go public. This will include all remaining stock with the exception of current Autumn/Winter 15 Start-rite stock. However we are happy to honour each of your stamps with 5% per stamp to redeem against Start-rite. These styles will include selected winter boots, school shoes, first walkers and pre walkers.

We intend to make our intentions public at the end of September so hope that you can make the most of our offer whilst we have the best selection of sizes available. Examples of stock on offer include Geox including school shoes, Lelli Kellys, Crocs, wellies from Toughees, all Pediped shoes, Vans, and selected winter boots and Start-rite school shoes. We are happy to advise on sizing if you wish to purchase for the future.

A Step in the Right Direction....

Finally on behalf of myself and my staff, we’d like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your custom and support. We are very proud of what we have achieved in a relatively short space of time and it has been a privilege to watch your children grow with us.

Should you or anyone you know be interested in taking on a new challenge then do get in contact as I would love to pass the keys to someone who is as passionate about little feet as we are.