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Certificates

In our assembly this week certificates were awarded to:

Oliver Kingdon, Cleo Parsons, Molly Brown,
Imogen Stevens, Laura Hughes and Rosa
Williams

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

Happy Birthday!

Eowyn Faulkner, Emy Surman

and

Jason Snellgrove

Lost

Charlie Wheatley has lost his Barcelona coat. Its plain navy blue with a hood and zip up with the Barcelona logo on the left hand side. It has his name clearly written in it. Oliver Mortlock has lost his fleece aged 5-6 yrs. and Charlie Stevenson has also lost his fleece aged 9-10 yrs. Please can you check to see if these have been taken home by mistake.

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A Message from Mrs Watt, Chair of Governors Plea to Parents and Grandparents

Just a gentle reminder to all those parents and grandparents who drive their children to school in the mornings....

As the school has grown so has the amount of traffic outside the school gates. Whereas in the afternoon many parents park and wait for their children, in the mornings everyone is in a rush and many children are now being dropped off outside the school gates. Cars stopping and then pulling out again and non-school traffic coming the other way, combined with children not always concentrating when they cross the road, is a pretty dangerous mix and there have been a few near misses recently. The scaffolding around the village hall at the moment only makes it more likely that a child will step out into the road without looking first.

Please can we just ask you to be really careful – especially on the stretch of road between the White Hart car park and the school gate. I am sure you will all agree that the thought of a child being injured right outside school is horrible.

Thank you,
Linda Watt
Chair of Governors

Notices

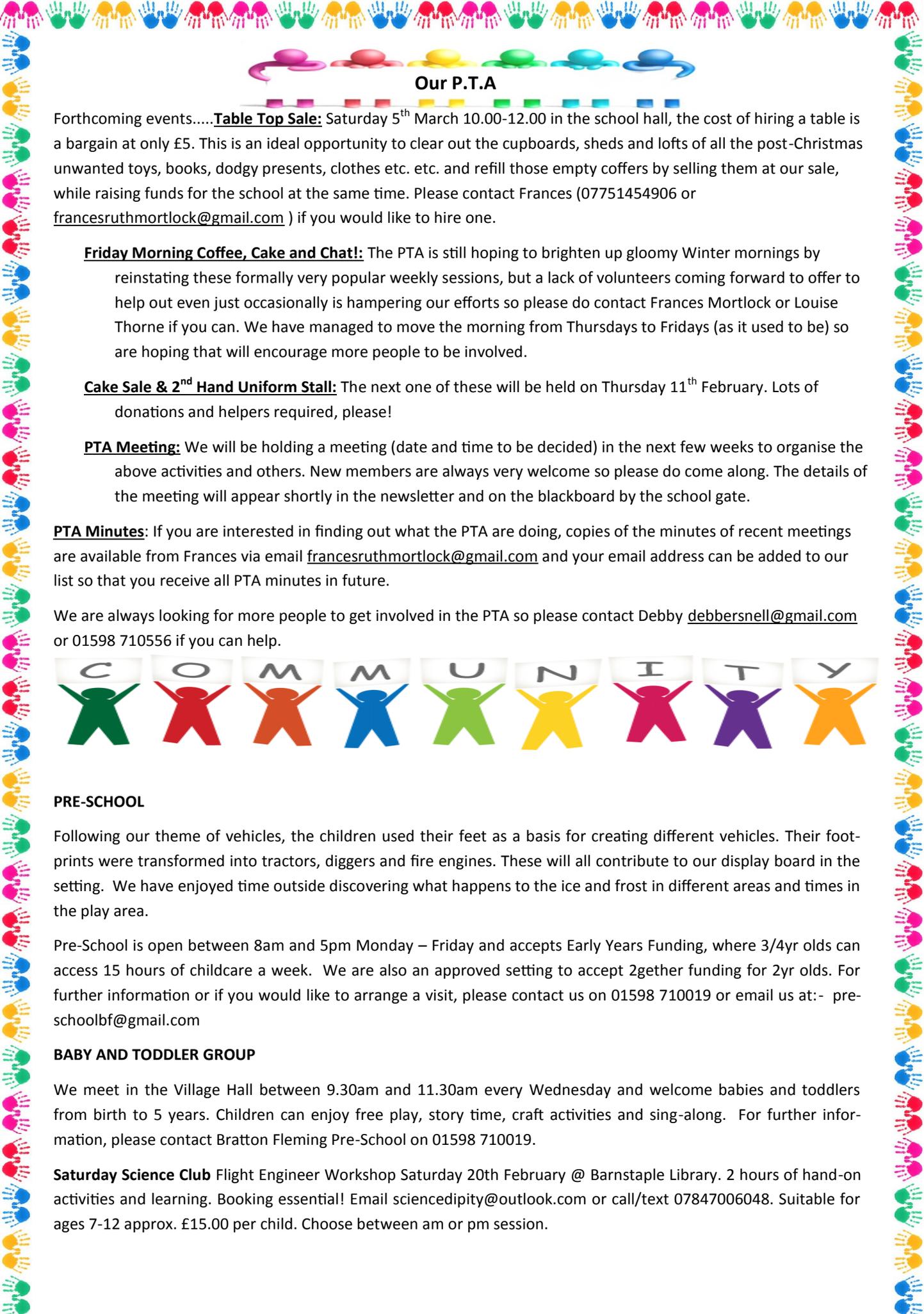
Sainsbury's active kids vouchers

This promotion starts on Wednesday 27th January. Please put any vouchers collected in the collection box by the computers or in our post box inside the main entrance. Thank you.

Please can you send in newspapers for use on an art project.

During assembly this week we have been discussing careers and the jobs the children might like to do in the future. To continue this theme, we are keen to get any willing parent in to talk about their job in assembly. This will hopefully inspire the children to have a career aspiration. If you would be happy to come in, please see Mr Day.

Sports for Schools On Friday 29th January we have our re-arranged 'Sports for Schools' athlete coming into school to run the sponsored fitness circuit. Unfortunately the gymnast cannot come as he has been called up for the GB training, so we have Dan James a Great British Para Olympian coming. All children will need to have their PE kit in school on this day.



Our P.T.A

Forthcoming events.....**Table Top Sale:** Saturday 5th March 10.00-12.00 in the school hall, the cost of hiring a table is a bargain at only £5. This is an ideal opportunity to clear out the cupboards, sheds and lofts of all the post-Christmas unwanted toys, books, dodgy presents, clothes etc. etc. and refill those empty coffers by selling them at our sale, while raising funds for the school at the same time. Please contact Frances (07751454906 or francesruthmortlock@gmail.com) if you would like to hire one.

Friday Morning Coffee, Cake and Chat!: The PTA is still hoping to brighten up gloomy Winter mornings by reinstating these formally very popular weekly sessions, but a lack of volunteers coming forward to offer to help out even just occasionally is hampering our efforts so please do contact Frances Mortlock or Louise Thorne if you can. We have managed to move the morning from Thursdays to Fridays (as it used to be) so are hoping that will encourage more people to be involved.

Cake Sale & 2nd Hand Uniform Stall: The next one of these will be held on Thursday 11th February. Lots of donations and helpers required, please!

PTA Meeting: We will be holding a meeting (date and time to be decided) in the next few weeks to organise the above activities and others. New members are always very welcome so please do come along. The details of the meeting will appear shortly in the newsletter and on the blackboard by the school gate.

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 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 or 01598 710556 if you can help.



PRE-SCHOOL

Following our theme of vehicles, the children used their feet as a basis for creating different vehicles. Their footprints were transformed into tractors, diggers and fire engines. These will all contribute to our display board in the setting. We have enjoyed time outside discovering what happens to the ice and frost in different areas and times in the play area.

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 between 9.30am and 11.30am every Wednesday and welcome babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years. Children can enjoy free play, story time, craft activities and sing-along. For further information, please contact Bratton Fleming Pre-School on 01598 710019.

Saturday Science Club Flight Engineer Workshop Saturday 20th February @ Barnstaple Library. 2 hours of hand-on activities and learning. Booking essential! Email sciencedipity@outlook.com or call/text 07847006048. Suitable for ages 7-12 approx. £15.00 per child. Choose between am or pm session.



Dear Parents

Important News: Are you interested in training to become a primary or secondary school teacher?

Our school is part of a growing number of schools that is leading the way for more school-led teacher training. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent and develop them into teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for the students within our partnership schools.

We have vacancies now to start training from September 2016 and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We're looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

We would love for you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting teacher training opportunities available. Our ITT recruitment is managed by our nationally designated teaching school alliance. *North Devon Teaching School Alliance (NDTSA)* of which we are a partner school. Our director Teresa Lawrance can be contacted info@ndtsa.org to arrange your visit or just to have a chat about what we have to offer. We can also provide you with support and guidance on your application form and offer you school experience if you just want a taster of what teaching could be like. You can also find out more information about training to teach with the NDTSA on our website <http://ndtsa.org/teacher-training/>

You can find out more by visiting us at the Train to Teach event at Park School in Barnstaple on the 10th February 2016 – to book a place please visit Eventbrite <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/devon-itt-providers-9225156203>

Or come along to an Open morning – the next event is at Braunton Academy on the 23rd February 10am -12noon – details can be found with this letter.

For any further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally, you can also visit <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching>.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards,

Mrs S. Denham

Executive Headteacher

