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Dear Parents,

As we move in to the last part of the term we would like to thank all parents' carers and friends for all their continued support over this term. There are so many things to celebrate and we still have lots of things happening over the remaining weeks.

Lights, Lanterns and Luminations

It has been fantastic to see so many parents attending our Lantern making sessions in school on a Friday. The actual lantern parade is hoped to be the best yet with the parade, lights switch on and of course we are hoping for a Father Christmas visit. Furzeham School always have a massive turn out and we are hoping for the same this year. We plan to meet outside **'The Rockfish Restaurant'** at 4.45 pm. on Saturday 25th November so that Furzeham children and parents can walk together on the parade. If you have been unable to make a lantern, you can still join the event with homemade lanterns or torches. It should be another great evening especially with the fireworks that will follow the parade. Huge appreciation and thanks go to Mrs Huxley (PTA member and parent) for organising the lantern making sessions and for all the parents and PTA who attended and contributed towards materials. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

Christmas Dinner – 8th December 2017

The final date for ordering a Christmas lunch will be on **Monday 27th November 2017**.

To book your child's lunch please log on to: www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk. If you have any difficulties please contact the school office.

Family Learning and our new 'Parent Hub'

It gives me great pleasure to announce the opening of our new **'Parent hub'**! We have been working hard over the last few weeks to redecorate and furnish our old staffroom turning it in to a new parent hub. The hub will initially be used for the launch of **'Family learning'** where parents with children in Nursery & Reception can take part in short courses run by South Devon College teachers in conjunction with our staff. The first of our courses is entitled **'Christmas Craft Ideas'** and runs each Tuesday 9.15 – 11.15. There is a crèche available along with coffee, tea and biscuits! If you are interested in attending please contact the office or speak with Miss Smoothy who is our parent liaison teacher. As the year progresses we plan to run more short course to help parents feel more able to support their child in their learning. Courses will include Maths, English and Phonics.



Children in Need

Well done to Miss Shears, Mr Bennett and Shaun Langdon for raising £25 by getting pied in the face!!

Mr Bennett raised over £60 to have his head shaved!

Overall, we raised £620 for Children in Need.

A wonderful achievement. Thank you for your support; we really did have a fun time!



Nursery

Nursery are in need of some role play clothes, if anyone has any they no longer want please could you donate them to the Nursery. Thank you.

KS1 Nativity

Mr Bennett would be grateful for any donations of nativity costumes that would be suitable for the Christmas Nativities for this year and future years. Many Thanks

Football



Miss Shears Year 3/4 Football Team

We have had a brilliant start to the season for our Year 3/4 Football Club. We won our first game 7-1 against The Element. All of the children played magnificently as part of a team, and were very proud to wear our fabulous new football kit which was very kindly sponsored by Snows Group Toyota Paignton. Brilliant start to the season everyone. We are very proud of you!

Thank you to everyone at Snows Group!

Greek Day



In year 3/4 all of the children have been learning about Ancient Greece, and there was no better way to celebrate their learning than with a 'Greek Day.' All of the children (and the teaching staff) dressed up in Greek style costumes for the entire day! We took part in a fashion show, following instructions to make a laurel wreath, food tasting (which included eating olives), making our own Greek dip, and we finished the day spending the afternoon participating in our very own Olympic Games. It was such a fantastic day! Thank you to every one for our donations towards the day.

Admission to reception class – September 2018

The Local Authority website (www.torbay.gov.uk) will be available to you from **1st November 2017** enabling you to make an online application for a school place for your child. Parents can now indicate up to 3 schools in order of preference on the Common Application Form. The closing date for the formal Local Authority (LA) application for places is **15th January 2018**. If you prefer to complete a paper application you can obtain a form by phoning Torbay Admissions and Student Services on 01803 208908.

Code of Conduct

A Code of Conduct leaflet has been distributed at Parents Evening. It is important we have this document on file and would ask parents and pupils to sign and return to school as soon as possible.

After-school club

After School Club takes place from 3.15 to 5.30pm. The cost is £7.00 per session per child. There are still a few places available. If you require more information or an application form please contact the school office.

PTA Fundraising

The PTA is asking for your support to join "The Giving Machine" to help raise money for Furzesham Primary School. All you need to do is join the website as a "Giver" – a simple process of entering your name, e-mail address and postcode.

The Givers then shop online via: www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk and each time you make a purchase you also generate a **free** cash donation to the school.

As an example £100 spent at Amazon, John Lewis, Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Sainsbury, Next, eBay, Argos and Tesco and many others could easily generate over £3 in donations at no extra cost to the shopper.

How can the donations be free?

The retailers taking part offer a referral commission on every purchase. Each retailer determines the size of the commission and it can vary between approximately 1% and 10%.

The amounts per retailer are displayed next to their names on our website.

TheGivingMachine receives the commission and converts 75% of it into a free cash donation, then as a not for profit organisation uses the remaining 25% to help contribute towards our operating costs.

Please help by registering and help to raise money for the school.

Santacise

Mrs Milton will be kindly kicking off the Christmas Activities with our keep fit session of 'Santacise'. Each class will be waking and shaking to Christmas music in the hall throughout the morning of Thursday 30th November.

Rock Star day!

We are launching our fantastic new resource 'Times Table Rock Stars' on Thursday 30th November. Children have been asked to come dressed as a 'rock star' for the day. Children will have access to an app allowing them to learn their times tables. If you can support at home it would be greatly appreciated.

New Meal time assistants (MTA's)

We welcome three new MTA's to our lunchtime team. Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Billingham and Mrs. Neate.

English as an additional language teaching assistant.

We are very fortunate to have a new member of staff on our team, Mrs. Authers.

Mrs Authers is a very experienced teaching assistant and will be predominately working with our EAL children.

Social media and use of mobile phones policy

In order to safeguard our children, staff and members of the community we would respectfully ask that mobile phones are not used whilst on school premises. Please refer to our social media and mobile phone policy on the schools website for further information.

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to all of the parents who recently filled in a parent questionnaire form. The responses have been overwhelmingly positive and demonstrates our close partnerships with parents and the community. We always value your responses and feedback to enable us to continue to develop the provision here at Furzeham Primary School. Please refer to the schools website for a detailed breakdown of the responses.

Diary Dates

25th November	Brixham Lantern Parade – meet outside Rockfish at 4.45 pm. All Welcome.
27 th November	Girls football v Sherwell Valley (away) Leave school at 3pm
30th November	Multi-skills at BCC – Foundation Stage
30th November	Mrs Wilkinson's Class Showcase
30 th November	Rockstars Timetable Launch – come dressed as a RockStar! Girls football - Galmpton away 3.15pm leave school
1st December	Christmas Fair
4th December	Mrs Chapman's Class Showcase
6th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity – 2.15 pm
7th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity – 9.30 am Triathlon (fitness suite challenge) at BCC – Miss Wilkinson's class
8th December	Christmas Dinner for the whole school (Booking should be made by 27 th November)
11 th December	Choir singing at Frensham House at 2 pm
13th December	Early Years nativity to parents – 10.00 am
14th December	Early Years nativity to parents – 2.00pm Choir singing at Brixham Does Care Mince Pie and Coffee Morning at 11.00 am
15th December	Christmas Show – 'Legend According to Arthur'
15th December	Last Day before Christmas holidays

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2017/2018

TERM	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY
Autumn	6 th September 2017	15 th December 2017
Spring	3 rd January 2018	29 th March 2018
Summer	17 th April 2018	24 st July 2018

Half Term Holidays

Autumn	Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October 2017 inclusive
Spring	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February 2018 inclusive
Summer	Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018 inclusive

Term Dates - Academic Year 2018-2019

Torbay School Term Dates: 2018-19 Academic Year															APPENDIX TWO		
Sep-2018					Oct-2018					Nov-2018					School Holidays Bank Holidays Last day before break First day after break Non Pupil Days 25 & 26 Dec 2018 (Christmas) 1 Jan 2019 (New Years Day) 19 Apr 2019 (Good Friday) 22 Apr 2019 (Easter Monday) 6 May 2019 (May Day) 27 May 2019 (Spring Bank Holiday) 26 Aug 2019 (Summer Bank Holiday)		
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19			26
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20			27
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21			28
Thursday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22			29
Friday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23			30
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24			
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25			
Dec-2018					Jan-2019					Feb-2019					Term Lengths Sept to Oct half term 35 October to Christmas 40 Jan to Feb half term 30 Feb to Easter 30 Easter to June half term 23 June to end of term 37 195 Training Days -5 190		
Monday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		4	11	18			25
Tuesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19			26
Wednesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20			27
Thursday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21			28
Friday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22			
Saturday	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23			
Sunday	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24			
Mar-2019					Apr-2019					May-2019							
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20			27
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21			28
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22			29
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Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25			
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26			
Jun-2019					Jul-2019					Aug-2019							
Monday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19			26
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20			27
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Thanking you for your continued support.

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