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Ruishton Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

A new term starts and we **welcome** Freya Bridges, and Nat and Tony Lyford-Smith to our school. **Debbie Finely** is also the mother of two lovely little girls!

Before last term ended we mentioned “**Tools for Self Reliance**” a charity helping others, mainly in Africa, to develop skills in woodwork, metalwork etc. If you have any old, but good quality, tools which can be refurbished please pass them on to us. We intend to do this until the supply runs out. All primary schools in the area have been asked to advertise as well. We are looking for any woodwork, metalwork, plumbing, and mechanics tools, as well as the accessories; eg drill bits etc. We can take small power and cordless tools, as long as they work, and gardening tools. The gardening tools and some of the hand tools will be refurbished by us and sold on, with the money raised going to the charity, and the rest will go to a refurbishment centre in Exeter and then on to Africa. This is part of the school’s Eco commitment, organised by Chris Kamin, and which is run by an eco-committee. If you have time to commit yourself to being a member of this group we are looking for two or three adults to join us as well.

Thank you for your **charitable support** with your contributions after the Carol Service and Christmas productions. £150 was sent to Tools for Self Reliance and approximately £300 for CRY, to support disadvantaged children and their families.

We have booked a **pantomime** for January 14th in school. This will be Peter Pan, and as usual we request £1 voluntary donation towards the costs. Visiting theatre groups are very expensive, but the experience for the children is well worth it. This visit alone will cost £350, and we negotiated a reduction beforehand! If you could send the contribution to school we’d be very grateful.

We occasionally display **photographs** in the entrance hall; at present we have the London visit and Christmas Productions and Carol service. We are quite happy to do copies for you. Either bring in a memory stick and I can transfer them or I can run off 10cm by 15cm prints (4” by 6”) for £1 to cover costs of ink and paper etc. I don’t want to spend my time as a photographer’s assistant so you will not get them instantly!

Dates for this term:

Jan 8 th	“Mad Scientist” after school club starting (3.20 to 4.20pm)
Jan 14 th	Peter Pan
Jan 29 th	Mike Strange in for assembly; PTA disco
Feb 13 th to 21 st	half term
April 2 nd to 18 th	Easter holiday

Happy New Year

Neil Dalton