

Dear Families,

Thank you for all the parents/carers who came along to our welcome meetings this week to find out more about the year ahead and meet the adults working with your children. Hopefully you found this a useful opportunity and a reflection of the school's determination to work in partnership with you to ensure the best outcomes for your children.

We had our annual 'peer review' last week where some other Head Teachers from across the LAP spend the day at the school identifying things we are doing well and areas we can continue to develop. One of the findings in the report was:

*School values are reflected in daily life at Ellacombe and leaders work well to provide opportunities for pupils to develop and show these values. One pupil noted that 'everyone has a bit of hope, trust and perseverance – our school values'.*

We will be looking to build on the outcomes of this visit over the course of this year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to your child's learning.

Regards,

Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

## Dates for the Diary

### SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 28th at **1.45pm**: Ms Helm's Commissioning Service at St Mags

### OCTOBER

- Thursday 5th: School Census Day—all children can have a free school lunch
- Tuesday 17th: School Photographer in
- Monday 18th— Friday 20th: Year 6 residential
- **w.c 23rd October: Half term week**
- Monday 30th October: All children back in

### NOVEMBER

- Tues 7th/Weds 8th November: Parents' Evenings (after school)

### DECEMBER

- Friday 15th: School closes for Christmas break

### JANUARY

- Tuesday 2nd Jan: All children back in school

## Census day: Free lunch for all

**Thursday 5th October** is what is called 'census day' in schools. It is the day the Government uses to decide how many children are in each school and how many are having school dinners. This is then linked to how much money they give the school for the year; money that is used to buy resources for the children and fund staffing in the school. As such, it is **ESSENTIAL**, that all children are in school on that day. We will be having a fun dress-up day, and all children are invited to have a free school meal on this day. The children have been working hard to create their chosen menu for the day.

## Health and Safety Announcement

In order to keep everyone safe, please can we ask that there are no dogs in the



playground during pick-up times and that you refrain from being on your mobile phones whilst picking up your children. Thank you for your understanding.

## Attendance Awards

We are working really hard to make sure all our pupils are in school, every day and on time. Obviously we all get sick, every now and then, but if we are well, we need to be in school! Well done to those classes above 95% for **excellent** attendance this week:

## YOUTH WELLBEING GROUP

AT THE YMCA PAIGNTON  
Dartmouth Road

**At each session a topic around wellbeing will be explored**

And  
A range of activities will take place:  
arts and crafts, pool, cooking, various games  
and loads more.

**TUESDAY 6:30 -8PM**

starts 25th September  
AGES 10-13 (YEARS 6 TO 8)

please phone  
01803 551578  
to book a  
space

CLASS ATTENDANCE	HOUSE ATTENDANCE
ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE Christie House 93.16%
Little Bears: 90% Little Lions: 91.45% Little Foxes: 88.4% Little Tigers: 93.75% Unicorns: 98.46% Dolphins: 96.67% Little Horses: 95.52%	ATTENDANCE Darwin House 94.57%
Eagles: 99.17% Swans: 91.15% Herdsman: 94.78%	ATTENDANCE Kingsley House 95.26%
Heroes: 93.91% Hunters: 91.03% Warriors: 93.93%	ATTENDANCE Singer House 93.71%
The winner is ... <b>EAGLES</b>	The winners are ... <b>KINGSLEY</b>



## Stars of the Week

**Little Stars:** Denni for becoming more confident in the preschool room

**Little Bears:** Arabella for fabulous phonics and always being a kind friend!

**Little Lions:** Ruben for great behaviour for learning and settling so well into school life!

**Little Foxes:** Lola - for her incredible start to year one, joining in with class discussions and being in school to be an superstar learner.

**Unicorns:** Jensen for his perseverance with his work.

**Tigers:** Joshua for his amazing ideas in English this week - focusing on using adjectives in writing

**Dolphins:** Rubylea for her wonderful contributions to our class discussions

**Little Horses:** Shayna for her focus and concentration on her handwriting this week.

**Eagles:** Alfie - for consistently showing good manners and challenging himself to complete all work to a very high standard.

**Swans:** Oliver M for his amazing retrieval in History lessons.

**Heroes:** Kaci for amazing writing and contributions in class

**Herdsmen:** Elsie-May for her incredible attitude to learning!

**Hunters:** Laura for taking on a challenge and for her contributions in class.

**Warriors:** Libby for a really great start to Year 6 and a fantastic time at Ellacombe! We wish her luck at her new school!

## After School Clubs

We have spaces in **some** of our after school clubs! They are £10 for the term, which works out at around a £1 a week!

We will let you know when these go live again at the beginning of next week. Which will give you time to think and chat about which clubs your child might like to join.

If your child struggles to get their homework done then 'Homework Club' is a great place for them to attend! A quiet space with a member of staff there to help if required.



MONDAY
Invasion Games for years 3 - 6
TUESDAY
Invasion Games for years 1 & 2
Robotics for years 5 & 6
Netball for years 3 to 6
KS1 Homework
KS2 Homework
WEDNESDAY
Samba for years 3-6
Board Games for years 3-6
Choir for years 3 to 6