



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been discussing the ‘playground rules’ with the children over the previous two weeks. This is to ensure this is a safe and enjoyable space for everyone. Please ask the children to share with you the things we now do, and don’t do, in the playground—let’s see how many they can remember!

Our in-school Harvest Festival was a lovely celebration this week with the children giving thanks for all the food we have around us. We will continue to collect donations over the course of next week so please bring any offerings to the school office; thank you to all those who have already contributed.

Please look out for our Parents’ Evening sign-up which will be going out live next week. I am keen that 100% of children have someone to attend to look at their amazing work and meet their new teachers in person. Please note, we will not be having after school clubs during the week of Parents’ Evening.

The school photographer will be in next Tuesday so please can all children attend in full uniform and looking super-smart!

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

## Dates for the Diary

### OCTOBER

- ◆ Tuesday 17th: School Photographer in (individual photos)
- ◆ Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th: Year 6 residential
- ◆ w.c 23rd October: Half term week
- ◆ Monday 30th : All children back in school

### NOVEMBER

- ◆ Tues 7th/Weds 8th November: Parents’ Evenings (after school)
- ◆ 17th November: Children in Need—Spotty dress-up for local and national charities.
- ◆ Dogs Trust Visit— Years 1,2 & 3 (Dates to follow)

### DECEMBER

- ◆ Friday 15th: School closes for Christmas break

### JANUARY

- ◆ Tuesday 2nd January—all children back in school

## Census Dress-up day:

### Ellacombe Values

Look at some of the photos from our Census Day dress-up. Lots of colours and creativity representing our values of : **Love**, **Stewardship**, **Hope**, **Trust** and **Perseverance**.





## 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 Dolphins, Herdsmen and Heroes classes for having the highest attendance this week.

### Parent & Carer Feedback Survey

We know we have done this quite recently, but please feel free to complete again or if you missed it last time, please



**We are seeking your valuable feedback to help us to continue to build a positive learning environment where all our children flourish**

Your feedback will help us to gain a better understanding of your views on your child's experience in school and hear your thoughts about being part of a family of schools, so we can see how we are doing and recognise opportunities for improvement.

The anonymous feedback survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code.



Please provide your feedback by end of day on Friday 19th October 2023.



### PARENTS' EVENING

Our booking system for Parents' Evening will be 'going live' next week. We are super-keen that all parents/carers attend to see the amazing work the children have been doing this academic year.

CLASS	HOUSE
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Little Bears: 89.63%	Christie House
Little Lions: 92.38%	93.37%
Little Foxes: 90.4%	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Little Tigers: 91.74%	Darwin House
Unicorns: 92.31%	93.29%
Dolphins: 95.33%	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Little Horses: 93.45%	Kinglsey House
Eagles: 88.33%	89.11%
Swans: 91.2%	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Herdsmen: 94.78%	Singer House
Heroes: 94.17%	91.33%
Hunters: 92.86%	
Warriors: 85.93%	
The winner is ...	The winners are ...
<b>DOLPHINS</b>	<b>CHRISTIE</b>



## Stars of the Week

**Little Stars:** Alfie - for persevering with his target.

**Little Bears:** Darci W for always using her good manners and taking turns.

**Little Lions:** Geon for helping to tidy up at the end of the day and listening well during our lessons.

**Little Foxes:** Addilyn for her incredible attitude to all learning tasks set and always challenging herself further. Super star!

**Unicorns:** Oscar for his incredible writing this week - WOW!

**Tigers:** Eduard for his fantastic focus in lessons and sharing his brilliant ideas.

**Dolphins:** Zaayan for his incredible writing in English.

**Little Horses:** Elliot for his fantastic maths work this week!

**Eagles:** Shelli-Lou for stunning perseverance in maths, finally succeeding with place value for 4-digit numbers!

**Swans:** Danny for showing such a positive attitude towards school this week.

**Heroes:** Mia for always being enthusiastic in her writing.

**Herdsmen:** Shauna - for great reading work this week!

**Hunters:** Alexander for a successful week in school and for completing all of his work

**Warriors:** Tyler for a great week with his learning!



### LAST CHANCE:

#### Harvest Festival Food Collections

As part of our Harvest Festival assembly this year, we will be collecting donations for two local charities: St Mags Storeroom (Foodbank) and Feed A Child Torbay.

As such, if you have any donations of the following items, please could you send them in with your child or drop them off at the school office:

Tinned Meat and tinned fish; Tinned Fruit and Veg; Pasta Sauce; Rice Pudding; Shampoo, shower gel and female hygiene products.



### Additional/peripatetic music lessons



If your child is in KS2 and is interested in learning the guitar or drums in school, please see the school office for more information about this.

Please note, these lessons are provided by an external provider and there is an additional charge. All children will continue to learn different instruments as part of their curriculum music lessons.





Come along to the SEND Roadshow, hosted by your school/college. You will be able to find out about how the local area works to meet your child or young person's Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND). Learn more about our new SEND Provision and Support toolkits: <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/graduated-response/help-to-get-the-Right-Support-in-the-Right-Place-at-the-Right-Time>. You'll also get the chance to ask us your questions about SEND.

We look forward to seeing you there!