



Dear families,

Welcome back to 2024 and I hope you've all had a wonderful break over the festive period. It was lovely to see all the children back in on Tuesday and looking 'super smart' in their uniforms. Wearing our school uniforms adds a sense of pride and belonging to the children—it says "We all belong here together" - so please can I encourage you to continue to send them in with their uniforms on every day.

It is obviously quite cold, wet and windy at the moment so please can I ask that you also send your children in with coats everyday. We do try to let the children have their playtimes and lunchtimes outside as much as possible (unless it is really rainy, cold or snowing!) so please encourage them to bring in, and wear, their outdoor coats. If you are struggling to find a suitable coat for your child—for whatever reason—please speak with our Family Support Team who might be able to help.

I'm looking forward to using the newsletter to share our learning over the Spring Term so please continue to look over it each week to find out what we have been up to.

Regards,

Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



## Dates for the Diary

### JANUARY

*Friday 12th Jan:* Year 3 trip to Kents Cavern

*Monday 15th Jan:* After school clubs start up again.

*Weds 17th Jan:* Year 3 and 5 History workshop (in school)

*Thurs 18th Jan:* Year 6 Orchestra Trip

### FEBRUARY

*Fri 2nd Feb:* NSPCC Numbers Day

*Feb 12th—16th:* Half term holiday

*Tues 20th Feb—*Year 5 Trampolining & Gymnastics Festival at Spires (in School)

*Mon 26th—Weds 28th:* Year 4 residential

*Tuesday 27th Feb—*Year 6 SATs meeting (more information to follow)



## In Ellacombe, we will show...

### Love by:

- Using kind words, hands, and feet.
- Being respectful and friendly to everyone in our school community.

### Hope by:

- Believing that we can all flourish together.
- Believing in ourselves.

### Trust by:

- Being honest and truthful.
- Knowing and trusting that the adults in school are here to keep us safe.

### Perseverance by:

- Allowing ourselves to make mistakes in our learning.
- Being resilient learners and never give up.

### Stewardship by:

- Taking pride in ourselves and in our school.
- Helping others and working as part of a team.

## Living Our Ellacombe Values

As it is the start of a new year, please spend some time chatting with your children about 'Living our Ellacombe Values'. They should be able to tell you all about what these mean to them . . .



## Stars of the Week

**Little Stars:** Caydn - for engaging and focusing so well in the Maths measuring activities. Caydn really listened and used his manners this week. Well done Caydn!

**Little Bears:** Olivia - for confidence to share her ideas with mixed year groups in our first House Assembly this week!

**Little Lions:** Leon for great confidence to share his ideas about New Year in our first House Assembly this week!

**Little Foxes:** Kameron - for a fantastic start to spring term with his improved effort and attitude to learning. Keep it up Kameron!

**Unicorns:** Oscar - his incredible progress in his handwriting!

**Tigers:** Blake - for his amazing work in both English and maths this week!

**Dolphins:** Dolphins - Ivan for his effort and contributions in guided reading.

**Little Horses:** Adina - for the fantastic improvement in learning behaviours!

**Eagles:** Chase - for demonstrating a real passion for sharing his ideas in class.

**Swans:** Ava - for her great enthusiasm starting back this term.

**Heroes:** Maddison - for always being a fantastic role model to her learning partner and always putting 100% of effort into all her work.

**Herdsmen:** Arli - for an incredible week in his learning and positivity in swimming!

**Hunters:** Jayden D - for a change of attitude in his learning and for joining in with class discussions.

**Warriors:** Joh - for perseverance in all of his learning this week.



## Spring Term After School Club Programme

Bookings for after-school activity clubs are now live on MCAS. The only way to book a club will be via the MCAS app, so please ensure you can access this, if you are having problems please come to the office and the ladies will be happy to help.

PLEASE NOTE!!! We are initially limiting parents to booking one club per child for the term, this will give more children the opportunity to be able to book onto a club. The deadline for booking your child onto a first club is Sunday 7th January at midnight.

Any child booked into more than one club will be removed. If your child attended Drama club last term they have automatically been added to this terms group, please pay via the MCAS app. We will then review the spaces still available and open these up to parents to be able to book further clubs on a first come first served basis. We will notify you when second places can be booked. Once the booking system has been finally closed on the 12th of January children **WILL NOT** then be able to join a club until the Summer term. **Clubs start W/C 15th January** and run for 9 weeks ending on 22nd March

### Autumn Term Clubs

Clubs run from 15<sup>th</sup> January until 22<sup>nd</sup> March (9 weeks)

TIME	CLUB	YEAR	COST FOR TERM
<b>Monday</b>			
3pm to 4pm	Dance Club (Kinetic Sports)	1-2	£10
	Parkour (Parkour Experiences)	3-4	£10
	Chess (Victor Cross)	3-6	£10
<b>Tuesday</b>			
3pm to 4pm	Dodgeball Club (Kinetic Sports)	3-6	£10
	Year 6 maths (Mrs Franklin)	6	Invite only
	Robotics (Mr Heyse)	3-4	£10
	Netball (Mrs Walsh & Miss Perry)	3-6	£10
	Yoga (Mrs Thorne)	1-3	£10
<b>Wednesday</b>			
3pm to 4pm	Samba (Charlie Furneaux)	4-6	£10
	Year 6 maths (Mrs Franklin)	6	Invite only
	Music Mrs Pollock	1-2	£10
	Choir (Mrs Sandison & Miss Lindberg)	3-6	£10
<b>Thursday</b>			
3pm to 4pm	Drama Club (Mrs Corline & Miss Andrews)	Existing children	£10
	Crochet Club (Mrs Brown)	3-6	£10
	Football (Mr Harwood)	5-6	£10

All clubs can be booked via the My Child at School app.

## 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 these classes for excellent attendance this week: ?????

CLASS ATTENDANCE	HOUSE ATTENDANCE
ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE
Little Bears: 90.26%	Christie House
Little Lions: 85.9%	94.81%
Little Foxes: 79.81%	ATTENDANCE
Little Tigers: 99%	Darwin House
Unicorns: 96.04%	85%
Dolphins: 88.33%	ATTENDANCE
Little Horses: 98.75%	Kinglsey House
Eagles: 95.83%	94.43%
Swans: 93.5%	ATTENDANCE
Herdsmen: 92.93%	Singer House
Heroes: 96.88%	96.42%
Hunters: 93.3%	ATTENDANCE
Warriors: 92.86%	The winners are ...
The winner is ...	<b>SINGER</b>
<b>LITTLE TIGERS</b>	




**RUN & YOGA 2024**

LOOKING AHEAD TO '24, IN NEED OF SOME NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS IDEAS LADIES?

LOOK NO FURTHER. A FREE RUN FOLLOWED BY YOGA ACROSS ALL PARTS OF TORBAY BY A FULLY QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR

EVERY SATURDAY, 8:30 AM ACROSS TORBAY  
TEXT: 07722092807/  
EMAIL: DAVINIAALLBROOK@OUTLOOK.COM FOR MORE DETAILS.

WEBSITE:  
[HTTPS://GROUPS.RUNTOGETHER.CO.UK/FITNESSESSENTIALSRUNNINGYOGAPILATES/RUNS](https://groups.runtogether.co.uk/fitnessessentialsrunningyogapilates/runs) OR  
[HTTPS://SERVICES.THEJOYAPP.COM/EN/LISTINGS/4969-RUNNING-AND-YOGA-GROUP](https://services.thejoyapp.com/en/listings/4969-running-and-yoga-group)

## SCHOOL UNIFORM AND JEWELLERY POLICY

Please can I remind all parents that the school uniform policy states that:

Wearing of the correct academy uniform is essential. The support of parents is very important in this. It is very important that all clothing is clearly labelled.

### UNIFORM

- Navy sweatshirt (jumper) with school logo (required)
- White polo shirt or white shirt with collar
- Grey trousers / skirt / shorts
- Grey or blue and white checked pinafore dress
- Grey or white socks or plain grey tights
- Black enclosed shoes

### JEWELLERY & HAIRSTYLES

- We expect that children wear a minimum of jewellery. However, the following are acceptable:
- A watch.
- A medical alert bracelet.
- No more than one stud in each ear.
- Artificially brightly coloured or bleached hair is not permitted.
- All long hair must be tied back using school friendly, discrete accessories.