



Dear Families,

We have been discussing with the children this week the idea of 'good manners' and focusing on what this looks like in our dinner hall. This is obviously a busy space, and a busy time of day, but we are working hard to make sure it is an enjoyable, social and calm time for everyone. It would be helpful if you could follow this up at home with conversations about what 'table manners' looks and sounds like.

We have some exciting trips and visitors planned for the next couple of weeks and we will use this newsletter to share photos of these. These are all opportunities for the children to develop and deepen their learning and make it more memorable for them. We are also looking at our 'home/independent reading' processes—as regards the books the children bring home to develop their love of reading—and we will be sharing updates and changes regarding this over the next few weeks.

Please continue to send your children in with warm coats and hats so that we can all enjoy our outdoor playtimes, even if it is a bit cold!

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 Spire (in School)*

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

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



## Spring Term After School Club Programme

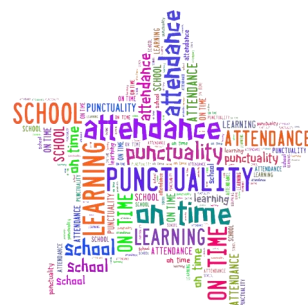
We are delighted that our extensive After School Club programme is ready to start next week and hopefully you have all had messages about which clubs are available. If you still want your child to attend one, and you haven't yet signed up, please go to on to the app. Closing date to sign up is Sunday 14th January. Once signed up we will not be able to swap children around or add them to a club.

When they have finished their club the children will need to be picked up at 4pm from the main gate on the playground.

## 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 **Little Tigers, Hunters and Swans** classes for excellent attendance this week.



If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 they should start school in September 2024.

### What do I need to do?

Applying for primary school - it's as easy as 1-2-3!

Read the TIPS 8 booklet on our website. Email or phone us to request a printed copy. Apply online from 1 November 2023. Email or phone us to receive an electronic form. Submit your application by 15 January 2024. <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/>  
E: pupil.services@torbay.gov.uk T: 01803 208908

### You still have to apply for a place for your child even if:

- You already have an older child at school
- Your child attends a nursery attached to a primary school
- You have completed a registration form at a primary school
- You have sent in a supplementary form to a primary school.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

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Little Bears: 96.68%  
Little Lions: 81.85%  
Little Foxes: 82.69%  
Little Tigers: 99.6%  
Unicorns: 97.6%  
Dolphins: 97.33%  
Little Horses: 94%  
Eagles: 94.58%  
Swans: 98.4%

Herdsmen: 94.35%  
Heroes: 97.08%  
Hunters: 98.57%  
Warriors: 97.14%

The winner is ...

**LITTLE TIGERS**

## HOUSE ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE  
Christie House  
95.47%

ATTENDANCE  
Darwin House  
89.53%

ATTENDANCE  
Kinglsey House  
97.11%

ATTENDANCE  
Singer House  
97.37%

The winners are ...

**SINGER**



## Stars of the Week

**Little Stars:** Evan for making such a great start on his first week and settling beautifully and Evalina for demonstrating a lovely caring friendly attitude to all the new children.

**Little Bears:** - Lola for being a superstar in class!

**Little Lions:** - Adam for showing good learning behaviours on the carpet and being a good friend

**Little Foxes:** Afonso for being on time every day this week! Your perseverance in your learning has been amazing, well done!

**Unicorns:** Dylan - for the outstanding progress he has made so far this year!

**Tigers:** Louie for his fabulous work on the Great Fire of London!

**Dolphins:** Savannah - For trying her best coming into school and joining in our class discussion in RE.

**Little Horses:** Maddison - For her fantastic maths work this week!

**Eagles:** - Johan for embodying our school values by supporting his table partner.

**Swans:** Bonnie for being incredibly helpful around the classroom.

**Heroes:** - Heidi for showing perseverance in her maths learning and being a lovely learning partner in class.

**Herdsmen:** Stina - for always showing our school values and working hard in everything she does!

**Hunters:** Malcolm- an excellent attitude towards his learning and for challenging himself in his maths learning.

**Warriors:** Darcie - for being an exceptional role model in learning, behaviour and every aspect of school life.



## 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.

## Ellacombe Musicals Extravaganza

After the incredible singing at our Christmas services and in-school events, this term we have decided to focus on 'the musicals' in our singing assemblies. It would be great if you wanted to share some of your favourite musical songs with your children so that they can bring some suggestions into school with which songs they want to learn.