

Dear families,

It has been fantastic to see so many children joining in with our After School Club programme this week. I've seen children learning chess, practising 'Matilda', playing netball, dodgeball and football along with lots of creativity in art club and choir (to name but a few!) These are wonderful opportunities for the children to develop new skills, beyond their classroom learning, as well as make friends with children in different classes and year groups. There are still a small number of spaces left in a couple of clubs, and next week is the final chance to sign-up, so please do so asap if there is something your child wants to join. As a reminder, it is essential that your children are picked up promptly from the playground at 4pm, if they are attending these clubs.

For Health and Safety reasons, there has been a change of pick-up plan for parents who have children in Reception classes but also higher up the school. As a reminder, this is the message which was sent out this week: "Once your Reception children have been collected, please can we ask that everyone then exits back out of the cloud gate. If you have older children to collect, please can you walk up to the main gate and wait for them to be opened."

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



## Dates for the Diary

### JANUARY

25<sup>th</sup> Jan: Oral Health Workshop for Year 2

*(More information on page 4)*

### 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)

### MARCH

*W.c 18th March:* Last week of After School Club Programme for Spring Term

*Tues 26th March/Weds 27th March:* Parents' evenings



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# The Ellacombe Weekly

19th January 2024



## ORAL HEALTH WORKSHOP - YEAR 2

We will be having Oral Health workshops on Thursday 25th January for all our Year 2 children.

**OPEN WIDE and STEP INSIDE** with **DAISY the Dentist!**

**Free Oral Health Promotion initiative 45 minute teaching session for Year 2 pupils**

Includes animated film about Geoffrey the Giant who has never visited the dentist and needs the help of his friends to remind him of those important key messages about Oral Health. This would then be followed by an interactive session.

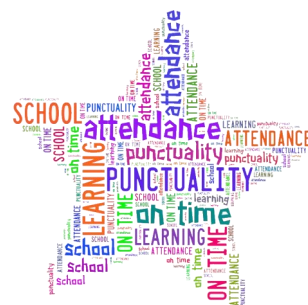
Supports requirements for Development Matters framework, teaching children how to look after their oral health.

**To Book please email [dentaloutreach@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:dentaloutreach@plymouth.ac.uk)**

## 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 Herdsmen, Little Horses and Hunters classes for excellent attendance this week.



| CLASS ATTENDANCE      | HOUSE ATTENDANCE    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| ATTENDANCE            | ATTENDANCE          |
| Little Bears: 92.18%  | Christie House      |
| Little Lions: 81.99%  | 94.86%              |
| Little Foxes: 83.58%  | ATTENDANCE          |
| Little Tigers: 95.6%  | Darwin House        |
| Unicorns: 95.6%       | 86.59%              |
| Dolphins: 94.67%      | ATTENDANCE          |
| Little Horses: 97.33% | Kinglsey House      |
| Eagles: 94.17%        | 94.1%               |
| Swans: 91.2%          | ATTENDANCE          |
| Herdsmen: 96.64%      | Singer House        |
| Heroes: 93.33%        | 96.53%              |
| Hunters: 97.5%        | ATTENDANCE          |
| Warriors: 94.64%      | The winners are ... |
| The winner is ...     | <b>SINGER</b>       |
| <b>HUNTERS</b>        |                     |



## Stars of the Week

### Little Stars:

**Little Bears:** Riley S for wonderful listening and attention in morning group work!

### Little Lions:

### Little Foxes:

### Unicorns:

**Tigers:** Joshua for his fantastic Great Fire of London home learning!

### Dolphins:

**Little Horses:** Rionna for her fantastic vocabulary in our English learning!

**Eagles:** Lake for putting an incredible effort into his English and for gaining the confidence to work with new people.

**Swans:** Charlie M for his amazing partnership work in Maths this week.

### Heroes:

**Herdsmen:** Jakub - for great perseverance in maths this week!

### Hunters:

### Warriors:

## Ellacombe Musicals Extravaganza

We have launched our 'Musical Extravaganza' this week. Starting with:

- "You're never fully dressed without a smile!" from Annie
- "Circle of Life" and "I just can't wait to be King" from the Lion King.

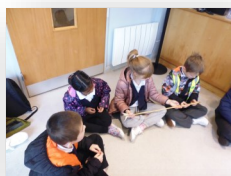
Please feel free to practice these at home, or in the car, with your children.



## Learning Beyond the Classroom

### KENTS CAVERN

Year 3 visited Kents Cavern where we learnt how the caves were formed, the people and animals that lived at Kents Cavern throughout the Stone Age and the Victorian archaeologists that worked there. The children enjoyed looking at artefacts from the Stone Age and solving the clues on the woodland nature trail.



### HISTORY WORKSHOP

'KS2 children enjoyed some history workshops with storyteller, Clive Pig, on Wednesday. Year 3 and 4 spent some time learning about the Romans and Year 5 and 6 heard stories about the Vikings. The children loved the experience and came out with lots of stories to tell!'



### **Ellacombe Choir: Thank you!**

Before Christmas, our school choir attended a local Care Home to entertain the residents with the amazing singing. This is the feedback they received this week:

*Dear Ellacombe,*

*I just wanted to say thank you for bringing the children in to sing at our care home - Lorna House at Christmas. The residents thoroughly enjoyed it.*

*I do hope you will come again & see us soon!*

