



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we are focusing on our school value: Stewardship (the job of taking care of something else such as our school, our classrooms, our country and our planet). Over the next few weeks, in our Monday whole school collective worships, children from years 3-6 will be sharing with the rest of the school what this means to them. You could support your child's understanding of 'stewardship' by discussing the following with them:

- Why should we take care of things that don't belong to us?
- What does 'putting others before ourselves' mean to us?
- How can we show stewardship in our families and communities?

(There are no right or wrong answers . . . just lots of chances for discussions and different opinions!)

Can we ask that children are not allowed to bring toys into school with them. We are seeing an increasing amount of toys (and other 'things') brought in from home. The children are provided with all the resources they need in school and therefore they don't need to bring any bits in from home. Teachers have been asked to remove these distractions from their pupils and it is just easier, all round, if they aren't brought into school in the first place.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

February



- ♦ **Feb 12th—16th: Half term holiday**
- ♦ **Weds 21st Feb:** International Languages Afternoon: Children can wear their House Colours T-shirts.
- ♦ **Thursday 22nd Feb:** Heroes class start swimming lessons

March

- ♦ **Monday 4th March - Key Stage 1 - Speak out Stay Safe Programme**
- ♦ **Tuesday 5th March - Key Stage 2 - Speak Out Stay Safe Programme**
- ♦ **Thursday 7th March:** World Book Day and Library Launch
- ♦ **Friday 15th March:** We Are Ellacombe Scientists
Parents invited in
- ♦ **Mon 26th—Weds 28th February:** Year 4 residential
- ♦ **W.c 18th March:** Last week of After School Club Programme for Spring Term
- ♦ **Tues 26th March/Weds 27th March:**
Parents' evenings - **Please 'save the date' so that all children can have an adult come in and see their learning.**



School Council Updates:

As a follow-on from our successful Census Day menu, our school council have been working hard to collectively design a special school lunch to celebrate Chinese New Year. This will be served at lunchtime on Friday 9th February and their chosen menu includes: Chicken Balls, Mixed Vegetable Chow Mein, Savoury/Vegetable Rice, Curry Sauce, Sweet and Sour Sauce, Prawn Crackers, Crispy Seaweed, Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls and Ginger Dragon Biscuit with Lemon Sorbet. Please remember to book online, in advance, if your child wants school dinners on this day.

Year 6 Trip to see Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in Exeter

A lot of children have said to me this week how much they loved this trip and how it was their first time seeing a live orchestra. The performance was called Dance! Dance! Dance! Lots of the Year 6s participated with the orchestra, playing the recorder, doing body percussion and dance. They were amazing! Music included Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy by Tchaikovsky, Libertango by Astor Piazzolla, Strictly Come Dancing Theme Tune, Slavonic Dance by Dvorak (which they danced to) and a finale with Abba's Dancing Queen.

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 Horses, Unicorns and Eagles** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE	HOUSE ATTENDANCE
ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE
Little Bears: 94.85%	Christie House 93.53%
Little Lions: 91.65%	ATTENDANCE
Little Foxes: 85.77%	Darwin House 90.86%
Little Tigers: 96.4%	ATTENDANCE
Unicorns: 84.15%	Kinglsey House 95.11%
Dolphins: 95.67%	ATTENDANCE
Little Horses: 98%	Singer House 96.15%
Eagles: 92.17%	
Swans: 97.2%	
Herdsmen: 95.83%	
Heroes: 96.77%	
Hunters: 97.5%	
Warriors: 93.93%	
The winner is ...	The winners are ...
HUNTERS	Singer



Stars of the Week

Little Stars: Luca for really engaging with our curriculum this week and trying all his school dinners!!

Little Bears: Aayan for showing Stewardship by being a good helper at tidy up time!

Little Lions: Lorelei for persevering all week with her tower building, making towers that reach up to the sky! Also for consistent good sitting on the carpet.

Little Foxes: Chantelle - for going above and beyond in her English work this week. Your letter formation is always beautiful showing off our new English skills

Unicorns: Alexander - for his super work in English, well done.

Tigers: Oscar for his amazing writing in English this week!

Dolphins: Skyla R for her amazing writing in English.

Little Horses: Mollie for her enthusiasm towards her maths learning this week!

Eagles: Ariana for showing such enthusiasm for her learning and taking great pride in the presentation of her work!

Swans: Christo - for being such a kind classmate and putting 100% into all areas of your learning.

Heroes: Fraizer for his excellent effort in writing this week.

Herdsmen: Shauna - for always working hard and putting in 100% effort!

Hunters: Shanaya - for her amazing attitude towards her learning and for the effort she is putting in with her SATS revision at home.

Warriors: Eden for being super helpful in the classroom and for always being polite.



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NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

You should have received an email earlier in the week with a letter attached giving more information.



YOGA

CLASSES SCHEDULE

MONDAY 6.30-8pm	90 MINUTE YOGA JOURNEY - £10 228 Union street, Torquay, TQ2 5QS	SUNDAY 10-11 am	ENERGISING YOGA FLOW - £8 228 Union street, Torquay, TQ2 5QS
WEDNESDAY 6.30-7.30 pm	DONATION YOGA FOR WELLBEING online via zoom Meeting ID: 935 330 7470 Passcode: YOGA (PayPal) nina187@hotmail.com	YOGA WORKSHOPS Please check my website for workshops that welcome in the changing seasons	

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- MINI RED BALL**
Suitable for 5-8 year olds.
They learn to serve, rally, and score.
Using softer red balls and smaller courts. It's all
about having fun and learning the basics of the game.
- ORANGE BALL**
Improvers turn into more than just one
shot wonders. Time to throw in some
tactics, problem solving and guides to
sportsmanship and leadership. They'll
know all of the rules and will be serving
and returning.
- YELLOW BALL**
It's all about playing on a full size court with the same balls,
the pros use. Kids will continue to explore different styles on
the court and start to choose their own. By this point we hope
kids will be tennis players, and fans of the game for life!



<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisCoaching/Coaching/Junior>