



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
- ♦ **Thursday 22nd Feb:** Year 6 Parents' Meeting

March

- ♦ **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.



Calling all Year 6 Parents

A message from Jo Leach and Sally Helliwell

It's hard to believe this is our children's final year of primary school! We, as parents, of Year 6 children, thought it would be fitting to hold an end of year celebration/party for them to celebrate this important transition, and would like help from as many parents as possible. We would like to invite you all to a meeting in school on Thursday 22nd February from 2 - 3pm in the conference room. So that we can have a think about how we can organise this. We already have a venue (St Mags Church Hall) but will need to talk through what else there is to arrange!

Best wishes Jo Leach and Sally Helliwell

Supporting your child with their reading

In Spring 2 we will be launching 'Boom Reader' which is an app to support improved communication between yourselves and the class teacher linked to your child's reading. We also have some exciting plans afoot with our school library. Lots more information will be coming out after the holidays, however if you want to look into this a little bit more, this is the website/app:

[Parents | BoomReader](#)



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



CLASS ATTENDANCE	HOUSE ATTENDANCE
ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE
Little Bears: 88.51%	Christie House 91.68%
Little Lions: 93.89%	ATTENDANCE
Little Foxes: 88.89%	Darwin House 88.64%
Little Tigers: 94.8%	ATTENDANCE
Unicorns: 86.54%	Kinglsey House 93.78%
Dolphins: 94.33%	ATTENDANCE
Little Horses: 96.67%	Singer House 93.98%
Eagles: 99.13%	The winners are ...
Swans: 89.75%	SINGER
Herdsmen: 92.92%	
Heroes: 88.33%	
Hunters: 91.79%	
Warriors: 93.57%	
The winner is ...	
EAGLES	



Stars of the Week

Little Stars: Florence for joining in so enthusiastically with Tap tap box and showing all the children how to do quality sitting on the carpet. Florence has settled in nursery beautifully and is making lots of friends.

Little Bears: Serah, for always working hard and being helpful!

Little Lions: Macie for persevering with her hearing aids and making good progress in her phonics

Little Foxes: Amari - for your effort in school this week - especially in your phonics and English.

Unicorns: Arlo for the progress he has made over the half term with his writing.

Tigers: Aybel for her fantastic sounds in English and her amazing work on giving change in maths!

Dolphins: Logan for being helpful, showing our school values and having a wonderful attitude to his learning.

Little Horses: Tinaye - for his fantastic writing and attitude to learning this week!

Eagles: Eagles- Sebz for working perfectly with a new partner and even pushing himself to start joining his writing!

Swans: Kareem, For working so hard in his English and Maths group.

Heroes: Jeric for great effort in his writing and maths this week and showing our school value of Stewardship around the classroom.

Herdsmen: Stina - for coming off of RWInc and starting guided reading!

Hunters: Zofia for her amazing writing this week and for always putting in extra effort in her home learning!

Warriors: Tinevimbo - for her effort in class especially maths.



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The Ellacombe Weekly

9th February 2024



Something for the Half Term Break and an After-School Activity beyond that.

Torbay Velopark (at Torbay Leisure Centre) are offering weekly **'Wednesday Whizz Around for a Pound'** on their cycle track and pump track.

This is the ideal way to get your child confident for their Bikeability Courses. If they can't ride, the Training apron is a great area to teach them. If they can ride, the 1.5 km tarmac track is a brilliant traffic and pedestrian-free area for them to ride in safety and the pump track is great fun for those more confident on their bikes.



An hour's session is just one pound on Wednesdays but **sessions must be pre-booked.**

Bike hire is available at an extra cost, but this can't be pre-booked and availability isn't guaranteed.

This is the booking link.

[Velopark booking](#)

This is a great low-cost half-term activity that they'll love.

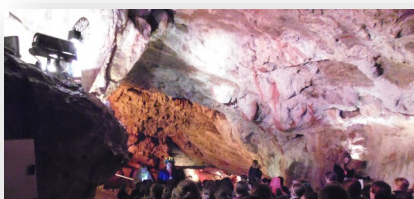


TORBAY COUNCIL



Ethos Day

On Thursday 8th February, some of our Year 4-6 children took part on an Ethos day with other children across our Torquay Hub of sister schools. They went to Kents Cavern to think about the importance of light and how God guides us. We then went to St Matthias Church and had the opportunity to write our own prayers and reflect.



Torbay and South Devon
Music Centre

To join us scan this

Do you like music?

Do you play or would you like to learn to play a musical instrument?

**FRIDAY
4:30-7PM
TERM TIME**

**TORQUAY BOYS'
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