



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who have encouraged their children to sign up for one of our After School Clubs, all of which start on Monday 29th April; there are still some spaces left in a couple of the clubs so please come and speak to the school office if you want your child to attend. These are great opportunities for the children to develop new skills, make friends from across the school and have fun!

Thank you also to Year 4 parents who attended our information session about the upcoming Multiplication Check; it was really encouraging to see how many parents attended and how keen you are to support your children with their learning. Linked to this, please can I encourage all parents to download and being using the Boom Reader app so we can continue to develop our communication regarding your child's home reading. If you have any questions about this, please ask your child's class teacher or the school office.

As a school, we are awaiting our next Ofsted visit which is due before the end of this academic year; we are very much looking forward to sharing with the inspectors all the amazing work happening at Ellacombe. As part of this process, the Ofsted team will send out some questionnaires to yourselves to gather your views on your child's learning; we would be very grateful if you could complete and return this—as and when this visit happens!

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

## Dates for the Diary

### April

- W.c April 29th: **After school club programme starts**

### May

- Monday 29th May: Yr 1 **LAP Multisport competition** at Ellacombe
- Monday 6th May: **Bank Holiday Monday—school closed**
  - W.c Monday 13th May: KS2 (year 6) **SATs**
- Thursday 23rd May: **After school Beach Party—fundraising for swimming lessons**
  - Friday 24th May: **Finish school for the holidays**

### June

- Monday 10th June: **All children back in school**
- Friday 21st June: Year 6 **LAP Sports Event** hosted at Warberry
- Friday 28th June: Year 5 **LAP Sports Event** hosted at Warberry

### July

- Wednesday 3rd July: **Sports Day**
- Wednesday 10th July: **Ellacombe Musical Extravaganza**



Please continue to discuss our **school values** with your children and what they mean in terms of our behaviour choices ...

**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.



## 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!

Also well done to Warriors and Swans for excellent attendance this week!

CLASS	HOUSE
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
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Little Bears: 87.22%	Christie House 87.78%
Little Lions: 92.27%	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Little Foxes: 86.96%	Darwin House 90.23%
Little Tigers: 78.80%	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Unicorns: 75.00%	Kingsley House 90.43%
Dolphins: 96.67%	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Little Horses: 92.64%	Singer House 92.07%
Eagles: 94.58%	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Swans: 95.83%	The winners are ...
Herdsmen: 91.43%	<b>Dolphins!</b>
Heroes: 89.08%	<b>Singer!</b>
Hunters: 93.08%	
Warriors: 96.43%	
The winner is ...	



## Stars of the Week



**Little Stars: Skylar -Rae** for showing a huge improvement in her listening and attention skills especially during carpet time. Fantastic progress Skylar -Rae we are all very proud of you!



**Little Bears: Charlotte** - for her hilarious storybook she wrote all by herself!



**Little Lions: Colby**—for making a big effort in his phonics lessons and playing nicely with his friends.



**Little Foxes: Rosa** - for your fantastic effort and perseverance in all of your learning but especially your Writing and phonics.



**Unicorns: Isabella** - for her fantastic maths learning



**Little Tigers: Tosia** - for her fantastic work in maths this week. Tosia has worked incredibly hard!



**Dolphins - Mya** for her fantastic determination and perseverance with all her learning this week!



**Little Horses: Arlyia** - for her wonderful concentration in all her learning!



**Eagles: Scarlett**—for persevering when things are tricky and never giving up!



**Swans: Ethan** - for excellent concentration and effort in lessons, and for so many imaginative contributions.



**Heroes: Lara** - for showing resilience in all of her learning over the last two weeks.



**Herdsmen: Nhyiraba** - for incredible work in class this week!



**Hunters: JJ** - for a massive improvement in his practice SATS scaled scores.



**Warriors: Thomas**- for brilliant improvements in practice SATS in his reading and





## Learning at Ellacombe

This week we were lucky enough to have an Olympian hockey player join us in school to share his journey about how he has managed to represent our country in his sport. We learnt about determination, keeping healthy and the need to 'practice, practice, practice!'



## Fundraising:

We are very aware that 'the cost of living crisis' is being felt across our community which is why we have made the decision, as a school, to limit the number of external fundraising events we are participating in this year.

We do have a school fundraising event planned for Thursday 23rd May which is a disco to raise money to pay for the year 3, 4 and 5 children to all have swimming lessons. Please support us so we can continue this next year.





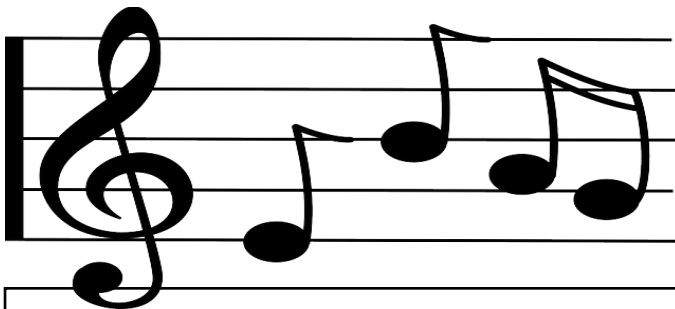
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## “Ellacombe’s Musical Extravaganza”

We would be delighted if you could join us on  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July (10.15am and 1.15pm performances) at

The Royal Lyceum Theatre, Torquay.

The whole school will be performing a 'Multitude of  
Musical Masterpieces' as we start to show the  
world our creative talents.



### *Piano lessons in school*

If you would like your child to have  
piano lessons in school, our piano  
teacher

**-Hazel Ray-** has some availability.

Please contact her on  
**carinopiano2@gmail.com**

Please be aware of our school’s  
**48 Hour Sickness Policy.**

This means your child must stay at  
Home and be off from school for 48  
Hours from the last bout of sickness  
or diarrhoea.

