



3rd May 2024

Dear Families

It has been amazing to see so many children joining in with our Summer term after school club programme which started this week; children were learning Robotics, singing in the choir, playing netball and football, learning different international dances and joining in with art sessions—to name but a few! There are a small number of spaces left in some of our clubs so if your child is yet to sign up for anything, please come and chat with the ladies in our school office who will be able to help you.

We are continuing to see increasing numbers of parents and children use our new Boom Reader app which encourages communication between home and school about your child’s reading along with motivating the children to read more at home. All children in RWI groups are now bring a physical phonics book home with them (along with their library book and the online books) so please can you spend some time, each evening, reading this phonics book with your child. It is the same level of book they are reading in their phonics lessons so they can read it—they might just need a bit of encouragement to do so!

As the weather hopefully starts to warm up, please can we encourage you to send your children in with their water bottles every day AND label their school jumpers in case they take them off when they warm up!

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



Dates for the Diary

May

- ◆ 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
 - W.c 24th June: **Book fair in school**
- Friday 28th June: Year 5 **LAP Sports Event** hosted at Warberry

July

- Wednesday 3rd July: **Sports Day**
- Wednesday 10th July: **Ellacombe Musical Extravaganza**
 - Thursday 18th July: **Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly**
 - Weds 24th July: **Last day in school—holidays!**



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 **Dolphins, Little Horses, and Herdsmen** classes for excellent attendance this week!

CLASS	HOUSE
ATTENDANCE	ATTENDANCE
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Little Bears: 87.21%	Christie House 93.87%
Little Lions: 95.53%	ATTENDANCE
Little Foxes: 84.33%	Darwin House 91.44%
Little Tigers: 97.93%	ATTENDANCE
Unicorns: 94.21%	Kingsley House 91.67%
Dolphins: 97.33%	ATTENDANCE
Little Horses: 97.00%	Singer House 95.75%
Eagles: 92.50%	ATTENDANCE
Swans: 89.45%	The winners are ...
Herdsmen: 95.71%	Little Tigers!
Heroes: 93.87%	Singer!
Hunters: 91.32%	
Warriors: 94.98%	
The winner is ...	



Learning at Ellacombe



Last week we were lucky enough to have the RNLI attend school to undertake a workshop with the children. Considering how close we live to the sea, this is obviously so important for our pupils in terms of learning how to stay safe by water. Please spend some time asking your children what they learnt in this assembly and you can help them to build on this through some of the activities and games on this website:

[RNLI Education Resources For Young People](#)



MEET THE AUTHOR AND BOOK LAUNCH
WHEN: SATURDAY 11TH MAY
WHERE: PAIGNTON LIBRARY
TIME: 2PM-4PM

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 by LUKE MARCHANT
 Illustrated by Gary Walker

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"Wickedly Funny"
 - Mary Rees, Book Craic

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"This book is a delightful blend of humour and heart that guarantees to captivate readers of all ages."
 - Scott Evans, The Reader Teacher



Guitar lessons in school



If you would like your child to have guitar or ukulele lessons in school, our guitar teacher

-Mr Farrin- has some availability.

If you would like to sign your child up for learning please collect a slip and return it to the school office.



Stars of the Week

Little Stars: Charlie—for showing lots of compassion to his friends.

Little Bears: Serah—for showing perseverance with her great attitude to writing !

Little Lions: Aida - for trying her best in phonics and writing this week!

Little Foxes: Arlo - for his enthusiasm with your reading this week. You are becoming increasingly independent in his learning.

Unicorns: Micha—for the improvement in her learning. Wow!

Little Tigers: Reilyn—for showing consistent perseverance in his maths learning!

Dolphins : Maxine - for consistently showing all our school values!

Little Horses: Daisy—for her perseverance with her writing this week!

Eagles: Yazmin for increasingly taking care of the presentation of her work.

Swans: Danny - for your perseverance in PE this week and for working so well with your partner on your volleyball passes

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Heroes: Lucas F -for his amazing effort in his writing this week.

Herdsmen: Daniel - for his incredible writing this week!

Hunters: Kiarra- for being a great partner and for her increased confidence in class. It has been lovely to see her putting her hands up and sharing her ideas!

Warriors: Cara- for her focus and improvement.





Two sports funding streams are available as part of our **Torbay on the Move initiative for 2024/25**

To encourage participation in sport, we have relaunched a fund called Back to Sport 2.

The fund focuses on engaging people who are less likely to use physical activity to improve their wellbeing.

Awards of up to £2,500 are available for clubs, groups, and activity providers to run activities to increase participation.

Find out more at :

<https://orlo.uk/Back to Sport GPYWd>

Believe to Achieve grants available for Torbay's elite and talented athletes. Believe to Achieve is a grant scheme aimed at supporting and encouraging talented athletes from across Torbay to keep pursuing their sporting goals and careers. Training costs, travel, equipment, and competition fees can soon mount up. We are providing grants to avoid these costs becoming financial hurdles that prevent athletes from achieving their full potential.

Grants of up to £1,500 (depending on level of competition) are available for training, equipment, competition fees and expenses. Find out more at :

<https://orlo.uk/Believe to Achieve JkZns>

Grants will be allocated based on the evidence provided in the application.



We recognise that every sport is unique!






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