



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so lovely to see all the children back this week and getting straight into their learning. Please be reassured that they have all settled into their new classes really well and are enjoying making new friends and working alongside different children.

Our newsletters come out once a week—on a Friday—with lots of information about upcoming events along with sharing our successes and celebrations from that week. Please take time over the weekends to read them with your children so that everyone is clear about what is happening within, and across the school.

As a reminder, all children need to be dropped off at their respective gates between 8.30—8.40am in the morning. Unfortunately parents/carers are not able to come into school to meet with the class teachers at the time as we are straight into learning at 8.30am. Your class teachers will be in the playground after school as part of the dismissal process.

Thank you, in advance, for your support this year as we work in partnership with you to ensure the best learning outcomes for your children.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

Dates for your diary ...

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
Weds October 2nd:	Harvest Celebration at St Mags. Years 2-6 1.30pm start
Thurs October 3rd	School Census Day—all children are entitled to a free school dinner.
Tuesday October 22nd	School Photographer (individual photos)
Tues 22nd/Weds 23rd October:	Parents' Evenings (after school)
w.c 28th October:	Half Term
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
Monday 4th November	All children back in school
Nov 6th—8th	Year 5/6 residential



Census Day

Wednesday 3rd October

Wednesday 3rd October is school census day across the country which impacts how much money we get as a school for the rest of the year. The more children who are in school that day, the more money we get from the Government.

ALL children will be entitled to a FREE school dinner on that day, if you do not want your child to have a free school dinner, please opt out. The children have been busy designing the menu they want as part of a LAP competition (the one we won last year!)



We are also going to dress up in sports clothes to celebrate Team GB's Paralympic success. Please, please ensure your child is in school on that day and if they have any appointments, please could you try to rearrange these, or pick the children up after they have completed their registrations.

School Office Opening Times

You have been sent a separate message this week related to some of the changes we need to make in our school admin set-up. Please note, moving forward, our school office will be closed from 11am—1.30pm; please do not call the office at this time regarding routine enquiries. The office will continue to be open from 8am—11am and then again from 1.30pm—3.30pm.



At the start of the year, please take some time to talk to your child/ren about what it means to 'live our Ellacombe Values'.

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.

Year 5/6 parents

I'm really pleased to be able to share that we have received a huge grant to be able to take ALL our year 5 and 6 children on a 2 night residential visit for only £5 per child. If you haven't yet signed up for this, please speak to your class teachers as we would love 100% of children to attend.



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 **Swans, Herdsmen and Dolphins** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	97.1%	Christie House	91.2%
Little Lions	90.6%		
Little Foxes	88.2%		
Little Tigers	94.8%	Darwin House	93.1%
Unicorns	92.6%		
Dolphins	98%		
Little Horses	87%	Kingsley House	95.6%
Eagles	93.3%		
Swans	99.6%		
Herdsmen	99.57%	Singer House	95.5%
Heroes	92.9%		
Hunters	93.8%		
Warriors	93.6%		
The winner is ... ?		The winner is ...	
SWANS		KINGSLEY	



STARS OF THE WEEK



	Little Stars	Charlie- For engaging in all the curriculum with such enthusiasm and gusto!
	Little Bears	all the children! we have a had wonderful start to the year and are so proud of our Little Bears!
	Little Lions	all the all the children! we have a had wonderful start to the year and are so proud of our
	Little Foxes	Riley for your incredible start to year 1 and showing our school values beautifully.
	Little Tigers	Charlie for a fantastic start to Year 1 and being a great role model in class, particularly when sitting on the carpet and listening to the teacher.
	Unicorns	Chantelle for showing school values and always listening in class.
	Dolphins	Darcey M for using ideas from guided reading in her writing!
	Little Horses	Aleah for her amazing effort in her learning this week!
	Eagles	Rubylea for showing such fantastic enthusiasm for discussing ideas in class
	Swans	Arlyia for being such an incredible partner and showing our school value of love to all of her
	Herdsmen	Carter for being a fantastic partner and trying hard in all his learning.
	Heroes	Ava - for being a fantatsic learner across the curriculum this week.
	Hunters	Scout for amazing contributions in class and being a good friend.
	Warriors	Ruth for her excellent efforts in all lessons and for being a kind class member.