



Dear Families,

Last week I was fortunate enough to spend a bit of time with the year 5 and 6 children on their residential near Slapton Sands. It was fantastic to see the children learning together in the outdoors including activities on the beach and in the woods. What was even more special, however, was how supportive and caring the children were with each other; putting each others' needs first and really looking out for their friends—they were a credit to you all.

Thank you for those parents/carers who joined us for the reading morning on Thursday. This was a chance for us to share with you how we teach reading in school and how you are able to support and encourage your children to read at home. We will continue to have more of these events, in the future, so you are able to learn more about how you can help your child/ren.

We also had our House Teams Interfaith Day today where the children have spent time learning about different religions and worldviews. As some of you may recall, this is an area the Ofsted inspectors highlighted as something we need to continue to develop. Please ask your child about the things they have learnt today and see what they can remember.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

Dates for your diary ...

NOVEMBER	
22nd November	Police visiting EYFS/Little Stars
DECEMBER	
9th December	Last week of After School Clubs
11th December	Rudolf Run for charity
13th December	Little Stars Christmas Celebration
18th December	Christmas lunch and Jumper Day. Celebration Afternoon - parents/carers invited in.
19th December	Christmas church service - years 2 to 6 from 1.30pm to 2.30pm
20th December	Break up for Christmas
JANUARY	
Monday 6th January	Back to school
Tuesday 22nd April	Extra non-pupil day—school closed for children



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



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	97.88%	Christie House	91.17%
Little Lions	96.47%		
Little Foxes	96.67%		
Little Tigers	98.5%	Darwin House	92.56%
Unicorns	89.03%		
Dolphins	96.52%		
Little Horses	97.5%	Kingsley House	95.71%
Eagles	93%		
Swans	96%		
Herdsmen	96.64%	Singer House	96.2%
Heroes	78.4%		
Hunters	95.63%		
Warriors	93.04%		
The winner is ... LITTLE TIGERS		The winner is ... SINGER HOUSE	



STARS OF THE WEEK



	Little Stars	Amara- for being so helpful, kind and enthusiastically joining in this week.
	Little Bears	Mabel, for good partner talk and sharing ideas for vocabulary time!
	Little Lions	Oakley, for his super effort in RWI and progress with his sound knowledge.
	Little Foxes	Charlotte, for her incredible maths and phonics this week! Super job.
	Little Tigers	Joey - for the progress he has made since the beginning of the year, showing our show values, particularly of stewardship at tidying up our class room. Joey has also gained so much confidence during learning and is contributing his ideas more in class! Keep it up!
	Unicorns	Ivy for a positive attitude in her maths learning!
	Dolphins	Zac for his increasing confidence in Maths this week!
	Little Horses	Ali for his amazing effort and confidence in maths!
	Eagles	Maxine for her determination in all she does and her "can do " attitude towards the tricky tasks
	Swans	Elliot - for his amazing effort and perseverance with his handwriting. Keep it up!
	Herdsmen	French for settling in so well and for a great start at Ellacombe. Well done French!
	Heroes	Scarlett - for her enthusiasm and great map skills in geography.
	Hunters	Daisy T- for her effort in her maths learning this week and for always being super helpful in the classroom.
	Warriors	Dixie - For consistent hard work in all that she does and for supporting others when they need help

Drinks in school

Class teachers have noticed that there has been an increase in the different types of drinks coming into school with the children including juices with lots of sugar in them. We are aware that it is often children themselves that are asking you for these drinks and that parents, along with teachers, would prefer the children to be drinking water during the course of the school day. As such, the teachers will be spending time with the children, over the next couple of weeks, talking over the importance of drinking water in school—rather than high sugar drinks—and as such, we





Regular groups within the Family Hubs

Monday

Thriving Child @ Upton Church - 10am-11:30am

Baby Feeding Group @ St Edmunds - 12:30pm-2pm
(led by our Peer Champions)

One to Another: Bump & Beyond @ The Beehive - 10am-12pm
(led by our Peer Champions)

Parenting & Play Coffee Morning @ The Beehive - 10am-11:30am
(first Monday of the month only)

Tuesday

*Developing Baby @ St Edmunds - 1:30pm-2:30pm

*Developing Baby @ The Beehive - 9:30am-10:30am

Wednesday

Baby Feeding Group @ The Beehive - 10:30am-12pm
(led by our Peer Champions)

Thriving Child @ The Beehive - 1pm-2:30pm

*Developing Toddler @ The Barn - 9:45am-11:15am

*Developing Baby @ The Barn - 1:30pm-2:30pm

Thursday

*Developing Toddler @ St Edmunds - 10am-11:30am

Parenting & Play Coffee Morning @ The Barn - 9:30am-11am
(first Thursday of the month only)

Friday

Parenting & Play Coffee Morning @ St Edmunds - 10am-11:30am
(last Friday of the month only)

*Developing Toddler @ The Beehive - 9:45am-11:15am

Thriving Child @ The Barn - 10am-11:30am

All of our groups are free! Check our 'What's On' page on the website for information on groups that aren't part of our regular timetable. Please note that groups marked with an asterisk* are term time only.

[Family Hub Torbay—What's On](#)

New Approach to Supporting Behaviour

We have been introducing a new behaviour approach with the children; this focuses more on the children being able to self-regulate their own behaviour, reflect on their actions and repair any relationships which may have been hurt through certain behaviour choices. We will be sharing more information with you about this over the next few weeks and hopefully the children will be able to explain a bit more to you about what our new behaviour signs and key words mean.



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PARKING

We have had a number of calls from our neighbours regarding parking. **PLEASE** be considerate when dropping off or picking up your child. Please don't block driveways or doorways.

