



Dear Families,

Thank you to all those parents/carers who joined their children last Thursday for our “Come and read” morning; it really is supportive to the class teachers to know you are keen to help your children with their reading. Even if you’re not keen on reading books yourself, encouraging your child to spend 10/15 mins each evening looking at their RWI or library books will have a HUGE impact on their learning in school.

Thank you also to those parents who have children starting in Reception in September and came along to our open afternoon/evening. It isn’t too late to find out more about how to apply for a place at Ellacombe so if you know of anyone whose children are starting school in September, please encourage them to get in touch.

Finally, I have sent previous messages to you regarding the ongoing smell in the lane behind the school where illegal substances are clearly being used. As an update, I have had updates from the Torbay police who are continuing to investigate this issue as a matter of urgency.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



<i>NOVEMBER</i>	
<i>22nd November</i>	<i>Police visiting EYFS/Little Stars</i>
<i>DECEMBER</i>	
<i>Tuesday 3rd December</i>	<i>Year 6 trip to Bygones</i>
<i>9th December</i>	<i>Last week of After School Clubs</i>
<i>11th December</i>	<i>Rudolf Run for charity</i>
<i>13th December</i>	<i>Little Stars Christmas Celebration</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th December</i>	<i>Christmas Disco fundraiser</i>
<i>18th December</i>	<i>Christmas lunch and Jumper Day. Celebration Afternoon - parents/carers invited in.</i>
<i>19th December</i>	<i>Christmas church service - years 2 to 6 from 1.30pm to 2.30pm</i>
<i>20th December</i>	<i>Break up for Christmas</i>
<i>JANUARY</i>	
<i>Monday 6th January</i>	<i>Back to school</i>
<i>Tuesday 22nd April</i>	<i>Extra non-pupil day—school closed for children</i>



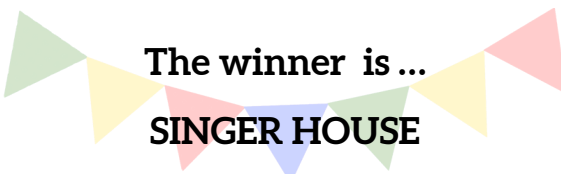
Attendance Awards

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



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	94.18%	Christie House	92.4%
Little Lions	93.53%		
Little Foxes	91.49%		
Little Tigers	94.47%	Darwin House	92.77%
Unicorns	95.77%		
Dolphins	97.38%		
Little Horses	93.17%	Kingsley House	95.01%
Eagles	96.67%		
Swans	96%		
Herdsmen	93.75%	Singer House	96.94%
Heroes	89.8%		
Hunters	93.04%		
Warriors	93.45%		
The winner is ... ?			





STARS OF THE WEEK



Little Stars

Reciela for showing a huge increase in confidence this term.



Little Bears

Isaac H, for working hard to learn his phonics sounds and focus in morning group!



Little Lions

Darcie for being so helpful and improving her listening skills in class.



Little Foxes

Florence for your faulous effort in all of your learning this week, especially in your maths. Super job!



Little Tigers

Thea - for consistently being a fantastic learner and for her determination in her work.



Unicorns

Olive for always contributing to class discussions!



Dolphins

Oscar Q for his perseverance and determination to improve his handwriting!



Little Horses

Alexander for his fantastic effort with his reading!



Eagles

Louie for showing such eagerness to share his incredible reading in front of a new adult!



Swans

Savannah - for the amazing positive attitude towards coming into school this week. Keep it up!



Herdsmen

Lacey for showing resilience in swimming.



Heroes

Pippa for her outstanding maths this week.



Hunters

Poppy Dunn - for a positive attitude towards her learning this week and for putting in lots of effort into her class work.



Warriors

Elsie May - Working really hard in maths and for a positive attitude towards her learning

Interfaith Day

The children had a great day last Friday in their House Teams celebrating “Interfaith day”. They learnt about different religions and how these might be the same or different to things they might believe.





Drinks in school

Thank you to those parents who have followed last week's message up with the children about us moving to just drinking water in school (rather than sugary drinks). The children are increasingly saying to their class teachers that they just want water in school as it's better for their teeth (and presumably your purses!) The teachers will continue to encourage their classes with this over the next few weeks so that after the next holidays, we'll all be back to just having water.



RUDOLF RUN

We are taking part in 'The Rowcroft Rudolf Run' on Wednesday 11th December. We are suggesting a donation of £2 as sponsorship for the run, although we will be sending out sponsorship forms .

Each class will take part in a run around the playground at different times of the day.

Any money donated will go to Rowcroft to support their work across the community.

All children taking part will receive a medal!





22nd November 2024

IMPACT Kids club

7TH NOVEMBER - BONFIRE NIGHT SPECIAL
 14TH NOVEMBER - GAMES AND SPORTS
 21ST NOVEMBER - GLOW IN THE DARK
 28TH NOVEMBER - GAMES AND SPORTS
 5TH DECEMBER - PYJAMA PARTY
 12TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY
 (ALL AGES WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY)

THURSDAY NIGHTS
 6PM-7:30PM

REGISTER HERE

HOME CHURCH
 527 BABBACOMBE ROAD
 TORQUAY, TQ1 1HG

5-10 YEARS
 £1.00 PER CHILD
 £0.50 DOLLARS

HOME CHURCH

Carers' Celebration and Information Day

With Palgnton Library's Christmas Market
 Saturday 23rd November 2024
 10.00am – 2.00pm

Two out of three of us will be a Carer for family, friends or neighbours at some time in our lives. Most don't think of themselves as Carers, and most don't realise the support that is available, until it gets to crisis point.

You may already be caring and need to look after your own health, or you may want to plan for the person you care for. There will be Carers advice and support, finance, benefits and cost of living information, breaks for Carers, information stands including:

- Health and Social Care Support
- Family Friendly Activities
- Free Refreshments for Carers
- Vaccination, Health Checks and much, much more...

Website: www.tsdfc.uk/Carers
Facebook: TorbayCarers
 Queries to admin: (01803) 20 84 55

For information about the Carer support we provide, ring Signposts for Carers on (01803) 66 66 20

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December

Roast turkey with all the trimmings
Roasted vegetable parcels
 (suitable for vegans & vegetarians)
 Christmas biscuit

Please order and pay on the My Child at School app by:
 10am on Tuesday 17th December



Beat The Freeze is coming to **Paignton Library** next Tuesday, 10am-2pm, with drop-in advice and information available on local services, government/financial support, keeping warm this winter and what's on offer at the **Paignton Community Hub**.

Our **Torbay Community Builders** will also be present, running **The Big Exchange**, so if you have any household items (with the exception of electronics and furniture) looking for a new home, or you're after an interesting free find, pop along and see the team as well.



'BEAT THE FREEZE' THIS WINTER

Tuesday 26th November 2024
10am to 2pm at Paignton Library

Featuring information about :

- **Local support available from the services themselves**
Attended by Citizens Advice Torbay, Age UK Torbay, NHS Breast Screening Team, 'I can do that', 'What's your problem', Devon Clinic and many others.
- **Government and financial support**
With help to fill out Pension Credit application forms and advice from Barclays Bank and DWP.
- **How to stay warm this winter**
With energy advice and a free to enter prize draw from Exeter Community Energy (ECCO).
- **Support on offer at Paignton Community Hub**
Attended by Healthwatch Torbay, Eat That Frog, Libraries Unlimited and many others.

Drop in to see us if you have questions about energy advice, financial or wellbeing support during the coming Winter months.

Downstairs at Paignton Library, Great Western Road, Paignton, TQ4 5AG



COME ALONG TO OUR
CHRISTMAS FAIR

10:00AM TO 2.30PM
23RD NOVEMBER | 2024

THE SALVATION ARMY, MARKET STREET, TORQUAY

Torbay Timebank invites you to

THE BIG CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE

"We have what we need when we share what we have."

Share what you no longer need with your community. Bring your pre-loved items and pick up some new-to-you goodies to take home for free.

No money changes hands!

- Toys (clean & in working order)
- Clothing
- Books & games
- Plants, seeds & home produce

Gift your time & skills to help others on
TORBAY TIMEBANK

Sorry - no electricals or furniture

- Tuesday 26 November 10am-2pm Paignton Library Beat the Freeze
- Saturday 30th November 10am-1pm St Martins Church hall, Barton
- Monday 2 December 3pm-5pm Brixham Library
- Monday 9 December 3pm-5pm Kenneth Court, Shiphay
- Saturday 14 December 10-1pm Preston Baptist Church, Preston

Ruth on 07703 715236 or Theo on 07599 993987




CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL

VENUE: TORQUAY ACADEMY (TQ2 7NU)

TORQUAY UNITED COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

Mini Gulls: 4-6 Years - 10.00 - 15.00
Youth Gulls: 7-14 Years - 9.30 - 15.00
Girls Only: 6-14 Years - 9.30 - 15.00

Monday 23rd December 2024
SCAN HERE TO BOOK



Or contact admin@tucst.co.uk

