



Dear Families,

I am delighted to share the news that the school has been awarded a grant from Historic England to enable the children to learn more about the history of the school and the Ellacombe community. This project will take place in the Spring and Summer terms and will involve all the children learning more about the origins of the school and our shared local community. The children will then work alongside a professional artist to create mosaics—celebrating this history—which will be placed outside the school for the whole community to enjoy. Watch this space for updates!

We continue to embed our new behaviour approach across the school using the 5 simple actions of: Stop, Choice, Focus, Reflect and Repair. The children should start to be able to show you the actions and explain what each one means. As a reminder, this new behaviour approach is based on the principle of children taking increased ownership of their own behaviour choices and being able to self-regulate in their words and actions.

We are starting to think a little bit about Christmas and some of the upcoming events are in the diary below; it would be lovely if you were able to join us at some of these events.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd December	Year 6 trip to Bygones
9th December	Last week of After School Clubs
11th December	Rudolf Run for charity
13th December	Little Stars Christmas Celebration
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Disco fundraiser
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

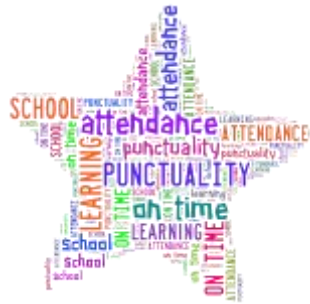
Monday 6th January	Back to school
Tuesday 22nd April	Extra non-pupil day—school closed for children



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 **Warriors, Dolphins and Little Bears** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	96.32%	Christie House	86.25%
Little Lions	91.76%		
Little Foxes	86.54%		
Little Tigers	84.42%	Darwin House	93.11%
Unicorns	88.03%		
Dolphins	96.52%		
Little Horses	90%	Kingsley House	94.28%
Eagles	94.67%		
Swans	93.33%		
Herdsmen	91.67%	Singer House	92.13%
Heroes	82%		
Hunters	93.91%		
Warriors	97.38%		
The winner is ... WARRIORS		The winner is ... KINGSLEY HOUSE	



STARS OF THE WEEK



	Little Stars	Joe - Joe has been joining in at carpet time with the singing and dancing. Well done Joe!! (Eric)
	Little Bears	Vinuthi - for really stepping up a gear this week in her wonderful learning behaviour!
	Little Lions	Nevaeh for a super improvement in her learning behaviours and RWI.
	Little Foxes	Ensa for always having a go at her learning and wanting to challenge herself to do more.
	Little Tigers	Ewan - for his tremendous effort and focus during maths. He completed all areas of his learning and was independently using strategies to solve addition and subtraction prob-
	Unicorns	Caelan for a more focused attitude towards learning.
	Dolphins	Tyrese for his fantastic maths learning this week!
	Little Horses	Enara for always showing the Ellacombe values in everything she does!
	Eagles	Shanae for such infectious positivity in all aspects of life in school!
	Swans	Aleena - for your confidence in class reading and discussions this week. It has been lovely to
	Herdsmen	Maya K for her wonderful writing this week and for always showing our school values.
	Heroes	Anthony for his great learning attitudes this week and amazing handwriting - wow!
	Hunters	Daniel for consistent hard work and amazing efforts in all that he does
	Warriors	Milly for fantastic efforts in maths and making great progress.

After School Clubs

We will shortly be sending out the After School Club options for the Spring Term. We would absolutely love for all children in the school to be attending at least one after school club to develop their wider interests—socially, creatively, sportingly or with technology. Please take the time to look over this with your children and select something they are keen to learn more about.



ELLACOMBE
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The Ellacombe Weekly

29th November 2024



TORBAY UNITED

CAROL CONCERT

With

DAVID WELLS

PHILIPPA HANNA

MIKE ROBINS

WED 18 DEC '24
3-5PM | 7-9PM

RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE
CHESTNUT AVENUE, TORQUAY TQ2 5LZ

PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL GO TOWARDS THE WORK OF TORBAY UNITED

FREE ENTRY

[BOOK NOW TORBAYUNITED.ORG.UK/EVENTS](https://torbayunited.org.uk/events)

Torbay Timebank invites you to

THE BIG CHRISTMAS EXCHANGES

"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

Sorry - no electricals or furniture

Gift your time & skills to help others on **TORBAY TIMEBANK**

- 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

10 Years Torbay Communities of bringing people together

Torbay Together

SportyStars

ACORN CENTRE XMAS HAF CAMP

2ND & 3RD OF JANUARY

AGES 5 - 12
8:15AM - 13:30PM (17:15PM ADD ON AVAILABLE)
HOT MEAL INCLUDED
SPACES ARE LIMITED

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Bubble Football		Nerf Wars	
Inflatable Games		Archery Targets	
Arts & Crafts		Glow in the Dark Sports	
Traditional Sports		And Lots's More Fun	

WIDE OPEN FUTURES PRESENTS

FESTIVE LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS & NIGHT LIGHT STROLL

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

IN THE PROJECTION ROOM, 11 TORBAY ROAD, PAIGNTON, TQ4 6AA

Kick off the festive season with this fun & crafty lantern making workshop suitable for all the family, followed by a lantern lit stroll to show off your glorious creations!

Workshops (2.5hrs) start 10:30am and 2pm. Light Stroll at 5pm. Tickets are on a Pay What You Can basis and all proceeds from the event will be donated to Rowcroft Hospice

WIDE OPEN

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