



Dear Families,

We have had an exciting week this week with Year 6 out on a trip to the Bygones museum to learn about the history of Torquay and a visitor from the Met Office in with Year 2 as they learn about different types of weather. We are keen to continue to develop our curriculum—and making the learning as engaging and fun as possible for the children—so watch this space for more trips and visits next term.

Please can I ask that children are not dropped off ahead of 8.25am in a morning as ‘the lane’ is obviously also an entrance and exit point for our neighbours. We do have breakfast club open from 8am so if you would like your child to start to attend that provision—rather than arriving very early at school—please contact the school office.

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. Please be reminded that next week is our last week of After School clubs for this term and so the children will need picking up at normal time for the last week of term.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher



<i>DECEMBER</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>Monday 16th December</i>	<i>Choir singing at local care home</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th December</i>	<i>Christmas Disco fundraiser—more info on page 4</i>
<i>18th December</i>	<i>Christmas lunch and Jumper Day. Celebration Afternoon - parents/carers invited in @ 2pm</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 **Herdsmen, Warriors and Eagles** classes for excellent attendance this week.



CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	94.21%	Christie House	87.29%
Little Lions	88.83%		
Little Foxes	82.04%		
Little Tigers	85.5%	Darwin House	91.91%
Unicorns	89.03%		
Dolphins	93.89%		
Little Horses	89.86%	Kingsley House	91.24%
Eagles	95.67%		
Swans	91.33%		
Herdsmen	97.5%	Singer House	94.48%
Heroes	88.94%		
Hunters	92.79%		
Warriors	96.09%		
The winner is ... HERDSMEN		The winner is ... SINGER HOUSE	



STARS OF THE WEEK



	Little Stars	Florence for a fantastic attitude in class and for being such a kind friend.
	Little Bears	Evan, for his amazing progress this half term!
	Little Lions	Jeremiah for his super sitting and fantastic progress in RWI!
	Little Foxes	Xavier for your perseverance in your learning this week, especially your reading where you
	Little Tigers	Lorelei - for her incredible writing recently. She is trying so hard to apply her phonics knowledge and keep her handwriting beautiful. Her writing is improving tremendously.
	Unicorns	Poppy for working hard, being an amazing partner and she is so helpful
	Dolphins	Mason - for his perseverance and determination in all his learning this week!
	Little Horses	Liana for her amazing resilience in maths this week!
	Eagles	Abbey for modelling a respectful and responsible attitude to the rest of the class.
	Swans	Ella - for your kindness and compassion towards others.
	Herdsmen	Leo for always putting 100% effort into all of his learning.
	Heroes	Freddie for his incredible reading score and attitude towards learning this week
	Hunters	Jude- for working hard in all subjects and for his amazing reading score in our practice SATS
	Warriors	Angel for being a lovely class member, working hard in all her learning and for fantastic

Healthy Holidays Christmas 2024

Torbay have released information for their Christmas HAF scheme [Healthy Holidays Christmas 2024 - Book for Torquay - Torbay Council](#).

These are day activities—including lunch—for the children over the Christmas break and the nearest one to Ellacombe is at Upton St James School or Torquay library.

Please use the website to book your children onto these activities alternatively come and speak with the school office and our Family Support Team can help you with this.

RUDOLPH RUN

Don't forget Rudolph Run is on Wednesday 11th December.

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

You should have received your sponsorship form, but we do have spare ones in the office.





6th December 2024

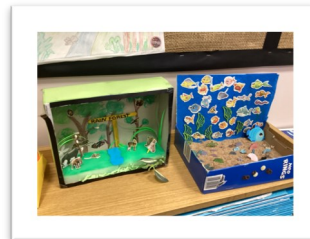
YEAR 2 VISITOR

On Wednesday, Year 2 welcomed a visitor from the Met Office to work with them on their science and geography learning. The children spent time thinking about a cold place in the world and how the weather can affect this. They had to take the temperature of a cuddly sheep first, then spray the sheep with water. They noticed that the sheep's temperature went down. The children were great at using their own knowledge about cold places and why animals need to adapt to survive there using their understanding of the weather.



YEAR 2 HOME LEARNING

Year 2 were tasked with a project to create some habitats from around the world. Look at their amazing creations! Thank you so much for these wonderful additions to our classroom and they really showcase the learning the children have been doing.



CHRISTMAS DISCO



On Tuesday 17th December we will be holding a Christmas Disco.

EYFS to Year 2 - 3.30 - 4.30

Year 3 to Year 6 - 4.30 to 5.30

The cost is £3 which includes a drink and candy cane.

You can purchase tickets on the MCAS app, under 'Products' then 'Disco Tickets'. Please could you purchase them by Friday 13th December. Any problems please pop in to the office.



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6th December 2024



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