

Dear Ellacombe Families,

As we head towards the end of the year, it is a chance for us all to reflect on the successes of the previous months as well as look ahead to the new academic year. At Ellacombe, we are far more than 'the data' however, as schools, we are measured on the outcomes the children get in their reading, writing and maths. I am delighted to be able to share that yet again, at Ellacombe, collectively our children scored 'above national average' in all areas this year. I will share more details of this data in the new academic year however this is a spectacular achievement and one of which we should all be very proud.

As is the case in all schools at the end of an academic year, some staff have made the difficult decision to leave Ellacombe and move onto new adventures. This summer, two of our teachers—Mrs Hackett and Mrs Ayres—are leaving Ellacombe to move to work in different types of educational settings. Alongside this, after 25 incredible years, Mrs Franklin has decided to retire. All of these staff members have shown unbelievable commitment and dedication to the children of Ellacombe and we would like to wish them all the best moving forward. As always, a gentle reminder that our staff do not expect any thank you presents at the end of a year, and a personal 'thank you' or perhaps a small homemade card, show the same sentiment and gratitude.

If you have any concerns or worries about the upcoming summer break, please do not hesitate to discuss them with our family support team over the course of next week.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm: Headteacher

Dates for your
diary ...

July

Monday 21st July	Year 5/6 Girls' Football Club to Warberry
Tuesday 22nd July	Year 5 Trip to Torquay Harbour and then beach
Tuesday 22nd July	EYFS Beach trip
Friday 25th July	Last day of term

We are ALL still in school up to, and including, the Friday of this week!

September

Wednesday 3rd September	All children back to school
Wk beg. 15th September	After School Clubs start

October

Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd October	Parents'/Carers Evenings
27th—31st October	Half Term



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

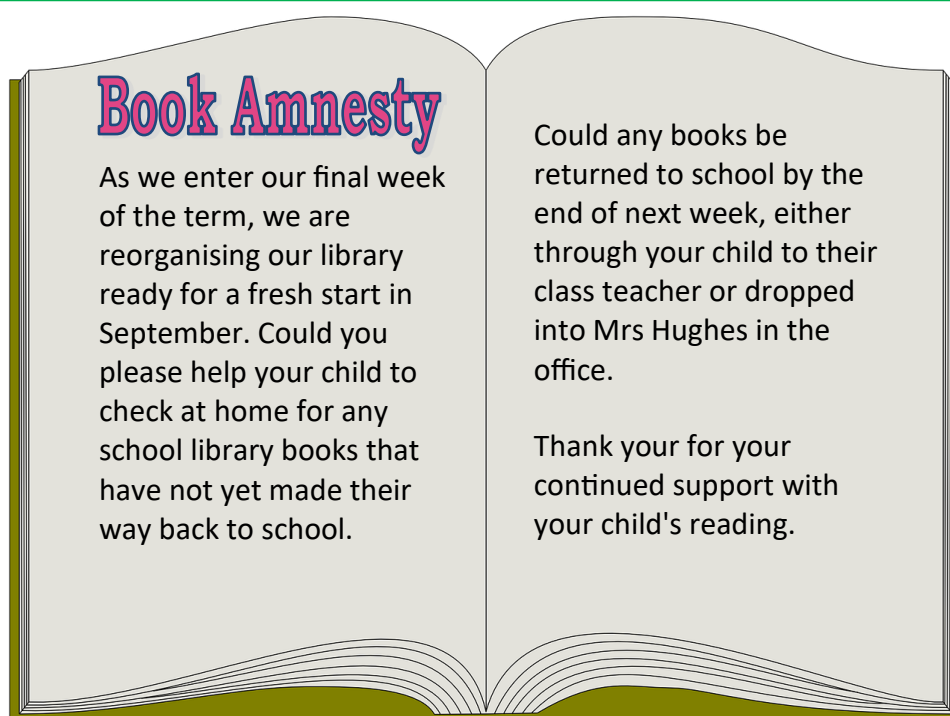


CLASS ATTENDANCE		HOUSE ATTENDANCE	
Little Bears	93.65%	Christie House	93.96%
Little Lions	95.29%		
Little Foxes	91.63%		
Little Tigers	100%	Darwin House	95.13%
Unicorns	95%		
Dolphins	98.18%		
Little Horses	89.23%	Kingsley House	95.12%
Eagles	96.67%		
Swans	95.33%		
Herdsmen	94.92%	Singer House	97.04%
Heroes	89.58%		
Hunters	92.92%		
Warriors	96.35%		
The winner is ... LITTLE TIGERS		The winner is ... SINGER HOUSE	

PTA

(FRIENDS OF ELLACOMBE)

We are looking to form a PTA/Friends of Ellacombe group in the new school year. If this is something you might be interested in being part of, please could you mention it to our Family Support Team or drop us a message. We will then look to have our first meeting in September.



Roof Works on Year 4/5 Block – Important Notice

Throughout the summer, a new roof is being installed on the Year 4 and 5 Block. As part of this project, scaffolding will be erected at the rear of the building on **Monday, 21st July** to allow the builders to complete the work before the end of the summer break.

To ensure everyone's safety, we kindly ask that during drop-off and pick-up times, you make sure your children stay well away from the scaffolding area. We have already held an assembly to explain the safety expectations to the children, and they are aware of the importance of keeping clear of the site.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.





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STARS OF THE WEEK for week beginning 7th July



Little Stars

Jeriel for a fab week and being confident to 'have a go'



Little Bears

Charlie, for showing our school values and always working hard!



Little Lions

Yaaba for being a kind friend and always making others smile



Little Foxes

Ensa - for being a fabulous role model to her peers and always putting 110% into all of her learning. Super work Ensa!



Little Tigers

Thea - for showing stewardship and for being the kindest friend. Keep it up Thea!



Unicorns

Juana for settling well into a new school.



Dolphins

Micah for her confidence in her choir performances in Ellacombe through the decades!



Little Horses

Hollie for her fantastic effort across all subjects!



Eagles

Jakub for being such a supportive partner in computing



Swans

Isabella for her incredible home learning and for being such a kind and caring member of the class.



Herdsmen

Ethan for his incredible effort and progress in his reading.



Heroes

Pippa for a fantastic year and being a supportive talk partner as well as her incredible performance on Wednesday



Hunters

Tristan for his participation in Ellacombe through the decades and for being a kind friend.



Warriors

Joel - for an amazing start at Ellacombe!

Friendly Reminder: Respecting Our Neighbours' Property

We kindly ask all parents and carers to respect the boundaries of our neighbours' properties during school pick-up times.

Please do not wait within neighbouring driveways, gardens, or any part of their property. This can cause inconvenience and discomfort for our neighbours.

Instead, please wait outside the school gates on the road where it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Your cooperation helps us maintain a positive relationship with our local community. Thank



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	Little Stars	Iza for having such a confident transition into nursery and joining in with all our activities with joy and enthusiasm.
	Little Bears	Asya for being a kind friend and showing our school values
	Little Lions	Amelia for her positive attitude and perfect attendance all year.
	Little Foxes	
	Little Tigers	Joey - for his hard work in class this week and showing our school values. Keep it up!
	Unicorns	Aashvika for constantly showing our school values and being a wonderful role model this year.
	Dolphins	Alicja for always showing our school values and being a wonderful friend!
	Little Horses	Aria for being a great talk partner and putting 100% into her learning!
	Eagles	Mya.R and Rionna for putting such incredible effort into preparing their work ready for the celebration of learning.
	Swans	Joey - for his hard work in class this week and showing our school values. Keep it up!
	Herdsmen	Carter for always showing our school values, being a kind and helpful member of the class and for a fantastic year of learning.
	Heroes	Tosia for her creative design and kite making skills - an artist in the making.
	Hunters	Lorenz- for being a kind friend and for always putting 100 percent of effort into his learning.
	Warriors	Rose for always showing our school values and for working hard as house captain this year!

Our own World Famous Author!



As part of World Book Day, Mr Martin (who is a parent in the school) came to talk to the children about being a published author. Mr Martin has recently has his book 'Loki's Blessing' published and it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to ask questions about being a 'real author' and start to think about the fact this is something they could also do. As a school, we are obviously very keen to support Mr Martin with his amazing children's books. If you would like to purchase one of his books, log into MCAS, go to products and the book is listed there.

Ellacombe Through the Decades

Thank you to everyone who joined us down at the Lyceum Theatre for our end of year show. The children (and staff!) had a lot of fun learning the songs and dances for songs from the previous decades. Watch this space for our next musical masterpiece!



Concerns around some online content

Bombardino Crocodilo is a fictional meme character, a fusion of a crocodile and a military bomber plane. This meme contains inappropriate content including swearing and audio which talks about bombing within Gaza. This content could also be known as 'Tralalero Tralala' both videos have been heavily criticised on social media over their offensive audios. The content appears to be unfiltered so is getting through any restrictions you may have in place on your children's devices. Please be aware and checking what your children are watching on their devices. Any concerns or questions regarding this please feel free to speak to a member of the Safeguarding and Family Support Team.



Come along to a Peep group



Peep is a fun and friendly free group for parents and carers with children 0-5 years, where we share ideas and activities that support your child's talking and development through play and everyday life.

Get to know other families while finding out how the things you do at home boost your child's confidence and brain development.



Scan QR code to watch video

Come and meet us with your children 0-5 years every Wednesday morning 10-12 from the 30th of July:

The Windmill Centre Pendennis Road Torquay

For more information Contact

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www.people.org.uk/parents-area

Supporting parents and children to learn together

peep



Sign your child up for a summer holiday club today!

FREE places if your child is on benefits-related free school meals or they're electively home educated.

There are clubs in Torquay, Paignton and Brixham throughout the holidays.

Scan the QR code to book your child's place.



TORBAY COUNCIL



Big Bike Revival



FREE support to help you cycle locally

For adults who are beginners, improving, or returning to cycling

E-bike confidence building

Bought an e-bike and want to get out on it a bit more? Maybe you need a bit more confidence cycling on the road?

Feeling e-bike curious? We will hire an electric bike for you to try!

Weds at 10.30:
23, & 30 June,
6 Aug
10, 17, 24 Sept

Meet at Torquay
Harbourside,
sign up via
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