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# Down to Earth by Theatre Alibi

We loved our visit from Janet the astronaut. She told us a lot about life in space, what she enjoys and what she misses. We all tried to imagine what it might be like to be up in space and we even tried to move as if there was no gravity.

## Ilfracombe Library

Book Track is the reading challenge for primary-aged children run by Libraries Unlimited through your local public library. Lots of children enjoy taking part, earning badges and stickers as a reward for reading lots of books and talking about them. Now Libraries Unlimited has received some funding, from Tesco Bags of Help, to create a brand-new reading challenge to replace Book Track. This is where you can help. Before making any changes or creating something new, Libraries Unlimited would like to find out what you think. They are interested in the views of all parents and children that are interested in books and reading.

Please follow <u>this link</u> to a short survey that is designed for children aged 5+ and a parent/carer to complete together. It won't take long to complete, and you could win a fantastic prize. The survey is open until Friday 11th December 2020 and all entries submitted before then will be entered into a prize draw to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet! (T&Cs apply)

### School Blog reminder

The school blog is now live and available through the school website or on <u>www.ilfracombeinfantandnurseryblog.com</u>. We would like to encourage all families to check this weekly to see new updates. The children love looking at the photos at school and at home with their families.

We welcome comments from parents and carers and share these with the children so please help us by commenting regularly.

Thank you

# Free School Meals

All children in EYFS, year one and year two are offered a free school meal as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals for infants programme. If you receive a benefit that gives entitlement to free school meals, please apply for this by visiting Devon County Council's citizen portal (details enclosed) as the school can get additional funding to support your child.

You may be eligible for free school meals if as a parent or carer you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190\*)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than  $£7,400^*$  a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

\*Figures taken from gov.uk but may be subject to change if you are in any doubt please apply.

#### Nasal Flu Immunisation

If your child missed the flu immunisation last Monday and you would like to have your child immunised please contact Virgin Care direct. Virgin Care telephone 0300 247 0082 or email on <u>VCL.ImmunisationPHN@nhs.net</u>. They will be able to advise you accordingly.

Thank you

#### Diary dates

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nasal flu immunisation
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas lunch

### Change to menu for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

On Monday there is a slight change to the menu. The choices for lunch will be cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges, baked bean or peas or jacket potato served with beans, cheese or tuna.

Thank you

With kind regards

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**Claire Grant** Executive Headteacher