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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the summer break and to the new families joining our school community. We reflected on the life of Queen Elizabeth II and talked about King Charles III today.

Turtles, Jellyfish, Seahorses, Starfish and Dolphins - 'Farm' Topic

The children had a great start to their 'Farm' topic and have had fun drawing and painting farm scenery and animals.



Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Swans - 'Ready, Steady, Cook' Topic

The children have actively engaged in their new topic 'Ready, Steady, Cook' and have had great fun making their own fruit salads and portraits with different vegetables.



Weekly Forest School

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| Monday | Seahorses and Swans |
| Wednesday | Jellyfish and Dolphins |
| Thursday | Kingfishers and Turtles |

Please ensure that your child has comfortable clothing and suitable footwear in school. Spare wellington boots are available if required.

Gymnastics with Rob Cook

Fridays - Turtles, Dolphins, Seahorses, Starfish, and Jellyfish

Tennis coaching with Gary Tovey at Bicclescombe Park Tennis Courts

Monday - Kingfishers

Wednesday - Woodpeckers

Thursday - Swans

Swimming

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| Monday | Jellyfish and Woodpeckers |
| Tuesday | Seahorses and Swans |
| Wednesday | Turtles |
| Thursday | Starfish and Dolphins |
| Friday | Kingfishers |

Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school.

School Blog

In addition to the school newsletter, we post articles on our school blog. You will find a link to the blog on the school website at www.ilfracombe-inf.deov.sch.uk and at the top of this newsletter.

Privacy Notice

A copy of the privacy notice is available on our website and on the internal school noticeboard for review.

<http://www.ilfracombe-inf.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Privacy-Notice-how-we-use-pupil-information.pdf>

Pupil Absence - First Day Contact Procedures

It is important that contact is made with the school at your earliest opportunity if your child is going to absent from school. If no contact is made we will telephone the primary contact first and in the event of no answer use any further emergency contact numbers provided to us in order to ascertain that your child is safe. It is advisable for parents or carers, in the event of a safeguarding concern, to ensure that one of your registered emergency contacts can gain access to your home to check that all is in order.

Please be advised that should our school process fail to locate a pupil we will risk assess the situation and decide further action which may include;

- Alert the Education Welfare Office to undertake enquiries on behalf of the school
- Continue to try and contact parent(s)/carer(s) and/or emergency contacts if the pupil is not considered to be at any increased risk
- Telephone the Police on 101 if not at risk of immediate significant harm but where there are escalated welfare concerns
- Telephone the Police using 999 if the child is considered to be at risk of immediate and significant harm or danger

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, 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 as the school can get additional funding.

[School meals - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk)

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 for Working Tax Credit
- 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.

Food Bank Vouchers

We are authorised to issue food bank vouchers. If you would like to access this facility please call the school, any contact is confidential.

We understand that there is a lot of pressure on families at the moment and if you are worried about anything please let us know and we will do our very best to help.

Northern Devon Foodbank - Ilfracombe

Location: Salvation Army Community Hall, Torrs Park, Ilfracombe EX34 8AY

Tel: 01271 865745 / 07422 651254

Opening times:

Mondays - closed
Tuesdays - 10.30 am until 1.30 pm
Wednesdays - closed
Thursdays - closed
Fridays - 10.30 am until 1.30 pm
Saturday - closed
Sunday - closed

Citizens Advice

A copy of the Citizens Advice latest advice column has been sent home.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

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| Monday 26 th September | RHS Garden Rosemoor trip - Woodpeckers and Kingfishers |
| Tuesday 27 th September | RHS Garden Rosemoor trip - Swans |
| Wednesday 19 th October | 2022-23 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations - Reception, Year One and Year Two |
| Wednesday 19 th October | Tempest Photography - Portraits and Family Groups |
| Friday 21 st October | Non-pupil day |
| Monday 24 th October - Friday 28 th October | Half Term |
| Friday 25 th November | Theatre Alibi - The Parcel Performance - Reception, Year One and Year Two |