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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school and to the new families joining our school community.

### Visit to Exmoor Zoo - Elephants and Lions

The children had a wonderful day exploring the zoo and met lots of different animals with paws, claws and whiskers.



### Futures Farm Visit - Jellyfish, Starfish and Turtles

Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear. The children will leave and return during the school day. A school packed lunch will be provided.

Monday - Jellyfish

Tuesday - Starfish

Wednesday - Turtles

### Weekly Forest School

Monday	Starfish and Kingfishers
Wednesday	Swans and Elephants
Thursday	Lions, Woodpeckers, Turtles and Jellyfish

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

### Gymnastics with James

Fridays - Elephants, Starfish, Jellyfish, Lions and Turtles

### Tennis coaching with Gary Tovey at Biclescombe Park Tennis Courts

Tuesday - Kingfishers and Woodpeckers

Thursday - Swans

Please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for gymnastics and tennis.

### Swimming

Monday	Woodpeckers
Tuesday	Turtles and Lions
Wednesday	Jellyfish and Kingfishers
Thursday	Starfish and Elephants
Friday	Swans

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

### Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the school, in particular to support us with swimming and tennis. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form.

### After School Clubs - Year One and Year Two

We have spaces on the following after school clubs for children in Year One and Year Two. If you would like your child to attend a club, please contact the school office for a club form.

Monday	Imagination Group with Mrs Borthwick, Stay and Play with Mr D, Colouring and Yoga with Mrs Bannister, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with Mrs Harding and Just Dance with Kerry
Tuesday	Puppets with Kerry and Tennis with Gary Tovey
Wednesday	Stay and Play with Mr D and Story Telling with Kerry
Thursday	Choir Club with Mrs Ottaway and Craft Club with Mr D
Friday	Recycling Modelling with Kerry and Football with Exeter City FC

### School Blog

In addition to the school newsletter, we post articles on our school blog, which will be up and running again next week. You will find a link to the blog on the school website ([www.ilfracombe-inf.deov.sch.uk](http://www.ilfracombe-inf.deov.sch.uk)) and at the top of the 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 be 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/citizen-portal)

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 - provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400\*, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

\*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

Kind regards,

Claire Grant

**Executive Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

Monday 11th September 2023	Futures Farm Visit - Jellyfish
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Futures Farm Visit - Starfish
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Futures Farm Visit - Turtles
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Tempest Photography - Portraits and Family Groups
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	2023-24 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations - Reception, Year One and Year Two
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Half Term