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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ilfracombe Aquarium - Swans, Kingfishers and Woodpeckers

The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the aquarium and learning about the different sea creatures that are local to North Devon.



Reception Phonics Meetings - Turtles, Jellyfish and Starfish

Parents and carers are invited to attend a meeting about early phonics and reading.

Monday 16th October 2023 at 2.45 pm - Turtles

Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 2.45 pm - Starfish

Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 2.45 pm - Jellyfish

Thursday 19th October 2023 at 5.00 pm for parents and carers unable to attend the earlier sessions.

Please come to the Reception area and you will be taken to your child's classroom.

Harvest Festival

The school will soon be celebrating Harvest Festival within school. We are collecting donations of non-perishable food which will be taken to the Ilfracombe Food Bank. Many thanks.

National Childhood Measurement Programme 2023-24 - Reception

A pre-measurement letter will be sent home with children in Turtles, Starfish and Jellyfish classes giving parents and carers the opportunity to opt their children out from taking part in this programme. The School Nursing service will carry out the weighing and measuring of children starting in January 2023 through to the end of the Summer Term.

Nasal Flu Vaccination - Reception, Year One and Year Two

The School Age Immunisation Service is due to visit the school on Wednesday 18th October 2023. A letter was sent home with children this week inviting parents and carers to complete the online

consent form for their child/ren to receive the vaccination. The form needs to be completed by midday on Monday 16th October 2023.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Your child will bring a letter home the week commencing Monday 16th October with details of the parent/carers consultations, which will take place after the half term.

School Car Park

Please may we request that parents and carers do not use the school car park to drop off or collect their children. Unauthorised use of the car park causes a safety risk to pedestrians, particularly to children who may not be road aware and visible to drivers.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 9 th October 2023	Vision Screening - Jellyfish, Starfish and Turtles
Monday 16 th October 2023	Tempest Photography - Portraits and Family Groups Phonics Meeting at 2.45 pm - Turtles
Tuesday 17 th October 2023	Phonics Meeting at 2.45 pm - Starfish
Wednesday 18 th October 2023	2023-24 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations - Reception, Year One and Year Two Phonics Meeting at 2.45 pm - Jellyfish
Thursday 19 th October 2023	Rocksteady Music School Assembly - Reception, Year One and Year Two Phonics Meeting at 5.00 pm
Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October 2023	Half Term

BARNSTAPLE PANNIER MARKET

Join us on Sunday, 8 October from 10am until 4:30pm for an adrenaline-pumping adventure at the Barnstaple Pannier Market!

Urban Sports is thrilled to present a day of Parkour (free running) taster sessions and jaw-dropping demos.

Their FREE 30-minute sessions are designed to cater to all age groups and skill levels:

- 10:00 - 4-6 years
- 11:00 - 7-9 years
- 12:00 - 10-12 years
- 13:00 - 12+
- 14:00 - Adults
- 15:00 - overflow session
- 16:00 - overflow session

Parkour is more than just a sport; it's an art of movement that transcends boundaries! Whether you're scaling walls or gracefully navigating obstacles, Parkour encourages self-improvement, pushing your physical and mental limits while fostering a positive mind set.

Discover the benefits:

- Enhance posture
- Boost strength and mobility
- Elevate your overall mind set towards movement
- Improve mental health

At Urban Sports, everyone is welcome to join the Parkour revolution! Don't miss out on this opportunity, reserve your spot today by visiting - https://www.seetickets.com/event/free-parkour-taster-sessions-/barnstaple-pannier-market/2791295?fbclid=IwAR1XVMCAJ7InvGdus1Hs7UjMiNm9YXRWu68uHfqCxD1eMCo7QgEZmwUXt_8 or scanning the QR code. Please arrive 30 minutes before your pre-booked session.

To show your interest in the event and receive updates, please follow our Facebook event - <https://www.facebook.com/events/335242252238915>

Thanks to the Cultural Development Fund, administered by Arts Council England, on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, we have been able to organise this brilliant activity. For more information on the fund, visit

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-70-cultural-venues-museums-and-libraries-supported-with-60-million-boost?fbclid=IwAR1->

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Side by Side Taw & Torridge offers friendly support groups for parents and carers who care for children, young people and adults with additional needs.

We meet monthly for a cuppa and a chat - offering peer support, friendship, guidance and support with specialist education and EHCP's.

October Dates

Tuesday 3rd - Morrison's Supermarket Café, Bideford from 10:30am.

Any questions please contact Natalie: **07966910527**

Friday 13th – St John's Garden Centre Café, St John's Lane. (Next to Tesco)

Any questions please contact Bonnie: **07377625276**

Tuesday 17th – Lemon Tree Café, Holland Walk, Barnstaple from 10am

Any questions please contact Janice: **07869436621**

Thursday 19th – Online Specialist Education and EHCP support session.

Any questions and to book a place contact Tracey: **07921220840**