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Dear Parents and Carers,

Whole School Diwali Celebration Day

The children enjoyed learning about and celebrating the Hindu festival of light - Diwali. They listened to stories, sang songs, created Diva lamps and lanterns, and made beautiful artwork.



Whole School Skipping Workshops

The children had a fantastic day learning traditional skipping games and other fun activities using skipping ropes. At the end of each session, the children showed each other the new skills that they had learned.



Arlington Court 200 trees for 200 years project

2023 marks the 200th anniversary of the construction of the house at Arlington Court. To celebrate there will be 200 Christmas trees, in various styles, sizes, shapes and materials across the gardens, grounds and in the house. We have contributed eight trees to form part of the forest. Every class from Reception to Year Two have painted their tree with a different theme and the children have contributed to the design and painted either a character or item related to Christmas. We will be taking the children as a whole school to take part in the trail. Please visit their website if you would like to visit.

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 20th November - Jellyfish and Kingfishers

Monday 27th November - Woodpeckers and Starfish

Monday 4th December - Elephants and Lions

Monday 11th December - Turtles and Swans



Children in Need

Thank you for your generous donations. The children raised £84.65. Thank you to our great team in the kitchen who have made Pudsey Bear biscuits and entered into the spirit of the day.



Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church

Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Thursday 23rd November - Elephants at 2pm

Friday 24th November - Starfish at 2pm

Forest School Change for Next Week Only (week commencing 20th November)

Swans will have Forest School on Monday and Kingfishers will have Forest School on Wednesday.

The Big Ambition - Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>

The Big Ambition is open to children and young people in England aged 0-18 years old. The survey has gone to schools across England so we can start to hear from children and young people aged from 6 to 18. Parents are also being encouraged to complete the survey for those who may need additional support or on behalf of younger children (under 6) to make sure the needs of early years children are represented too.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 20 th November	Christmas Tree Trail, Arlington Court - Jellyfish and Kingfishers
Thursday 23 rd November	Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church Elephants at 2pm
Friday 24 th November	Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church Starfish at 2pm
Monday 27 th November	Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church Lions at 2pm Christmas Tree Trail, Arlington Court - Woodpeckers and Starfish
Tuesday 28 th November	Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church Turtles at 11am and Jellyfish at 2pm
Monday 4 th December	Christmas Tree Trail, Arlington Court - Elephants and Lions
Tuesday 5 th December	Christmas Performance - Nursery at 10.15am
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Craft, RHS Rosemoor, Torrington - Woodpeckers and Kingfishers
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Performances - Turtles at 9.30am. Woodpeckers at 2.30pm Christmas Craft, RHS Rosemoor, Torrington - Swans
Friday 8 th December	Hanukkah Celebration day - whole school
Monday 11 th December	Christmas Performances - Lions at 9.30am. Starfish at 2.30pm Christmas Tree Trail, Arlington Court - Turtles and Swans
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Performances - Elephants at 9.30am. Jellyfish at 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Performance - Kingfishers at 2.30pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Performance - Swans at 9.30am

ILFRACOMBE ART & CRAFT SOCIETY

"Combe Christmas" Art Competition

18 YEARS & UNDER - 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRIZES

CREATE YOUR OWN "COMBE CHRISTMAS" PICTURE - IT JUST
NEEDS A LINK TO ILFRACOMBE - THIS COULD BE A BOAT,
LANDMARK OR EVEN A FESTIVE SEAGULL!

ENTRIES MUST BE A4 SIZE AND CAN BE CREATED USING
PENCILS, PENS, PAINTS, COLLAGE OR WHATEVER MAKES
YOU FEEL CHRISTMASSY.

WRITE YOUR NAME, AGE AND CONTACT NUMBER ON THE
BACK OF YOUR ENTRY AND RETURN OR POST TO THE
ART & CRAFT CENTRE (OPPOSITE CAPSTONE HILL),
9/10 THE PROMENADE, ILFRACOMBE EX34 9BD



COMPETITION CLOSSES SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Was your child born between
1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling our Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details to a primary school, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. This is the only way to apply; other forms or lists held by schools will not count.

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