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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Many thanks to all of you for your support and understanding during the major building works taking place at the moment. We are very excited that the old Children's Centre has finally been demolished and we are looking forward to a beautiful new area and Forest School building to extend our outdoor learning space. We are hoping that the project will be completed within two months and we will keep you updated. During this period children from Swans class need to be collected from the main entrance of the school. Please avoid driving into the staff car park as it is very congested.

Reception and Year One, 'Tell me a Rhyme' Watermouth Castle Visit

The children will visit Watermouth Castle to inspire and engage their learning related to their topic 'Tell me a Rhyme'. 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.

Tuesday 10th September - Zebras and Giraffes

Wednesday 11th September - Lions

Thursday 12th September - Elephants

Year Two, 'Fairy Tales' Watermouth Castle Visit

The children will visit Watermouth Castle to inspire and engage their learning related to their topic 'Fairy Tales'. 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.

Wednesday 11th September - Swans

Thursday 12th September - Kingfishers

Weekly Forest School

Monday	Giraffes and Lions
Wednesday	Elephants and Kingfishers
Thursday	Zebras and Swans

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

Year One Gymnastics with James

Children in Year One will have gymnastics on Fridays.

Swimming

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

Monday	Swans
Tuesday	Elephants and Lions
Wednesday	Zebras
Thursday	Giraffes
Friday	Kingfishers

Volunteers

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

After School Clubs - Year One and Year Two

We are in the process of organising after school clubs for the Autumn term. Letters will be sent home to parents and carers next week.

Dinner Menu

Please find a copy of the dinner menu attached with the newsletter.

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.

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 OK.

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 Attendance Officer 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

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

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>

Behaviour Policy

A copy of the behaviour policy is available for review on our website:

<https://www.ilfracombe-inf.devon.sch.uk/about-our-school/key-policies/>

School Blog

In addition to the school newsletter, we share learning on our school blog. You will find a link to the blog on the school website (www.ilfracombe-inf.devon.sch.uk) and at the top of the newsletter.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

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Monday 14 th October	Tempest Photography - Portraits and Family Groups
Friday 18 th October	2024-25 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations - Reception, Year One and Year Two
Friday 25 th October	Non-pupil day
Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	Half Term