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Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school and to the new families joining our school community. We have had a lovely three days and have enjoyed getting to know each other.

Many thanks for your support and understanding during the roofing and refurbishment works taking place at the moment. Whilst this work is going on, the bottom playground is out of bounds. You may access the school from the top gate on Marlborough Road and the gate on Horne Park Road.

### **Nut-free School**



Please ensure that you do not send in any food that may contain nuts, including chocolate spread and snack bars. Thank you for your co-operation in minimising the risk and keeping all children safe.

### **Nut-free and Egg-free Nursery**



Please ensure that you do not send in any food that may contain nuts or eggs, including chocolate spread and snack bars. Thank you for your co-operation in minimising the risk and keeping all children safe.

### **2025-26 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations – Reception, Year One and Year Two**

The School Age Immunisation Service will visit the school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Please find a letter attached. Please complete the form by 9.00 am on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## **Year Two Tennis Coaching with Gary Tovey at Bicclescombe Park**

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school.

Tuesday	Woodpeckers and Kingfishers
Friday	Swans

## **Weekly Forest School**

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

Monday	Turtles and Kingfishers
Wednesday	Giraffes and Swans
Thursday	Zebras and Woodpeckers
Friday	Jellyfish

## **Swimming**

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

Monday	Jellyfish and Swans
Tuesday	Nursery and Giraffes
Wednesday	Woodpeckers
Thursday	Turtles and Kingfishers
Friday	Nursery and Zebras

## **Dinner Menu**

Please find a copy of the dinner menu attached with the newsletter. Next week, we will be on Week Two.

## **Underwear and Socks**

We would be grateful for any donations of pants and socks aged two years to six years for spares within the school.

## **Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the school. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form.

## **Breakfast Club, Reception, Year One and Year Two**

If you would like your child to attend our Breakfast Club, please drop them off at 8.30 am at Reception. The Breakfast Club is open Monday to Friday during term time and is free to attend.

## **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

## **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.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/children-families-education/education/school-meals/>

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

### **School Blog and Facebook Page**

In addition to the school newsletter, we share learning on our school blog and Facebook page. 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 our Facebook page (@IlfracombeInfantSchool\_Nursery) at the top of the newsletter.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant

**Executive Headteacher**

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Clive Pig Storyteller visit for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Appledore Book Festival Author visit for Zebras and Giraffes Classes
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	2025-26 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations - Reception, Year One and Year Two
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term