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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the summer break and to the many new families joining our school community.

### **Elephants, Lions and Zebras Classes - 'Paws Claws and Whiskers' Topic**

The children have looked closely at a range of animal coats and used mixed media to create their own.



### **Kingfishers, Swallows and Swans Classes - 'Dinosaur Discoveries' Topic**

The children had a fun-filled introduction to their new topic, 'Dinosaur Discoveries'. They baked dinosaur biscuits, used art straws to represent what the skeletons of different dinosaurs look like, created backdrops for their dinosaur silhouettes and experienced what it might be like to discover dinosaur fossils during a 'dinosaur dig'.



## **Covid-19**

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following: a new continuous cough; a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell. For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, even if your symptoms are mild, stay at home and arrange to have a test.

If your child has coronavirus symptoms please keep them at home and always seek a PCR test. **Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests should not be used on children under the age of 11 years old or on people with symptoms.**

The guidance for individuals that have been in close contact with a positive case has changed and individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while awaiting the PCR test. All individuals are encouraged to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

As advised by the Government, there are three key changes that now apply in school:

**1. Mixing and 'bubbles'**

Keeping pupils or students in year group or classroom bubbles to reduce mixing is no longer a requirement.

**2. Tracing close contacts**

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. Education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.

**3. Face coverings**

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

## Weekly Menu

Our menu will be reduced for a short while, please find it attached.

## Weekly Forest School

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

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

## Gymnastics coaching with Rob Cook

Fridays - Lions, Elephants, Zebras, Turtles, Jellyfish and Starfish

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

Wednesdays - Swans

Fridays - Swallows and Kingfishers

## Swimming

Monday	Elephants
Tuesday	Kingfishers
Wednesday	Jellyfish, Zebras and Swallows
Thursday	Turtles, Starfish and Lions
Friday	Swans

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

## Privacy Notice

A copy of the privacy notice is available on our website and on request for review.

<https://www.goodleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Privacy-Notice-how-we-use-pupil-information.pdf>

## Parental Consent Forms (SOE3a) for Years One and Two

Please contact the office by email if you need to amend your consent. New forms will be issued to children in Years One and Two next week.

## School Blog

In addition to the school newsletter we post articles on our school blog. You will find links to the blog on the school website [www.ilfracombe-inf.devon.sch.uk](http://www.ilfracombe-inf.devon.sch.uk)

## 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 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 to support your child.

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_live)

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
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400\* a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

\*Figures taken from gov.uk but may be subject to change if you are in any doubt please apply.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant  
**Executive Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Lions, Visit to Exmoor Zoo
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Zebras, Visit to Exmoor Zoo
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Swans, Fossil Hunting and visit to Lyme Regis Museum
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Kingfishers, Fossil Hunting and visit to Lyme Regis Museum
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Swallows, Fossil Hunting and visit to Lyme Regis Museum
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Non-pupil Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October until Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term

## Weekly Menu

Fresh fruit is available every day. Please speak to the school office if you require dairy free & gluten free alternatives.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Potato Wedges Peas and Sweetcorn	Sausages, Creamed Potatoes, Baked Beans	Roast Chicken, Diced Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Organic Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta & Vegetables	Mini Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Vegetables
Vegetarian Alternative	Veggie Finger	Vegetarian Sausage, Creamed Potatoes, Baked Beans	Quorn Fillet	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers
Jacket Potatoes	With Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans	With Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans	With Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans	With Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans	With Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans
Desserts	Ice Cream Tub	Pip Lolly	Chocolate Cracknel	Frozen Fruit Smoothie	Custard Biscuit