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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, it is lovely to see all of the children back at school enjoying learning. A warm welcome to our new children and their families.

Year Two, Exmoor Zoo

The children had an amazing time at Exmoor Zoo learning about and meeting a variety of animals. They saw leopards, cheetahs and the Exmoor Beast!

Topics for this half term:

Reception - Nursery Rhyme Time and Puddles and Rainbows

Year One - Down on the Farm

Year Two - Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Monday 14th September 2026, Giraffes, Futures Farm, Woolacombe

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.

After School Clubs for Years One and Two

After school clubs will start on Monday for Years One and Two. Club allocation letters have been sent home with the children. Clubs finish at 4.30 pm please pick up your child from the location indicated on your letter.

Year Two Tennis at Bicclescombe Park

The children will have Tennis at Bicclescombe Park with Gary Tovey on Fridays.

Forest School Timetable

Please ensure your child has comfortable clothing and suitable footwear.

Monday	Kingfishers
Tuesday	Swans
Wednesday	Jellyfish
Wednesday	Turtles

Thursday	Giraffes
Friday	Zebras

Swimming Timetable

Swimming will commence on Monday 14th September. Please ensure your child has their swimming costume or trunks together with a towel on their swimming day.

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



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 helping us minimise the risk of allergic reactions and keep all our children safe.

Volunteers

We are very grateful to the volunteers that help us. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the school office.

Reception Baseline Assessment

An information leaflet for parents and carers of reception children has been sent home.

Behaviour Policy

A copy of the behaviour policy is available for review on our website and on the internal school noticeboard for review.

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

Free of Charge Breakfast Club

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.

We have a variety of foods that adhere to the food standards for schools. Your child will be able to choose what they would like. There will always be a variety of high fibre low sugar cereals, high fibre bread for toast, crumpets, fruit bread, fresh fruit and vegetables, dried fruit, canned fruit (not in syrup), yogurt, fromage frais, semi-skinned milk, soya, rice or oat drinks, a small portion of fruit juice (150 ml) and condiments for toast and bread. We will cater for different food allergies.

We will not serve all of the above on the same day, but there will be a wide selection.

New Autumn Term Menu

Please find a copy of the new menu attached. We have decided to withdraw sandwiches from the menu as we feel that the breadth of choices will be healthier and more nutritious. We welcome any feedback from you, please email adminilfracombe@goodilf.org.uk.

Free School Meals

Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility has expanded to include all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings. The program is divided into Targeted FSM (under £7,400/year earnings) and Expanded FSM (all other Universal Credit claimants). All families still need to apply online:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/

All children in EYFS, Year One and Year Two are offered a free school meal as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals for infants programme, but if you are in receipt of any Universal Credit please complete the form as the school and your child can access additional benefits.

If you receive a benefit that gives entitlement to free school meals, please apply for this by visiting Devon County Council's citizen portal or alternatively by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

You may be eligible for free school meals if as a parent or carer you are in receipt of one of the following, but please apply anyway:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria for families with no recourse to public funds

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

Food Bank Vouchers

We are able to issue food bank vouchers. Please give us a call and we will deal with this confidentially. 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, Salvation Army Community Hall, Torrs Park, Ilfracombe
EX34 8AY

Tel: 01271 865745 / 07422 651254

Opening times:

Tuesdays -10.30 am until 1.30 pm

Fridays - 10.30 am until 1.30 pm

Nasal Flu Vaccination - Electronic Consent

The Immunisation Team are offering the Flu vaccination to all Primary Children from EYFS to Year Two. Please find a letter and information leaflet attached. Delivery of the vaccine will be on Tuesday 17th November. In order to provide electronic consent for your child's flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Please enter the full unique school reference code: **DV113355**

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

Privacy Notice

A copy of the privacy notice is available on our website and on the internal school noticeboard for review. Please visit <https://www.ilfracombe-inf.devon.sch.uk/about-our-school/key-policies/>

Use of photographs

Please do not take any photographs from the newsletter and share online as these are for parents and carers only.

Kind regards,



Claire Grant

Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 14 th September	Giraffes, Futures Farm Visit, Woolacombe
Monday 28 th September	Zebras, Futures Farm Visit, Woolacombe
Thursday 1 st October	Years One and Two, 'Flying with Strings' Performance, Treetop Circus Year Two, 'Flying with Strings' Workshop with Treetop Circus
Tuesday 13 th October	Reception, 'Through the Seasons' Workshop, RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington
Wednesday 14 th October	Year One, 'Through the Seasons' Workshop, RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington
Monday 19 th October	Whole School Music Workshops with Becki Driscoll
Wednesday 21 st October	Whole School Music Workshops with Becki Driscoll



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Our dedicated energy team are here to help you:

- Check for grants or fuel voucher eligibility to help you pay for your energy usage
- Apply energy-saving measures to save you money
- Talk to your supplier to sort out any problems you might be having

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