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Dear Parents and Carers,

Bicclescombe Park Visit – Reception

As part of their new topic, 'Exploring Autumn', Turtles and Jellyfish classes enjoyed a beautiful autumnal walk around Bicclescombe Park. They used their nature catchers to collect autumn treasures and looked for seasonal changes.

Space Themed Workshops – Year One

As part of their Moon Zoom engage day the children printed space pictures and added further details using oil pastels and colouring pencils. They enjoyed their workshop with The Planetary Lab where they looked at lots of space facts, ordered the planets of the solar systems and engaged in a range of scientific activities. The children were also put through astronaut training using a range of PE equipment testing their jumping, climbing and balancing ability to prepare for space.

Friday 13th November, Children in Need

The children will take part in Children in Need activities on Friday 13th November and there will be donation baskets in the classes for those wishing to donate.

Family Hub

On Tuesday 10th November, Samantha Borley from the Family Hub will be on the bottom playground during morning drop off. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to have an informal chat, find out about local services, and receive support and advice on a range of family needs.

Whether you are looking for information about parenting support, children's wellbeing, financial advice, or SEND support the Family Hub will be available to offer guidance and signpost you to the right services.

Volunteers

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

Kind regards,

Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 9th November	Whole School Diwali Celebration
Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November	Parent/Carer Consultations
Wednesday 11th November	Year Two – Visit to Parish Church, Ilfracombe for Remembrance and Armistice Day
Wednesday 11th November	Whole School - Author Michael Rosen Day
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 16th November	Tempest Photography Day
Tuesday 17th November	Whole School - 2026-27 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Friday 27th November	Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church 2.00pm - Giraffes
Monday 30th November	Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church 2.00pm - Jellyfish
Tuesday 1st December	Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church 10.30am - Turtles
Wednesday 2nd December	Singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Pip and Jim's Church 2.00pm - Zebras
Tuesday 8th December	Nursery – Christmas Performance: 10:15am
Tuesday 8th December	Kingfishers – Christmas Performance: 2:15pm
Wednesday 9th December	Swans – Christmas Performance: 9:30am
Wednesday 9th December	Turtles – Christmas Performance: 2:15pm
Thursday 10th December	Giraffes – Christmas Performance: 9:30am
Thursday 10th December	Jellyfish – Christmas Performance: 2:15pm
Friday 11th December	Zebras – Christmas Performance: 9:30am
Friday 11th December	Read to Achieve Program – Live Event with Author Michael Rosen

Postman

This game is to help your child learn to follow short instructions that involve 'big' and 'little'. These are important words for your child to learn.

To play this game you will need to make two posting boxes from old cardboard boxes. One should be bigger than the other with a bigger hole cut out. You will also need to cut out the pictures attached.

Before you start check that your child recognises all the pictures. Tell your child that he or she is going to be the postman. All the big things need to go in the big postbox and all the little things need to go in the little postbox. Place the pictures face down in a pile on the table or floor in front of the two posting boxes. Let your child take the top picture and tell you what it is. Next ask your child if it should go in the big box or the little box. You may have to remind your child that big things need to go in the big box and so on. At the end of the game ask your child to tell you what was in either the big box or the little box. Encourage your child to use the words 'big' and 'little' when telling you.

Variations:

To make this game easier use the big posting box. Place two pictures on the floor or table e.g. big and little shoes. Tell your child what each one is and then ask which one should go in the big posting box.

To make this game harder use a range of everyday objects from around the house. This is harder as your child will have to decide what is big and what is little.

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