



Dear Parents,



Welcome Back

Welcome back to a great start to the term, we hope you all had wonderful Summer Holidays and enjoyed some sunshine!!! The children looked really smart and well turned out on the first day, especially our new children starting in Reception. WELL DONE everyone.....we are very proud of you.

Welcome to Woolacombe School

We would like to welcome back some members of staff this year. Mrs Dee Seddon is our Year 2 teacher and Mr Neil Stevens is our Year 3 teacher.



Sea Green School

® We also welcome Mr Graham Hockley. Mr Hockley has been a class teacher at Combe Martin Primary School for the past five years. He has completed the qualification which has awarded the South West Schools Federation the right to call themselves a 'Sea School'. Mr Hockley will

be here at Woolacombe every Thursday and over the course of the whole year he will be teaching 'Sea School' with every year group. Mr Hockley will also be teaching year 6 Science on a Thursday afternoon for the first term. Every year group will get a minimum of a 6 week block of Sea School over the year. Josette Arnold, who also completed the Sea School training, will be supporting Mr Hockley teaching Sea School every Thursday.

We welcome three student teachers who are completing a Schools Direct programme and training in school all year to become teachers. Mr Sam Abell, Ms Ruth Knowles and Ms Rachel Rudd will be working across the school in different classes but will be mainly based with Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 for their placements in the Autumn Term. We hope all the new staff settle in to our wonderful community and enjoy the start of term.

Staffing and Classes 2014-2015

Age Group	Teacher
Reception	Mr Tristan Walters
Y1	Mrs Allie Barnett
Y2	Mrs Dee Seddon/Mrs Naomi Overney
Y3	Mr Neil Stevens
Y4	Miss Annie Challacombe
Y5	Mrs Sam Simpson
Y6	Mr Ossian Pleasance/Mr Graham Hockley/Ms Clare Russell
Interventions	Mrs Romy Walker and Ms Kate Madden

We also have specialist teachers in:

NUMBERS COUNT & YEAR 6: Romy Walker

READING RECOVERY TEACHER: Kate Madden

MUSIC & ART: Clare Russell

SPANISH: Naomi Overney

P.E: Laura Martin, Naomi Overney and Nicola Oliver

SEA SCHOOL/SCIENCE: Graham Hockley

Leadership Structure

Mrs Sandy Brown is our Executive Head across our South West Schools' Federation. I am Head of School here at Woolacombe School, Mr Damian Railston is Head of School at Combe Martin and Deputy Executive Head of SWSF across our Federation and Mr Gary Bladon is the Head of school at Bampton C of E Primary School. Mrs Angie Fernyhough works as a leader of Teaching and Learning in our Federation and is also now the Head of Early Years across the Federation. Raksha Greenbank is our School Business Manager working across the Federation.

LSA Provision across the School

Maggie Parker (Reception), Georgina Parsons (Reception), Carly Morgan (Year 1), Nigel Martin (Year 2), Julie Challacombe (Upper KS2 – Year 5/6), Angie Ellis and Sam Middlemass (Lower KS2 – Year 3/4). As LSA's they are providing specialist intervention working across the school. Josette Arnold, Carla Davies and Julie Kerry will be providing 1:1 SEN support in KS2 with specific children. Josette Arnold will continue to lead the morning club (with the support of Nigel Martin) and after-school club.

Admin Team

We have a fantastic administration team: Carolyn Irvin, Sarah Thornborough, Kathy Pike and Liz Duffield.

Catering Team

Karen Turner, Sarah Burrows, Rachel Stone and Natasha Drake

Cleaning and Caretaking Team

Martin and Alex Harrison

Curriculum and Topic



Explorers and the Age of Invention – Victorians!

This term's whole school topic is 'Explorers and The Age of Inventions – Victorians'. We have lots of exciting experiences planned including a trip to Morwellham Quay for KS2 and a KS1 trip to the Funicular Cliff Railway in Lynmouth and Lynton. We are leading up to January when we will be celebrating our Centenary; 2016 will be a big year of Centenary celebrations!

Thank you

A huge thank you goes to Pete Starbuck for his work with tidying/chopping the woodland and environmental area by year 1. We will shortly be having a PTFA 'ground force' day to clear the area so we can use it for forest school and outdoor learning, so watch this space for a date – we are looking at a weekend date at the end of September/beginning of October. Pete Starbuck is a tree care specialist who lives and works in Woolacombe.



Congratulations

Nipper Nationals 2015

Woolacombe Surf Life Saving Club Nippers came second to Gyllingvase in the National Championships last weekend. Congratulations to all the children from Woolacombe School who took part. I have been told that the behaviour from every Nipper was impeccable and the team spirit was amazing, which is something to be really proud of. This was also noted by Sandy Brown, who was Chief Referee.

This year the organisers - Michelle and Keith Gammon - have done really well to encourage additional people to join along with parent helpers. SLS really helps the children work as a team as well as make new friends at school and at other schools, locally and nationally.

A Few Reminders

Changes to Administration

We are looking at our processes within the admin team to ensure we work as efficiently as possible whilst continuing to provide a personalised service to all our parents and families.

As some of you may be aware, we are in the process of moving to online communications and have already started the school payments by Tucasi, the school online payment system. The processing fee will no longer be charged to parents and you will be able to pay for dinners, clubs, school uniform and trips online without needing to bring in cash or wait in queues.

We will email and communicate with you once this has been set up. You will also find new processes for ordering lunch, booking clubs and purchasing school uniforms over the next few months and we will let you know when this is in place.

Your support with this will be greatly appreciated as we want to be able to provide a high quality service which should be more efficient.



KS1 Universal Free School Meals

All KS1 children are entitled to a free school meal and we want every child to take one. Please can all of our children take up this opportunity.

Mornings

All teachers are involved in briefing meetings each morning in the staff room until 8.40am. Children can come into classes before this time but as the classroom will be unsupervised can we please ask that you stay with your child until the teacher arrives from the staff meeting. You are welcome to bring your child into the classroom at the beginning of the day as it is an important part of transition.

Important - Sickness and Illness

We would really like to welcome Romesh Molligoda and his family to the school. Many of you will know Romesh and the family already and I am sure many of you are aware that Romesh has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia, receiving maintenance Chemotherapy. It is really important that you let us know ASAP about any illnesses e.g. sickness bugs and Chicken Pox so that we can inform Romesh's parents straight away.

Teaching School Administrator Vacancy

We have a vacancy coming up for a teaching school administrator. The job will be advertised for 20-25 hours per week. Please contact Raksha Greenbank for more details (r.greenbank@swsf.org)

Class meetings

A reminder about your class meetings and times:

Thursday 3rd Sept 2.30pm – Year 5

Friday 4th Sept – 2.30pm – Year 3

Monday 7th Sept – 2.30pm – Year 1

Tuesday 8th Sept – 2.30pm – Year 2

Tuesday 8th Sept - 3.30pm - Year 6

Wednesday 9th Sept – 2.30pm- Reception

Thursday 10th Sept – 2.30pm – Year 4

Finally – if you do have any problems or you wish to ask a question, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We are here to help you and your family and by working together we can ensure the very best for your child.

I am looking forward to another great year ahead. Please look at the diary dates below to keep up to date with events over the year. The online website calendar will be updated regularly.

Gail Holmes

Head of School

Dates for your Diary

September

- 1st Professional Day
- 2nd New Term Starts
- 3rd Meet the Teacher Year 5 2:30 pm
- 4th Meet the Teacher Year 3 2:30 pm
- 7th Meet the Teacher Year 1 2:30 pm
- 8th Meet the Teacher Year 2 2:30 pm
Year 6 Meet the Teacher Year 6 3:30 pm
Year 3 Paignton Meeting 3.30pm
- 9th Reception – Meet the Teacher Reception 2:30 pm
- 10th Sharon Marshall Head of Ilfracombe Academy to meet Year 6
Year 4 – Meet the teacher 2:30 pm
- 15th KS2 Morwellham Quay
- 16th Reception Parents Open Morning
- 22nd KS1 Trip to Lynton & Lynmouth and Woody Bay
- 23rd Reception - Phonics Parent meeting – 6.00pm – Reception class
- 25th Tempest – Individual photos 8:00 am
Tag Rugby Tournament @ Ilfracombe Rugby Club (tbc)
Year 6 team of 10 to Primary School Sports Festival at West Buckland



October

- 2nd Woolacombe Tga Rugby and Netball Matches Year 5/6 @ Bratton Flemming
- 5th ESafety Parent Workshop 3.45pm
PTFA AGM
- 6th **Year 3 & 4 – Paignton and Cornwall Trip 6th -9th October**
- 7th KS1 Phonics and Reading Parent workshop 9-10 am. Followed by observing phonics in class.
- 9th Year 5 & 6 Netball Match @ Woolacombe V Kingsacre
- 13th KS2 Reading, Spelling and Grammar Parent workshop 3.30pm
- 14th KS2 parents invited into class to observe the teaching of Spelling and Grammar
- 20th Reception Class Trip to Arlington
- 21st KS2 Cross Country – Stephens Shield – Yr 3-6
- 22nd Harvest Festival 1.30 pm
- 23rd **Professional Day**



26th – 30th

Half term week

November

- 4th Mini Red Tarka Tennis – Year 2
- 5th KS1 Maths Parent Workshop 3.30-4.30pm
KS2 Maths Parent Workshop 5.00pm-6.00pm
- 11th Football Match Yr 3/4 & Yr 5/6 Caen V Woolacombe
- 13th Problem Solving Yr 3/4 1-2.30pm Ilfracombe
- 18th Mini Red Tarka Tennis- Yr 3/4
- 19th Science Fair – School Hall and Classrooms
- 25th Mini Red Tarka Tennis – Yr 5/6
Christmas Gift Evening 6-8pm @Twitchen Holiday Park



December

- 10th KS1 Christmas Production 1.30 -3.00pm
KS1 Christmas Production 6.00 – 7.30pm
- 15th Senior Citizens Christmas Carols and Mince Pies 2.00pm-3.00pm
- 16th Whole School Christmas Dinner
- 17th Whole School Christmas Carol Service
- 18th Last day of term
- 21st – 1st Jan 2016
Christmas Holidays



January

- 4th **New Term Begins**
- 8th Athletics Year 5/6 ND Leisure Centre
- 11th -15th 100 Years of Woolacombe School – Centenary Celebration Week**
- 14th KS2 Centenary Production of Peter Pan – Twitchen Holiday Park 6.00pm
- 15th KS2 Centenary Production of Peter Pan - Twitchen Holiday Park 6.00pm
- 25th- 29th SWSF London Yr 6 Residential**
- 29th KS2 Devon Winter Games @Torbay



February

- 5th Devon High 5 Qualifier – Ilf Academy Year 5/6
- 12th Professional Day**
- 15th -19th February Half Term**

March

- 1st High 5 Netball Yr 5/6 Park School
- 8th Quadsticks Hockey Yr 5/6 Park School
- 10th Cycling Go Ride – Year 5/6 Torrington
- 11th Tag Rugby Qulaifier Yr 5/6 Ilf Academy
- 17th Devon Winter Games Yr 5/6 Torbay
- 24th Easter Service – St Sabinus - **Last Day of Term**
- Good Friday 25th March – 8th April Easter Holidays**
- 26th March – 3rd April – Woolacombe School Ski Trip to Pila, Aosta - Italy**



April

- 11th New Term Begins**
- 13th Yr 3/4 Mini Red Tarka Tennis

22nd Mini Soccer Competition Yr 5/6 Ilf Academy 1-3pm

May

2nd **Bank Holiday**

9th-13th **SATs Week (All children in School this week please)**

13th Rounders Qualifier Yr 5/6 Ilf Academy 1-3pm

17th Mini Soccer – Yr 5/6 Barnstaple Football club – all day

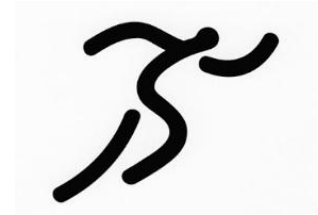
23rd Tempest Group Photos 1pm Start

25th Quadkids Yr 5/6 Athletics – Braunton

27th **Professional Day**

30th **May -3rd June**

May Half Term



June

6th **New Term Begins**

7th Petroc Tag Rugby Tournament – Yr 5/6 Barnstaple Football club

8th Mini Red Tennis – Tarka Tennis

14th Rounders Competition – Pilton College – Yr 5/6



July

4th **Professional Day**

6th **Sports Day – 1-3pm**

20th **Last Day of Term**