



Dear Parents,

Last week we had a fantastic week celebrating the European Day of Languages, National Poetry Day, our Year Two Evacuee Trip and Literacy Focus Week.

### Curriculum and Topic

All of our curriculum experiences aim to enhance broaden and enrich the curriculum for our children. The curriculum should provide opportunities to take the child into new and exciting worlds where they can explore what is true, what is right and what is beautiful. What we want to foster is a love of learning for its own sake.

We aim to inspire our children with curiosity and interest such that they want to explore the different dimensions of our world.

Through the acquisition of subject-specific concepts and by opening their minds to other places, cultures and historical periods, pupils will come to see their own social and physical worlds in different ways – an experience that transforms their understanding and suggests new possibilities and ways of interacting. We want our curriculum as well as what children learn at home, to fire the imagination and lead our community to excellence.



### Year Two – Harmony and Conflict Evacuee Experience



In our 'Harmony and Conflict' topic this term, we are looking at what life would have been like for children living here during the Second World War. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September the children in Year 2 took part in a dramatic re-creation of a World War 2 Evacuation. They dressed up in traditional clothing for the day and took a trip on the Woody Bay Steam train. They returned to Morteohoe Village Hall, which

was set up as a 'Billeting Hall' to receive our evacuees! In the hall they took part in lots of different War time activities. Including baking, sewing and playing traditional games. Many thanks to all the parents who supported this event, we couldn't have run such a successful day without your support. It is very much appreciated and the children had an amazing day.



### European Languages Day – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September



As a whole school the children had an amazing day celebrating European Languages day. Throughout the day, they explored different European languages and cultures through dance, food, art and geography

activities participating in mixed year groups across the school. The day ended with a fantastic assembly to celebrate what the children had learnt and to give some of our children the opportunity to perform, in a second language, in front of the whole school. Even our very youngest children participated in the assembly and performed Incy Wincy Spider in Spanish! We were incredibly proud of them all.





Our KS2 children were asked the following questions for their morning registration tasks and their aim was to try and answer them all by the end of the day. Challenge your children – do they know the answers?

1. What does the European Flag look like & why does it look like this?
2. How do you say fish in Swedish?
3. Which word means “left” in Spanish ‘derecha’, ‘arriba’ or ‘izquierda’?
4. What do performers do during a German schuplattler dance?
5. True or false: A ‘delicacy’ is something that is delicate. Explain.
6. In English, we say “oink, oink” for the sound a pig makes. In which language do pigs say “noff, noff”?

## Parents – PTFA and Parent Workshops

### Cake and Hot Dog Sales

Well done and thank you to all the parents in Year 4 who baked an amazing amount of cakes for last week’s cake sale after school.



**CAKE AND HOT DOG SALES**  
**AUTUMN TERM**

**Our Nursery classes will be busy baking this week ready to sell cakes on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October after school.**

Class	Date	Cake/Hot Dogs
Class 6	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Cake Sale
Class 5	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017	Hot Dogs
Class 4	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Cake Sale
Class 3	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Hot Dogs
Class 2	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Cake Sale
Class 1	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	Hot Dogs

### PTFA Fundraising Events

- **10<sup>th</sup> October – TBC** – a Christmas craft workshop for parents
- **13<sup>th</sup> October** - At Sea - the Beaford Arts performance in the Village Hall –7pm
- **4<sup>th</sup> November** - Fireworks evening on the Meadow
- **16<sup>th</sup> November PTFA Christmas Gift Evening** - Twitchen. Helen Gray is organising the Gift Evening this year. If you are able to help in anyway please email Helen directly on the email below.

Helen Gray - [helen@woolacombeatchristmas.co.uk](mailto:helen@woolacombeatchristmas.co.uk).

### Parent Workshops

We have some Literacy based parent workshops and open mornings coming up. The workshops enable us to share how we teach reading, phonics and spellings so you are able to support your child at home better. This is then followed up by observing the teachers teach these sessions so you can see the theory put into practice. The workshop and open morning will help you understand more about how your child learns, which will enable you to support them better at home. Please see the workshop dates below –

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - KS1 Parent Phonics, spelling & reading workshop and open morning – 9-10.30

- Reception Class Parents – Phonics and Reading Meeting – 6pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception Class Parents Open morning – 9 am

## A few Reminders

### After School Clubs

There are still spaces available for some of our after school clubs. Please check the website and ask in the office for more details.

### Attendance Letters

Attendance letters are sent monthly to parents if a child’s attendance is below 95%. One day absent from school due to illness in the first few weeks may cause a child’s attendance to fall below 95%, so please do not be alarmed if you receive a letter. It is important we make you aware of your child’s attendance, whatever the reason for the absence, especially if it falls below 95%.



## On line Ordering

We will be moving to online ordering for school dinners and morning and after school club provision but we are not quite ready to roll this out yet. We will inform you when we move across to this sometime over this half of term.

## Lunchboxes



Please make sure children collect their lunchboxes every day after school and especially on a Friday so lunchboxes are not left out over night or across the weekend.

## 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.

## Harvest Festival

Please note change of date for our Harvest Festival – it will be **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm** – not 28<sup>th</sup> September.

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

*Gail Holmes*

Headteacher – Woolacombe School and Teaching School

## Dates for your Diary

### OCTOBER

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| Oct 3 – Oct 6<br>3 <sup>rd</sup>    | - Yr 3 – Residential Trip to Cornwall<br>- KS1 Parent Phonics, spelling & reading workshop and open morning – 9-10.30<br>- Reception Class Parents – Phonics and Reading Meeting – 6pm |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                     | - Reception Class Parents Open morning – 9am   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | - Year 6 ‘Big Bang’ at Great Torrington School @ 8:45 am – 3:00 pm   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | - Heart Start Training- Village Hall – TBC   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | - Parent Voice – 9.15am – Teaching School Room<br>- PTFA - At Sea – Beaford Arts and Choir performance – 6.30 for 7pm start  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> | - Parent Consultation Week   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | - Harvest Festival – 1.30pm St Sabinus Church  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | - KS2 Stephen Shield Cross Country<br>- Year 3&4 Mini Red Tennis – Tarka Tennis  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | - Reuben Jones – Performing his Children in Need song to the School  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | - <b>Break up for Half Term</b><br><b>Oct 23 – Oct 27 - Half Term Week</b>   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct         | - <b>Professional Day</b>  |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct        | - <b>Second Half Term Starts- First Day back</b>   |

## NOVEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Woolacombe Fireworks Night Celebrations - Meadow – PTFA running the BBQ
- 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> - Maths Focus Week
- 7<sup>th</sup> - KS1 & KS2 Maths Parent Workshops
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Maths Parent Open Morning 9-9.30am
- 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** - **Anti-Bullying Week**
- 14 - Year 6 Friendship Day – Ilfracombe Academy
- Parent – E-Safety Workshop
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 – Tarka Tennis Competition
- 16<sup>th</sup> - PTFA Christmas Gift Evening – Twitchen Holiday Park
- 30<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Christmas Production – Village Hall

## DECEMBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Christmas Production – Twitchen Holiday Park
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Senior Citizens Mince Pies and Christmas Carols
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Carol Service- St Sabinus Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term** - Christmas Dinner Day

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Christmas Holidays**

## JANUARY

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - PROFESSIONAL DAY**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – TERM STARTS – FIRST DAY BACK**

