

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a fabulous week off with your children. We have been most impressed with how they have all come back into school and are reading to learn. What an exciting half term we have ahead as we lead up to Christmas. There will be more details in next week's newsletters of our Christmas events.

### Ethos and Christian Distinctiveness Walk



This week, we welcomed members from the church, Heads of Academy from Ellacombe and Ilisham and other stake holders for a tour of the school to celebrate our Christian ethos and distinctiveness. We welcomed the opportunity to really celebrate what makes our school distinctly Christian through our vision and values and the way this is embodied throughout the school in our day to day, as well as in the wider community. The

visitors were very impressed with how our classrooms, curriculum structure and teaching all reflected the Christian vision and that the values were clearly articulated through everything we do. We look forward to getting out into the community as the school year continues to allow the children to strengthen their sense of belonging and embody our values.



### P.E. kits

From Monday, we would like all children in EYFS, Years 1, 2 and 3 to bring their P.E. kits into school rather than wear them on the day. If your children are in Years 4, 5 and 6, they are still able to wear their P.E. kits into school for the day.



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# TOGETHER WE EMPOWER EXCELLENCE

Please ensure your children are wearing the correct P.E. kits :

Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms

White T-Shirt

School jumper or cardigan.

Plimsolls for the hall

Trainers for outdoor PE

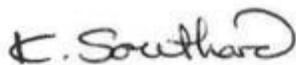
Cricket

This half term, we have been fortunate enough to be selected to receive specialist cricket coaching from Devon Cricket. Some of the children have been having lessons this week with a specialist coach and have worked on fundamental cricket skills such as batting and catching. The coach was so impressed with the skills on offer and most importantly the way the children listened to instruction.

P.T.A.

The PTA are still selling Panto tickets, please head to their [facebook page](#) to send them a direct message if you would like to go and see Cinderella at the Princess Theatre

Thank you for your continued support and I'll see you on the gate.



Mrs K Southard  
Head of Academy

