



July 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

And just like that, we are at the end of the summer term and school year! I am so pleased that we have managed to have a full year back in school and that the opportunities that we offer have made a return to more normal over the past term: School trips, residentials, whole school worships and visitors into school. We are enjoying planning how we can further extend enrichments opportunities for next year.

This half term has been wonderful! It has been great to see so many of our families and the wider community into the school for Sports Day and our Summer Fayre, returning after 3 years since they were last held. Pupils have also engaged well with their learning experiences over the past few weeks – where the children have been deepening the knowledge across History and Science.

The end of every school year brings an element of mixed emotions. As always, we will be sad to see our Year 6 pupils and their families leave. They have influenced our school for the past 7 years and things won't be the same without them. However, it is also exciting to know that they leave our school prepared and ready to start a new chapter of their lives where we know they will excel and flourish. We also say farewell to Mrs Nand-Lal, Mr Chisholm and Mr Harman. I know that you will all join me in wishing them best wishes as they go onto pastures new.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year. The education of our pupils, your children, works best when school and home work collaboratively and I am confident that our strong links will continue with you next year. I would also like to thank the wonderful staff that make Collaton the special school it is.

I hope you manage to have some quality family time with your children over the summer and we all look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 7th September.

With Best Wishes

Ben Nelson-Smith Headteacher

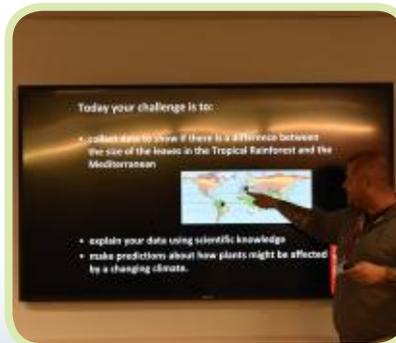
Eden Project Residential

Year 5 took to the Eden Project at the beginning of the year to support their science learning, with a focus on plants. The children spent the whole day at the Eden Project followed by a night stay at a nearby hostel. For many, this would have been their first staying the night away from family and we are really proud of how they managed themselves and represented the school.

During our day at Eden, the pupils took part in a workshop where they were completing an interview assessment to see if they can pass the test of becoming future botanists – experts in plants. They needed to work as scientists and collect and analyse data between the tropical and Mediterranean domes and compare the difference. They learnt how to take temperature and humidity readings and how plants adapt to suit their environments e.g. leaves in the tropical biomes have bigger leaves so that they can perspire more to keep themselves cool.

The children passed the interview assessment by having matching data collections to experts in the field. We may have some future botanists in the making!

YEARS
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EXPLORER DOME

This half-term, Year 4 have been learning about Earth and Space. Mr Chisholm organised for the explorer dome to come into school to share the expertise with the pupils. The dome provides an opportunity to deliver learning in an exciting and memorable way which the children loved. The dome leaders delivered presentations in the dome where images, videos and the night sky are visualised for the children to observe. The dome leaders were particularly excited on the day they arrived as the new images from the James Webb Telescope had just been released and we were the first school to see them within the dome. These images show the deepest images into the universe ever captured.



Year
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TREASURE ISLAND



Year
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Our Year 6 pupils took to the stage in the last week of term to perform their production of 'Treasure Island'. It was wonderful to see them all on stage having fun together in the last few days of their primary journey.

The performance itself was well-polished, with excellent acting and clear singing. Well done Year 6!



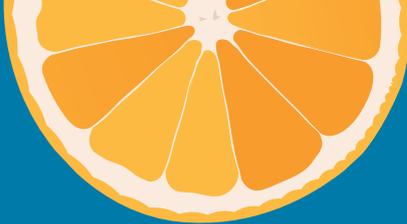
SUMMER FAYRE

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

It was wonderful to see the return of our Collaton Summer Fayre earlier this month. Thank you to everyone who attended. The Summer Fayre helps raise funds for our PTFA but is ultimately, especially this year, an opportunity to bring the whole Collaton community together.

Thanks to your support, the PTFA successfully raised in excess of £1700 which will go towards future projects for the children.





What's on this summer?

The Summer Holidays can be a long time for some families, especially when it comes to keeping your children busy and entertained. We thought it would be useful to share some activities that can be accessed over the holiday period to support you and your children have a great summer.

Summer HAF (Holiday Activity and Food Programme)

Torbay Council are pleased to be able to share with you the upcoming Summer holiday provision available to children and young people who are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals in term time, this is including our Ukrainian children living in Torbay. [You can find out more about the activity providers and timetables by clicking here](#)

Play Torbay

Play Torbay also hold a range of activities during the month of August which are free to all children. [Click here for details and booking information.](#)

Torbay Children's Week

Torbay holds a children's week every year with the aim of providing free fun for children of all ages. This year, the week will be held between 16th –20th August. There are themed days of 'Have a go', 'fancy dress', 'messy day' and a 'Myth and Magic Day'.

[Find out more here](#)

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

Getting September ready...

As we approach the end of the academic year, now is the perfect time to think about getting prepared for September. Please read on for some clarity on some of the expectations we have here at Collaton St Mary.

Uniform will be expected to be worn upon return in September.

The Governing Body places great importance on the wearing of school uniform. It is a very valuable sign that children have pride in their belonging of the school, and in the team spirit it creates. It reflects our Christian ethos, a tradition we believe to be ever more important in swiftly changing times.

WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Uniform may be purchased from the 'Riviera Schooldays' shop, 186 Union St, Torquay. Leaflets and prices are available from the school foyer.

School Uniform

Boys Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt with school badge
- Royal blue polo shirt with school badge (tucked in)
- Grey trousers (grey shorts may be worn in the summer)
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

Boots/trainers/football shoes are not permitted

Hats to keep safe in the sun

Girls Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school badge
- Royal blue polo shirt with school badge (tucked in)
- Grey trousers or skirt (Girls may wear a grey pinafore dress with royal blue polo shirt)
- White socks or grey tights
- Black shoes with flat heels

Boots/trainers/sandals are not permitted

*Summer option – girls can wear a pale blue and white check summer light-weight dress with a royal blue cardigan

P.E. Uniform

As a trial interim measure for the September 2020 start, pupils will be expected to come to school in their PE kit on their allocated PE days. They will stay in the kit all day and return home in their kit. During the pandemic, this will avoid another bag moving between home and school and reduce the opportunity of belongings mixing with others. For parent clarity, the expected PE kit from pupils is as follows:

PE Kit for Key Stage 1 : Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

- White PE school t-shirt with school badge (from September 2021, this will change to light blue polo top)
- Navy blue shorts, or navy tracksuit bottoms permitted in cold weather
- Plimsolls or trainers

Some indoor PE will be undertaken in bare feet

PE Kit for Key Stage 2 : Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

- Light blue PE school polo and school hooded sweatshirt (School jumper is fine for this term)
- Navy blue shorts - tracksuits are permitted in cold weather
- Football boots/strong trainers suitable for outdoor work
- Football socks (shin pads are essential for competitive football and hockey games)

Some indoor PE will be undertaken in bare feet

The Big Shoe Debate

Buying shoes that support your child's feet and follows the school policy is important. The descriptions and picture below provide clarity of the style of acceptable shoes:

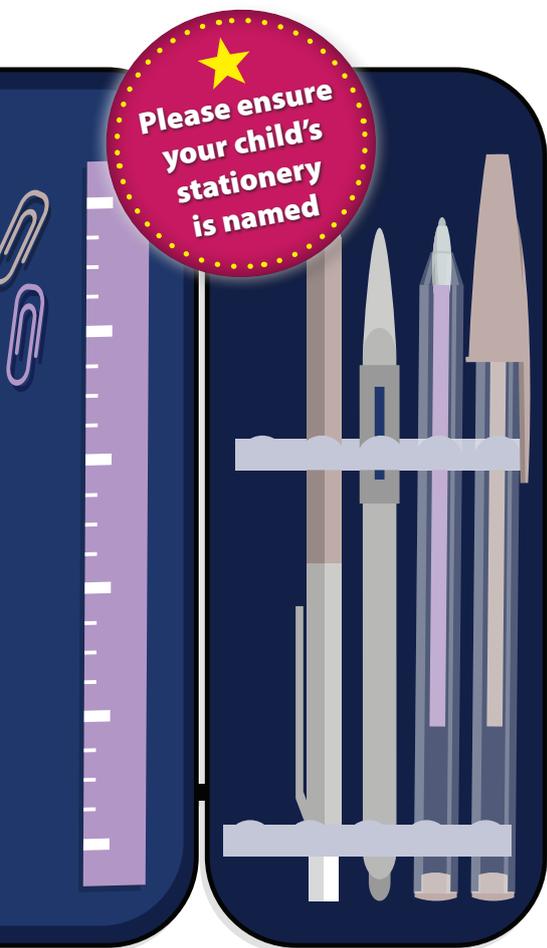


These shoes are pure black and flat heeled, made from a leather-style fabric. There are a range of shoe shops and supermarkets that provide these style of shoes at reasonable prices. See pictures for examples of the appropriate style of shoe.



These styles of shoes are not permitted in school. These shoes are often trainers and made from a canvas-style fabric. Boots are not permitted to be worn in school. See pictures of examples that are not acceptable in school. White markings should not be on shoes.





Stationery

Appropriate stationery is essential for pupils to be prepared for learning. There are a few measures that will need to be followed during this pandemic to help minimise the risk of infection.

EYFS/KS1

There is no need for EYFS/KS1 pupils to bring in any stationery. Pupils will be provided with their own personalised stationary pack.

KS2

When pupils reach KS2, they are expected to take some responsibility with their own belongings – this includes stationery. Pupils may bring in a *simple pencil case to school. Please include pencils, handwriting pens (if eligible and not ball point), a ruler, a rubber, a sharpener, a glue stick and coloured pencils. Pupils will not share items within their pencil case with others in September.

**The evolution of the pencil case is incredible! However, some pencil cases can distract pupils and take up a lot table space. Please use a simple pencil case for school and keep the 'exciting' pencil case for home use.*

Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches

Break Time Snack

A healthy snack provides pupils with a positive boost of energy at break time. A perfect example of this is a piece of fruit. Crisps or snacks containing chocolate are not permitted for morning snacks.

School Lunches

All families have access to school lunches if they require them. Please ask the office for more details.

Packed Lunches

What your child eats for lunch is significant for their health. Lunches should provide part of a balanced diet. Fatty foods (such as crisps) and foods high in sugar (such as chocolate) should be in moderation e.g. small amounts or not frequent throughout the week. Further information can be found on our 'packed lunch' policy.



NO NUTS



NO STRAWBERRIES



****Important allergy notice****

- Please remember that we are a 'nut-free' school. **No food items containing nuts should be brought onto the school site.**
- We have a member of staff who is fatally allergic to strawberries. **Strawberries are not permitted on the school site.**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam *does* have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you *would* need to buy it twice.

SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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The summer holidays can be a challenging time for families. As a trust, we have created our own directory with some useful and important support options if you were to need them.



Useful Contacts List

Parent Directory 2020 / 2021

Collaton St Mary C. of E. Primary School

Please see the school website for information

www.collatonstmaryprimary.org

For any urgent enquiries please call

01803 556433 and leave a message.

CAP Torbay Debt Centre

Christians Against Poverty is a charity that gives free debt help to anyone in debt.

0800 328 0006

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Worried about a child's safety?

If you are concerned about a child or young

person in Torbay and want to speak to

someone call MASH on **01803 208100**

Out of hours number **0300 4564 876**

Torbay Domestic Abuse Service

Outcome focused domestic abuse service for high and medium risk victims, survivors and members of their household including children. The service will enable people to make informed choices about their safety, health, housing and other identified individual needs. **0800 916 1474**

Brixham Food Bank

(Based at Brixham Library)

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday

2pm – 4pm **07873 164211**

The Edge Food Bank

Boulton Street, Brixham

Monday Friday 11am – 5pm **01803 851414**

Torbay Food Alliance

If you need to access the Food Bank in your area because you cannot afford to pay for food please call the Torbay Community Coronavirus Helpline on **01803 446022**

Torbay Checkpoint

Provides a range of free and confidential information, advice and support services to children and young people aged 8 to 17.

01803 290330

The Torbay Community Coronavirus Helpline

01803 446022 from 10am- 6pm

Monday to Friday and on

Saturdays only from 9:30am-12:30pm

or online via www.bit.ly/torbayhelpline

Torbay Children's Centres

Call **01803 210200** or email:

TorbayChildrensCentres@actionforchildren.org.uk

Torbay Safeguarding Children Board

www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk contains

information, advice, guidance and referral

routes if someone has a concern over a child

or young person. **01803 207176**

email: tscp@torbay.gov.uk

Torbay Council Housing Options

In the event that you have had to leave your home quickly and without any

planning, the team will find you short term

emergency accommodation.

01803 208723

or out of hours **0300 456 4876**

TALKWORKS

We are a local, free, confidential, NHS talking therapy service for people (aged 18+)

www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk

Childline

Childline offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help. **0800 1111** (Under 18)

SHOUT/ Crisis Text Line

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. **Free text 85258**

KOOTH

The Kooth team provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling. The whole team are made up of friendly and experienced individuals who want to help.

www.kooth.com

If you are worried about a child or young person please contact the police on **999** emergency or **101** non emergency.



Collaton St Mary Primary School Diary Dates 2022

Wednesday 7th September

Sunday 11th September

Thursday 6th October

Thursday 20th October

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Wednesday 2nd November

Sunday 13th November

Monday 14th November

Friday 2nd December

Friday 9th December

Sunday 11th December

Autumn Term Starts

Church Welcome Service

Deadline for Harvest Appeal Donations

School Disco

Half term break

Tempest Individual & Sibling photos

Remembrance Church Service

Odd Socks Day

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Jumper Day

Church Carol Service

Torbay Civic Award

Huge congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who were awarded their Civic Awards at a celebration evening at Cuthber Mayne secondary school. All the pupils involved had to go through an assessment meeting to meet the criteria of the award, that consists of:

- Active citizenship in the school community
- Active citizenship in their home community
 - Residential and Outdoor experience
 - Support charity work
- Take part in active and non-active hobbies

Some of the pupils fed back their experiences to the Ethos Group and they were blown away by their dedication and drive.

We look forward to running the award again next year with our current year 5 pupils, where a new criterion of 'Protecting the Planet' will be introduced. Watch this space!

