



# January 2020 NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

A belated happy new year to you all! The children have made a wonderful start to the new term and are learning how to be geographers within their learning enquires:

EYFS – Exploring the arctic and Chinese New Year

Year 1 and 2 – Are humans changing our planet?

Year 3 and 4 – Are humans damaging our planet?

Year 5 and 6 – Are humans exploiting our planet?

The learning this half term has been encouraging the pupils to express their thoughts on matters that concern them, showing passion in their beliefs. Pupils have been making posters in their own time at home, raising money for charities, writing letters and even making their own 'save our planet' club at lunchtimes to put their newfound learning into action. If this does not show passion then I do not know what does!

You may have noticed that we have a new addition to our allotment area. Thanks to the PTFA and their fundraising throughout the year, we now have a polytunnel, which will allow the school to grow more produce throughout the year. We are planning to hold another 'big dig' morning to reorganise the raised beds with suggested dates to come soon.

*Ben Nelson-Smith* Headteacher

## Our School Garden

We are delighted that the PTFA have funded the cost and construction of a new polytunnel in our school garden.

This will enable the children to use the garden to grow a huge variety of produce and be out there rain or shine. We hope this will make the garden more user friendly and the next step up will be to set up some potting stations. Keep an eye out for our next 'Big Dig' day where, as always, we appreciate any help you can offer. We would also be grateful for any donations of seeds we could use, thank you.



## Community Coffee

Please join us for coffee and a chat on Friday mornings. 9.00-10.00am in the community room. Everyone is very welcome to come along.



# Breakfast & After School Clubs

If you have any Breakfast or After School Club enquires please e-mail Jenny Relland at [jenny.relland@acexcellence.co.uk](mailto:jenny.relland@acexcellence.co.uk)

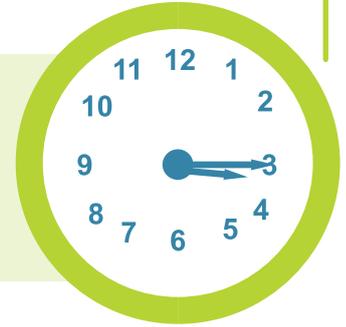


## Breakfast Club

8:00am until 8:50am,  
5 days a week in term  
time only. Costs £2.50  
per child, per session.

## After School Club

3:15pm until 5:30pm,  
5 days a week in term  
time only. Costs £6.00 per child,  
per session.



Application forms are located in the school office.

**NEW DECADE DISCO**

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2020

KS1 3:30-4:30PM  
KS2 4:45-5:45PM

£1.50 (WITH PERMISSION SLIP)

AVAILABLE TO BUY :  
DRINKS  
SWEET BAGS  
GLOW STICKS & FINGER LIGHTS

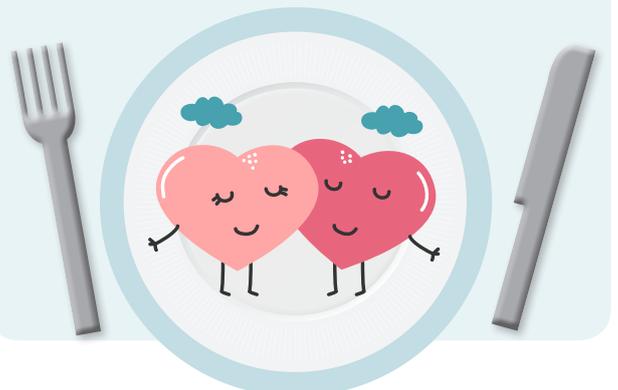
## Numeracy & Literacy

In Year Four, the children have been continuing to practice their multiplication tables. They have shown great commitment and determination to achieve the next stage in their rock star status. Below is a picture of our most recent achievements. Keep up the good work!



## Valentines Lunch

Everyone is welcome to attend our "Valentines Caring & Sharing" community lunch on Wednesday 12th February. We will be serving Roast Gammon, potatoes with trimmings and pudding. £3.60 per person, please inform the School Office.



## Pupil Absence & Medical Appointments



Please call the school by 9am and either speak to the office staff or leave a message on our answerphone to let us know if your child is going to be off sick, stating the name, class and reason.

Please phone on a daily basis, if your child is off for more than one day. It is important that medical/dental appointments are made out of school hours, where possible.

If this is not possible, please inform the teacher and school office in advance and bring in the appointment confirmation for us to copy for our files, thank you.

## Are Humans Changing Our World?

Year 1 have been really excited to find out about where we live before attempting to answer the big question "Are humans changing our world?"; they have enjoyed using Google Earth.

They talked about how humans have changed the landscape by building. The children have learnt that Paignton is in England and that England is one of the countries that make up the United Kingdom. Year 1 have also created vocabulary banks with geographical vocabulary and the children worked in groups to decide whether an Acrostic Poem titled "My Town" was about Paignton or not.



## Year 5 Science Experience

Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to attend a free Science show at Brixham College.

The 'Wonderstruck Rocket Show' was crammed full of chemistry and physics in addition to some history of rocket making. There were explosions of rice crispies, an incredibly loud working jet engine and the most dangerous balloon in Brixham! Afterwards the children worked collaboratively to design and make their own rockets, that were launched across the dining hall.



# Year 6 Civic Award

Rachel in Year 6 would like to say a big thank you to all who supported her stall at the Christmas fair, where she was selling her Grandma's Christmas Stockings to raise money for Macmillan.

With the ones sold at school and the rest taken to her mum's work, she raised a total of over £150. Grandma spent most of Christmas poorly in hospital, but was so thrilled to hear how much was raised from her knitting.

Also a big thank you to all the parents & staff who have sent in used stamps for Rachel's collection for British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) - she currently has 3kg of stamps to send on to raise funds for hedgehogs, but is still collecting if anyone else's has anymore. Rachel will probably keep collecting stamps until BHPS no longer collect them.

She has taken photos of some of the more unusual ones that have been sent to her, which she will bring into school to show the other children. Thank you again for everyone's help and well done to Rachel!



## Prayer Club

This month prayer club have reflected on their journey through last year

What happened along the way? What were the good moments and the bad moments? How do we feel about this new year? We then drew or wrote prayers for something we hoped would happen this year. Some of us said thank you for good things that had happened last year. So we now journey into 2020 full of hope and with grateful hearts.



## Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 11th February with the theme "Together for a Better Internet" This is to encourage children to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

For further guidance please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Any further safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Lead Mr Nelson-Smith or Miss Postlethwaite.

### Attendance Data for the period 06.01.20 – 24.01.20

| Year Group | % Attendance |
|------------|--------------|
| Reception  | 94.76        |
| 1          | 94.58        |
| 2          | 98.93        |
| 3          | 95.76        |
| 4          | 95.76        |
| 5          | 97.66        |
| 6          | 97.10        |

Well done to Year 2  
our attendance winners for this month!

# BE SMART ONLINE



## S

### SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



## M

### MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## A

### ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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### RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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### TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



## BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



# Paignton Academy Primary Sports Festival



Year 5 attended the Handball sports festival at Paignton Academy. Great teamwork and sporting skills were shown by the children.



Collaton St Mary Primary football team (pupils from Y5 and Y6) competed at Paignton Academy round robin tournament. They lost their first game, but showed great resilience by winning their next game by 3 goals to nil. The children showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. We are very proud how they represented our school.

# Collaton St Mary Primary School

# Term Dates 2020

|                           |   |                            |  |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Wednesday 29th Jan</b> | Film Club 1515-1715pm   | <b>Friday 28th Feb</b>     | Bag 2 School drop off by 9am                               |
| <b>Thursday 30th Jan</b>  | Y1 Handball at PCSA   | <b>Sunday 1st March</b>    | Sunday School,<br>Lower Parish Room 9.15am                 |
| <b>Thursday 30th Jan</b>  | Y4 Swimming   | <b>Monday 2nd March</b>    | SEN meeting, 3.30pm  |
| <b>Sunday 2nd Feb</b>     | School & Church Family Service<br>CANDLEMAS 9.15am  | <b>Thursday 5th March</b>  | World Book Day<br>Y4 Outdoor Education PCSA<br>Y3 Swimming |
| <b>Thursday 6th Feb</b>   | Y4 Swimming   | <b>Sunday 8th March</b>    | Sunday School,<br>Lower Parish Room 9.15am                 |
| <b>Sunday 9th Feb</b>     | Sunday School Lower<br>Parish Room 9.15am   | <b>Monday 9th March</b>    | Parent Consultation<br>3.30 - 5.30pm                       |
| <b>Wednesday 12th Feb</b> | Community Lunch, 12.30pm<br>Valentines Caring & Sharing   | <b>Monday 12th March</b>   | Y6 Outdoor Education PCSA<br>Y3 Swimming                   |
| <b>Thursday 13th Feb</b>  | Y4 Swimming<br>Y3 Learning Experience<br>(Parents Welcome) 2.15pm<br>School disco KS1 3.30-4.30pm,<br>KS2 4.45-5.45pm | <b>Friday 13th March</b>   | Sport relief day   |
| <b>Friday 14th Feb</b>    | Last day of term  | <b>Weds 18th March</b>     | Community Lunch,<br>Mother's Day 12.30pm                   |
| <b>Monday 24th Feb</b>    | School opens at 08.50am   | <b>Thursday 19th March</b> | Y2 Team Building PCSA<br>Y3 Swimming                       |
| <b>Wednesday 26th Feb</b> | Ash Wednesday Service<br>(School Playground) 2.15pm   | <b>Sunday 22nd March</b>   | Forest Church,<br>School Grounds 3-4pm                     |
| <b>Wednesday 26th Feb</b> | Film Club 1515-1715pm   |                            |  |
| <b>Thursday 27th Feb</b>  | Y3 Swimming   |                            |  |



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## COLLATON ST. MARY C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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