



February 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you had a restful half-term and that your children are raring to go for the second part of Spring Term. There is lots to look forward to this half term as we make our way towards the Easter Period. I am happy to confirm the our annual tradition of Egg Rolling will be taking place again this year – dates to follow.

Thank you to everyone who attended a parent meeting just before the break. I hope that you found it useful and came away with a clear understanding on

how your child's school journey is going. If you were unable to make an appointment, please be sure to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

The children finished the last half-term with a fantastic attitude and hard work. I took the time to read some of their narrative writing which they had been working on and was blown away by the quality of sentences structure, vocabulary choices and creativity. I shared some of our journals with schools across our trust and they too were impressed by the standard of work and progress.

I would urge parents to talk to their children about their story writing as I'm sure you would be as impressed as I was.

The focus subjects for this half term will be Design Technology and Geography. I look forward to sharing some of the outcomes that are created over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support towards your child's education.

Ben Nelson-Smith

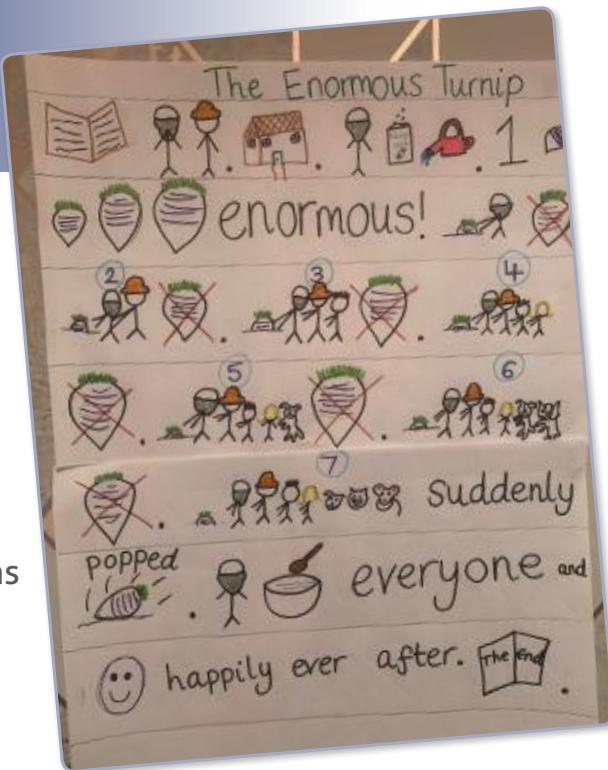
Headteacher



Year 1

Learning Experience

This term we have been looking at the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. We made predictions about what the characters might be saying. We then learnt how to make story maps and learnt actions to help us remember each part of the story. We are using this to help us write brilliant stories!



RE – Judaism

We are learning about Judaism. We have learnt about; what a synagogue is, what the Torah is and the meaning of the Star of David.

Art – Self-portraits

We have been looking at what self-portraits are! We know these are drawings of yourself. We have really enjoyed creating our own self-portraits – with fruit! We then traced our fruit creations and coloured them.



Year 3



Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic Ancient Greek celebration to complete their learning experience, which was all about what life was like growing up in those times. We were absolutely amazed by their creative costumes and the effort that they had put into their home learning projects. There was a 3 headed-hydra, a Minotaur, a Trojan horse, a Greek pot, amazing artwork and fantastic shields and helmets. The children enjoyed a day of playing Greek themed games, completing Greek challenges and trying out a range of different Greek dishes.



Year 5

Handball

The children also had a great time at Paignton Academy recently, playing in a handball festival. It was lovely being able to take part in an event like this after such a long break and great to be involved in competitive games again.

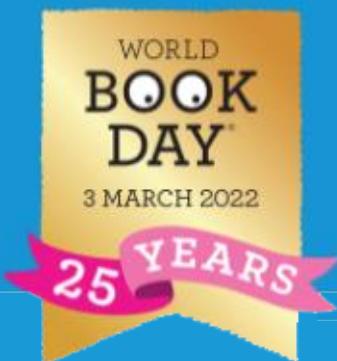


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Welcome

We Welcome Mrs Daley to Collation St Mary as our new kitchen manager. Mrs Daley impressed us in her interview with her cooking and passion for food and we are excited to see her further develop our healthy food opportunities.

We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Gooding from maternity leave. Mrs Gooding is a long standing member of staff and I know that she has been looking forward to seeing the children again.

Farewell

We are sad to say goodbye to our kitchen manager, Mr Howard. He has led the kitchen through a very challenging time of the pandemic and has adapted the delivery and service of food from food boxes, take away dining and now back to formal dining. We wish him the best in his next chapter.

We also say farewell to Miss Scott in Year 1. Miss Scott joined us last year as a teaching assistant in a maternity cover post. We wish her the best in her pursuit of a career in education.

COMING SOON...

FOOTBALL CLUB CUP STACK COMPETITIONS CHESS CLUB NETBALL CLUB WALK AND TALK ART CLUB

Collaton Attendance Feb 2022

Whole School	92.28
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	93.97
1	84.95
2	94.98
3	87.65
4	95.10
5	93.83
6	95

Well done to Year 4, our attendance winners for February!



FATHER GARY PLANS 40 SEA SWIMS FOR LENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR YMCA HOMELESS PROJECT



Father Gary is planning to do 40 sea swims for Lent, even though he doesn't like cold water.

Father Gary Deighton, vicar of Goodrington and Collaton-St-Mary in Paignton, is doing the daily dips to raise money for South Devon YMCA's Nightstop service, which helps young homeless people by providing emergency overnight accommodation.

His first swim will take place on Ash Wednesday (2 March), after he has led a traditional Ash Wednesday service at St George's Church, Goodrington.

He will be joined in the water by Maria Goodwin, the CEO of YMCA South Devon and Ben Nelson-Smith, the headteacher of Collaton St Mary Church of England Primary School.

"I will be looking to vicars in the area as well as community leaders to come and join me. There is only one rule – no wetsuits."

Fr Gary said "The idea came to me after a fundraising Boxing Day swim I did with members of my church which raised £1500 for a local foodbank.

"I thought it would be good to put myself out of my comfort zone, in the same way that the young people Nightstop is trying to help are out of their comfort zone living on the streets.

"I don't like cold water or getting in the sea and I don't like not knowing what is underneath me, but when you live so close to the sea you have to take advantage of it!"

In 2017 the Paignton priest slept rough for the whole of Lent, raising £6000 for homeless charities.

Nightstop launched in Torbay in December 2021 and involves volunteer hosts opening their homes to young people for one or two nights' emergency accommodation. Part of the purpose of the swims is to raise awareness of the scheme.

Fr Gary said "We want to be able to help all young people in their hour of need, and for that we rely on the generosity and big hearts of our hosts. We just need more of them."

Maria Goodwin, said "Until Nightstop launched, there was no bespoke emergency system for young people in Torbay, and they were forced either into B&B's or sofa surfing on friends' couches.

"Nightstop aims to get the young people (aged between 16 and 25 years) into a safe caring environment, in the homes of trained volunteers. If you feel you can provide that help, please get in touch with us."

Fr Gary said he had been preparing for this year's Lenten challenge by taking lots of cold showers.

The Torbay MP Kevin Foster and members of the Diocese of Exeter Mission and Ministry team are due to join him in April and Fr Gary said he hoped others might also take the plunge to show support.

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Fr Gary with some members of his church after their Boxing Day swim



Fr Gary is hoping to raise at least £1000 for Nightstop Torbay

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WINK



AGE RATING
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Wink is a messaging app which allows children to connect and communicate with other users. In a similar style to Tinder, Wink uses the swipe method for browsing profiles and accepting or declining them. Once two users have accepted each other by swiping on one another's profile, they can then communicate and play games online together. The fact that Wink allows children to share photos, personal information and their location with other users has caused significant concern.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POTENTIAL FOR GROOMING

Wink accounts can't be made private – so when a young person uploads images and shares their social media usernames, it's easier for potential groomers to stalk and locate them online. The fact that children prioritise having an abundance of friends is also a concern: they're more likely to accept someone just to build their friend count – possibly including users with sinister intentions.

ACCIDENTAL OVER-SHARING

Many young people don't consider privacy when they choose to share their social media usernames on their Wink profile. This allows other people to connect with them on multiple platforms, strengthening their online presence and reputation. Some children post photos which reveal aspects of their personal life to other users – showing their house, school, friends and family, for instance.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many popular messaging apps contain profiles featuring profanity, nude or semi-nude photos and users openly looking for a "wifey" or "hook ups". Users can send messages anonymously, which engenders a sense of power and freedom. Children often engage in inappropriate behaviour more willingly when it's anonymous, even if it's not the sort of thing they would take part in normally.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

If you do decide to allow your child to have a Wink account – or you find that they already have one – it's vital to talk to them about how to use the app responsibly and keep themselves safe. You could also consider exploring Wink yourself and becoming familiar with the app before letting your child download it, as there are no security settings or parental controls that can be put into place.

OFFER YOUR SUPPORT

While it's not always easy to talk about inappropriate content with your child, it's crucial that they understand the impact of sending or receiving it. They also need to feel that they can speak to you about it without worrying about consequences. Emphasise that, if your child receives any messages that make them feel uncomfortable, they can block the sender and report them to the app.

BE WARY OF SHARING

It's important that your child stays aware of what they're sharing online. Remind them about the importance of not posting personal information like their full name or which school they go to. Many users share their other social media account details on Wink to build their friend count, but we would recommend advising your child not to give strangers multiple avenues to contact them.



DISCUSS LOSS OF OWNERSHIP

It's essential that young people understand that once content goes online, the sender no longer has any control over where it will end up. While your child may feel like they can trust their online 'friend', that person is still a stranger. Even sharing one inappropriate image, for example, could then be used as leverage – as their 'friend' threatens to release it publicly unless the child sends more.

BALANCE SCREEN TIME

Before having a chat with your child about screen time, ask yourself if you're being a positive role model. Get your child thinking about how much time they spend on the app: is it healthy? Is it affecting their offline relationships with people? Is it impacting their mood? If so, you could suggest some activities you can do together which aren't so reliant on digital technology.



BE CAUTIOUS OF NEW CONTACTS

Remind your child that not everyone online is who they say they are, and some users have harmful intentions. If someone on Wink is asking them lots of personal questions or suggests meeting up in real life, these are definite red flags. Encourage your child to ask for help if they're unsure about a particular profile. Remember, the app has a block button: your child shouldn't be afraid to use it!



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Collaton St Mary Primary School

Diary Dates

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Thursday 3rd March 2022

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