



# March 2021 NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

It has been wonderful to see all the children back since returning on the 8th March, where 100% of our pupils have made a return! The pupils have enjoyed playing with their friends, working towards their learning experiences and being back together as a school family.

Thanks to the efforts of pupils, families and staff, there was a seamless transition from home learning to learning in school – this was particularly evident in the pupils' learning journals. Already in 4 weeks, we have seen lots of school events take place: Year R and Year 1, along with the rest of the school, took part in their first 'Egg Rolling' tradition; Parents' Evening across the school have taken place; we raised money for Red Nose Day; we launched our 'Collaton's Coastal Clean' project, which has seen

many pupils cleaning our community. Well done for all your efforts!

It is an important time of the year for us as a Church of England school. The children across the school have been deepening their understanding of an RE aspect linked to 'Salvation' where they get to explore and develop their thinking. Within these units of work, and our acts of Worship, we have been looking at the Easter story and the importance of it to Christians. We look forward to sharing some of this work with the Church congregation.

If you want to see updates and pictures of our curriculum in action, there are plenty of pictures on the 'newsfeed' tab on our website! I hope that all of our families manage to have a restful and safe Easter break – and maybe some warmer weather and sunshine!

With best wishes,

*Ben Nelson-Smith* Headteacher



# Great To Have Everyone Back!

We are so pleased to have all the children back in school and our class teachers have shared some of the activities they have been doing....

# Reception

We have been having so much fun and learning many new things. We have been looking at the number 10 and all the number bonds we can use and we all made a 10 or counted 10 objects during Forest Fun. Our new season is Spring so we have looked at what we can see outside and done some great spring pictures and writing. We all had fun planting our seeds and potatoes; we cannot wait to see what they grow into. Most recently, we have been reading the Easter Story, and we have been re-telling it using pictures and talking about it in circle time. We have had lots of fun settling back into the school routine.



# YEAR 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about Judaism. We have been investigating precious Jewish items and finding out what they are used for. We have been comparing Judaism to what we already know about Christianity. The children are now writing a poster on Judaism written from the perspective of a Jewish person.



Date: Monday 22nd March 2021

Focus: I can name important items in a Jewish home.



Tallit



Torah



Menorah



Kippah



Star of David

# YEAR 2

Year 2 followed an Easter Labyrinth to hear parts of the Easter Story and came up with questions for areas they wanted to know more about.



## Year 2 Easter Labyrinth



# YEAR 3

We used the children's learning during their time at home to create leaflets to explain how we could help plants "survive and thrive" We have used our knowledge to start planting seeds in our school allotment.



# YEAR 4



Year 4 have been having Forest Fun with Mr Taylor, bird feeder making, den building and bird calling. They have been building their netball skills up towards their end of term tournament.

Year 4 Forest Fun with Mr Taylor - Bird feeder making, den building, bird calling. Spring is certainly on its way!





# YEAR 6

Year 6 have made a terrific start to their new learning journey, which focuses on the events surrounding the resurrection. They have compared and contrasted the Bible accounts written by the disciples of Jesus. In addition, the children have reflected on their findings and have considered how the resurrection offers hope to Christians and how it impacts their faith.



## Allotment Plans

This month we have started our link with the Paignton Allotment Society. Growing competitions, supplying to our kitchen and planting for bees all planned for our allotment! Watch this space!



## School Food Waste

Our Catering Manager for the trust has initiated our schools to take part in a research project with the University of Exeter around creating sustainable school meals. We are hoping to work with them to develop our very own sustainable school meal menu.

We are currently in the analysis and data gathering stage!

### Healthy Pupils - Healthy Planet

We have asked all the classes to help by putting all the **SCHOOL FOOD WASTE ONLY** from school meals after lunch into a separate bag/box (provided) and return to the kitchen for weighing daily!  
(We hope it won't be much as the food should be eaten).

A survey has gone out to parents in relation to this and there is a Parent Focus Group meeting on Thursday 13th May for parents to attend if interested.



## World Book Day

This was a lovely opportunity to drop everything and read with our pupils in school and at home to celebrate World Book Day!



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

4 MARCH 2021



## Chloe Dorrell's New Baby

We are pleased to announce our reception class teacher, Chloe Dorrell gave birth to a baby boy on the 29th March

## School Uniform

If you have any unwanted school uniform (age 7 years and above) please drop into the school office for the PTFA.

Uniform for sale for £1 only!

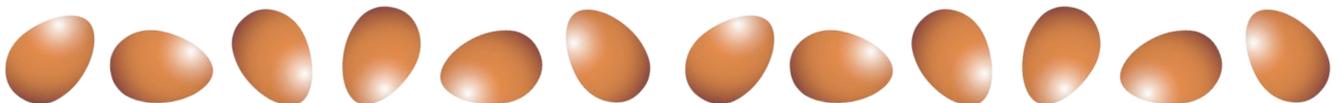


## Reception Class Teacher

We would like to welcome Miss Claire Owen who is covering Reception Class whilst Miss Chloe Dorrell is on maternity leave. Welcome Miss Owen!

# Egg Rolling

The children had a 'cracking' time in our annual tradition of egg rolling. 'Egg'cellent egg decorating and participation by everyone. We love a pun!



# Red Nose Day

All children dressed in non-uniform and there were many red noses. There were some fantastic homemade superhero badges. £162.50 was raised for this worthy cause.



## A Visit from Noah

Year 3 had a visit from Noah today to go in the 'Hot Seat'. Their tables formed the ark and they had plenty of questions to ask!

## Primley House Care Home Virtual Visit

Lovely for our Year 6 pupils in school to virtually meet some of the residents at Primley House Care Home this month. Pupils and residents shared their fondest summer holiday memories. They are looking forward to the next meeting!



# Collaton's Coastal Clean

Our School Council, which is made up from children across different year groups, discussed how they could have an impact on our community, specifically the environment. As a result, using the money gained from the Christmas Tree competition we won in December, the school council purchased a whole class-set of litter pickers and launched 'Class Coastal Cleans' throughout the year to encourage pupils and families to help look after our beautiful beaches and coastal areas in South Devon.

Projects like this support our pupils in developing their understanding of 'Citizenship' and how to contribute to our community. To give all pupils an opportunity to get involved, classes have been allocated 'weekend windows' to collect a litter picker to take home with them to complete a beach clean.



# PARKING ISSUES



We appreciate there can be issues with parking at our school, but please be mindful of the local community. The Police have issued the below statement and we also need to take this into consideration at Collaton St Mary Primary.

Notice to Parents of Students at Primary Schools in Brixham and Whiterock, Paignton:

Can you please be very mindful of where you park, especially during drop off times, and ensure you are not blocking private driveways, using private roads, or obstructing footways/cycleways.

We are receiving several reports each day for all the above schools regarding disruptive and potentially

dangerous parking at all locations for school drop off times 08:30-09:00. Some complaints even include parent's double parking/abandoning vehicles in the middle of the road and causing damage to private walls/gardens whilst manoeuvring vehicles.

Police will be carrying out spot checks at each location over the next week and again after the Easter Holidays.

Please help us keep the area around schools a safe place for all the children and staff.

For further updates follow us on Twitter @DC\_Police or like us on Facebook at facebook.com/DevonAndCornwallPolice

## New Lunch Menu

Please pre-order school lunches on ParentPay in advance, lunches now available for after the Easter Holidays...

### NEW MENU—Please order and pay in the usual way via parent pay

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Freshly prepared Italian tomato pasta or spaghetti bolognese homemade garlic bread seasonal veg dessert of the day Organic yoghurt or fruit	Butchers quality sausage or veggie toad in the hole creamy mash gravy (optional) seasonal veg fruit jelly, Organic yoghurt or fruit	Roast chicken fillet or Spring veggie stew & herb dumplings roast potatoes, gravy (optional), yorkshire & seasonal veg chocolate brownie Organic yoghurt or fruit	Freshly prepared margarita pizza crunchy diced potatoes seasonal veg or salad orange carrot cake Organic yoghurt or fruit	MSC Fish fingers or veggie bites chips baked beans or peas dessert of the day Organic yoghurt or fruit
	Cheese or cheesy bean jacket	Tuna mayo or chilli con carne jacket	Cheesy jacket	Ham jacket	Cheese or cheesy bean jacket
	Tuna roll or ham wrap packed lunch	Cheese or egg mayo packed lunch	Ham or cheese packed lunch	Tuna roll or chicken mayo wrap packed lunch	Ham or cheese packed lunch
WEEK 2	Quality beef burger, bun or veggie burger, bun wedges, spaghetti hoops or seasonal veg dessert of the day Organic yoghurt or fruit	Freshly prepared Sticky BBQ chicken with savoury corn rice, nachos Macaroni cheese, garlic bread seasonal veg fruit jelly, Organic yoghurt or fruit	Devonshire gammon, or cauliflower & broccoli bake roast potatoes, gravy (optional), yorkshire & seasonal veg chocolate marble cake, Organic yoghurt or fruit	Freshly prepared veggie balls in a tomato sauce, spaghetti Spaghetti meatballs in a tomato sauce homemade Italian bread seasonal veg lemon drizzle slice Organic yoghurt or fruit	MSC battered fish portion or veggie fajita wrap chips baked beans or peas dessert of the day Organic yoghurt or fruit
	Cheese or cheesy bean Jacket	Tuna mayo jacket	Cheesy Jacket	Ham jacket	Cheese or cheesy bean jacket
	Tuna wrap or egg mayo roll packed lunch	Cheese or ham packed lunch	Ham or cheese packed lunch	Tuna roll or chicken mayo wrap packed lunch	Ham or cheese packed lunch

WEEK 1  
19.04.21  
03.05.21  
17.05.21

WEEK 2  
26.04.21  
10.05.21  
24.05.21

#### PLANET PLATE MEALS



Eating a vegetarian diet can help with climate change by reducing carbon emissions and help reduce global warming

They are really tasty too!

#### Homemade dessert of the day

This is a freshly prepared reduced sugar sweet treat which changes daily and could include a chocolate date brownie, Mandarin, apple or fruit sponges, carrot cake, tray bake, flapjack, banana muffins, fruity shortbread

**SUGAR SMART**

Packed lunch option also includes a packet of dried fruit, veg sticks, piece of fresh fruit and a yoghurt

Jacket potato option comes with veg and a dessert of choice

#### ALLERGENS

We take every care to cater for pupils with allergies & intolerances  
Please enquire with the kitchen regarding ingredients in your meal

NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS ON  
**NETFLIX**  
CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

# Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. School's play a significant part on supporting families throughout the year. During the holidays, the safeguarding lead can still be contacted at [ben.nelson-smith@acexcellence.co.uk](mailto:ben.nelson-smith@acexcellence.co.uk)



## 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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/torbayhelpline)

**Torbay Children's Centres**  
Call **01803 210200** or email:  
[TorbayChildrensCentres@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:TorbayChildrensCentres@actionforchildren.org.uk)

**Torbay Safeguarding Children Board**  
[www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.kooth.com)

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





## Home fire safety advice for families

Simple tips to reduce your risk of fire at home:

- Never run washing machines, tumble dryers or dishwashers when out, or at night.
- Electricals - turn off, switch off and/or unplug electrical things not being used.
- Charging devices - use the correct charger for things such as phones, laptops and e-cigarettes. Charge on a hard surface only. Switch off once fully charged.
- Candles – always put out candles and tealights before you leave the room. Ideally use battery-powered ones.
- Never leave matches or lighters lying around; put them where children can't reach.
- Check you have working smoke alarms on each level of your house. Test them regularly, at least once a month.

## Fire service home fire safety visits to families

All households with children under 18 are eligible for free fire safety advice over the phone or in your home. During a home safety visit, a friendly fire safety adviser from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service will come into your home to chat about what you can do to keep safe from fire. Call 0800 05 02 999 or visit [www.dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety) for fire safety advice or to book a home safety visit.

## Collaton St Mary Primary School Diary Dates

<b>Friday 1st April</b>	<b>Last day of Spring Term 2</b>
<b>Monday 19th April</b>	<b>School returns</b>
<b>Monday 3rd May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday School Closed</b>
<b>Friday 28th May</b>	<b>Last day of Summer Term 1</b>
<b>Thursday 10th June</b>	<b>School returns</b>
<b>Friday 23rd July</b>	<b>Last day of Summer Term 2</b>