



November 19 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! We are excited to launch the new format of our school newsletter – bringing you updates from the school and celebrating learning. We have also launched a new school website – making it easier to navigate around and providing information to keep parents informed and enhancing the communication of learning between school and home. We hope you like the two new improvements.

It's been a great start to the new half-term with lots of new learning experiences under way. This half-term, pupils will be developing their understanding of well-being through the subject of history. They will explore what happiness means to themselves and compare that to others around them and children from a period in history. Already, I am hearing thoughts of empathy, compassion and appreciation towards others within the classroom and around the school.

I would like to thank you, the parents, for your continued support towards your child's learning. Your child's development is a two-way link between school and home and it was great to see many of you at parents evening last week discussing progress and next-steps. I would also like to thank you for your generous donations towards Harvest and the shoe box appeal. The Paignton Community Larder and Christian Aid were very grateful. We now enter a busy and reflective time of the year and I look forward to seeing many of you during the festive activities planned.

Ben Nelson-Smith Headteacher



BBC Children in Need Fundraising

Thank you to all for the donations for children in need we raised £246.35. The children looked great dressed in the "sporty" theme and enjoyed the Joe Wicks fundraising challenge. In the morning we joined schools across the UK getting together to be active and raise money. Joe Wicks hosted the 'Big Morning Move', an exclusive activity session tailored for schools, which was live-streamed on the BBC Children in Need YouTube channel. This was a great way of raising money whilst getting fit!





Samaritans

Operation Christmas Child



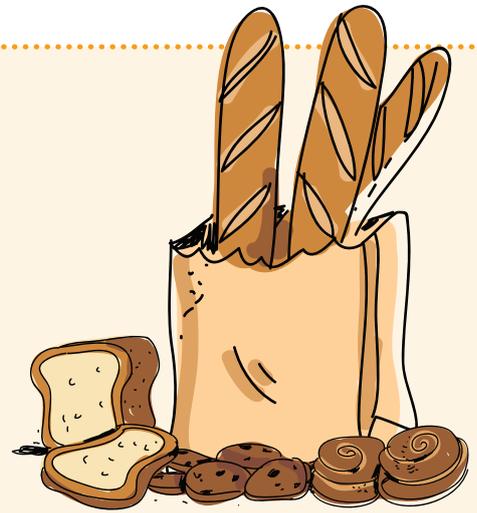
Thank you to all the families who donated a shoebox gift for Operation Christmas Child. Their mission is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Since 1990, more than 160 million children in over 160 countries have benefited from receiving these simple shoebox gifts.



Remembrance Service

We had a wonderful and thoughtful Remembrance Service. Starting at the school, Reverend Gerda and some readers from school started the service followed by a poppy craft activity.

Once again, Mrs Richards came up with a wonderful way of collaborating all the poppies created in the morning into two large poppy wreaths. Following this, Reverend Gary led the Eucharist service in the church, ending with a 2 minutes' silence for those who have lost their lives at war. Lest we forget.



Cooking in School

Pupils in Year 1 have had so much fun learning how to make bread sticks, showing off some great practical skills, kneading, shaping and demonstrating Maths in action with repeating patterns!



COLLATON ST MARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Opened by
Santa
Carols sang by
the School Choir

Friday
6th Dec
2pm-4pm

Santas Grotto
Tombolas

Games

Table Top Sale

Mulled wine

Mince Pies

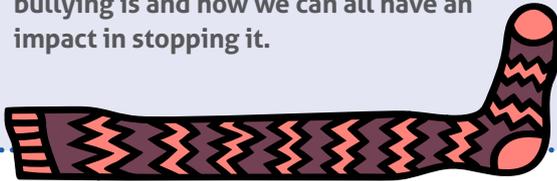
Raffle



Collaton St Mary Primary School, Blagdon Lane, Paignton, TQ3 3YA

Odd Socks Day – Anti-bullying Week

We had a bit of an 'odd' day at Collaton St Mary. On Tuesday 12th November, the pupils came into school wearing odd socks to raise awareness for anti-bullying. The theme for this year was 'change starts with us'. As a whole school, we discussed what bullying is and how we can all have an impact in stopping it.



Belle Vue Nursing Home Visits

Our Year 5 children are continuing our partnership with Belle Vue nursing home. We began this year by learning about dementia and the challenges facing older members of our community. The children have responded with huge enthusiasm and compassion.

They are full of ideas of how they can make a difference and bridge the gap across the generations through friendship and interaction. We are visiting the home weekly and the feedback from the children and the home has been incredible. So far we have taken instruments and involved residents in playing them with us and performing with our ukuleles. The benefits for all are immediately evident in the smiles, chatter and laughter. The children can't wait to go back and the residents staff and families are looking forward to their visits each week.



Harvest Festival

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival Worship with the children, our parents and the members of the church community. Anita from the Paignton Community Larder spoke to us about the food we collected and how this is distributed to local families in need. Thank you to all of you who have generously donated. We have received a personal message from the Paignton Community Larder for you all...



PAIGNTON COMMUNITY LARDER

"Thank you so much for the donation of food towards our cause. This really does mean so much to us and the people we support. This year already we have sent out 1,335 food parcels that is 31,071 meals. We would not be able to do this without your vital support. The food collected from yourselves will go towards helping more people overcome poverty".

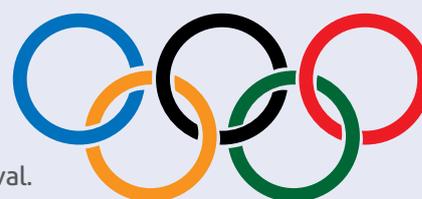
Christmas Fair

In preparation for our Christmas Fair, there are several things that you can do to support the school.

- 1.** We will be having a **mufti-day on Friday 29th November**. If your child would like to dress in non-uniform then please bring in a 'jolly jar' decorated and filled. These will then be sold at the fair.
- 2.** At the fair, we would like to encourage every child to purchase and wrap a present for a loved one. So we are asking that you send in a **'bottom draw'** item by **Friday 29th November**. This could be unopened toiletries, candles, gift sets etc.
- 3.** We would also like to have a toy stall, if you have any **teddies, toys, books or games** that you would like to donate to this, please could they come into school the week commencing **Monday 2nd December**.
- 4.** Please bring in **cakes** for the cake stall on the morning of **Friday 6th December**.
- 5.** If you have any **raffle prizes (e.g. wine, chocolates and biscuits)** that you would like to donate, please bring them in the week commencing **Monday 2nd December**.

I am sure this will be a truly magical experience for our children and school community whilst raising valuable funds for our PTFA. As always, your help and support are extremely valued and without it these events are unable to take place. If you can help in any capacity, please look out for the 'sign up' sheets which will be going up on the classroom doors shortly or inform the office.

Sports Festival



On a weekly basis year groups take turns to participate in the sports festivals at Paignton Academy. Recently Year 6 enjoyed the Athletics Festival. Long jump, high jump, triple jump, sprinting, throwing and stamina skills were practised. There are definitely some budding athletes in the class!



Nature sculptures Religious Education

God's creation and the responsibility he gave to humankind to look after it, is what Year 3 are reflecting on in RE at present. So, in one of their lessons recently, the children created nature sculptures on the playground. Many amazing pictures were created, including this wonderful cross made of twigs, leaves and flowers.



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

Attendance Data for the period 18.10.19 – 14.11.19

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	96.50
1	96.92
2	98.21
3	97.93
4	94.98
5	96.32
6	96.43

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



We are very pleased to inform you that our new website is now live. It is a fantastic site, very user friendly and contains school information which will answer all your school related questions.

The site contains a wealth of information including:

- **Calendar section which details term dates and upcoming events.**
- **Policies section (should you have any need to check admissions criteria / attendance etc).**
- **A news feed which we will update with information relating to school events / news.**
- **Class pages which your Teacher will update with information on your child's learning in class.**

The parents section covers practically everything! Please take a look through all the information it contains. We would encourage you to create a login on the website as this ensures you will receive notifications when items are added to the newsfeed. Please make this your first port of call for school related queries. Should it not be contained on the website, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



Collaton St Mary Primary School Term Dates Autumn 2019

Friday 22nd Nov	Quiz night (PTFA fundraising) 7pm	Tuesday 10th Dec	KS1 Christmas nativity 2.15pm
Sunday 24th Nov	Sunday school 9.15am	Wednesday 11th Dec	Community Lunch (Christmas celebration) 12.30pm
Monday 25th Nov	Year 5 visiting Belle Vue Nursing Home	Wednesday 11th Dec	KS1 Christmas nativity 2.15pm
Wednesday 27th Nov	Film Club 3.30-5.15pm	Friday 13th Dec	Eucharist 2.30pm
Thursday 28th Nov	Year 5 swimming	Friday 13th Dec	Christmas jumper mufti day (50p donation)
Thursday 28th Nov	Reception worship 2.40pm	Sunday 15th Dec	Sunday school 9.15am
Sunday 1st Dec	Sunday school 9.15am	Wednesday 18th Dec	Christingle service at church (KS1 9.30am & KS2 1.30pm)
Monday 2nd Dec	Year 5 visiting Belle Vue Nursing Home	Wednesday 18th Dec	Christmas lunch KS2 12.30pm & Christmas party KS1
Thursday 5th Dec	Year 5 swimming	Thursday 19th Dec	Christmas lunch KS1 12.30pm & Christmas party KS2
Friday 6th Dec	Christmas Fair 2-4pm	Friday 20th Dec	End of term service 2.15pm & last day of term
Sunday 8th Dec	Sunday school 9.15am	Monday 6th Jan	School returns doors open 8.50am
Monday 9th Dec	KS1 nativity dress rehearsal		
Monday 9th Dec	Year 5 visiting Belle Vue Nursing Home		



Are you concerned that a Child or Young Person is being harmed or is at risk of being harmed?



Do you think a Child or Young Person needs help?

If the answer is YES, then please contact MASH with any concerns

MASH

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Telephone: 01803 208100 email: mash@torbay.gov.uk

OR

Please speak to the following:



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Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Nicky Postlethwaite

Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Safeguarding Lead
KS1 Lead Teacher



Di Hatherley

Safeguarding Governor



Wendy Parr

Head of Safeguarding and Inclusion for ACE



Inspire Others



Be Determined

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Show Friendship Aim High Take Responsibility

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