



September 2021 NEWSLETTER

Achieving and flourishing in our Christian Community



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the first newsletter of the academic year! A big special welcome to all the new families that have joined us this September – we hope that you have enjoyed your first month with us at Collaton St Mary.

As always, it has been a busy start to the year with the children making an immediate start with their learning experiences. All classes are currently involved in a 'Story Writing' experience at the moment, using a particular book as the stimulus. Following this, the children will move onto an experience in geography before the half-term break.

While we continue to be vigilant around the pandemic, it has been lovely to see some of our pre pandemic routines come back into play. Many pupils in Key Stage 2 have taken on school job responsibilities this week to earn Dojo points which they can spend in the year. Jobs so far introduced include Junior Meal Time Assistants, Garden Gurus, Tuck Shop Monitors and Eco Warriors. With over 100 applicants across Key Stage 2, I think we will be having to create a few more job roles!

I look forward to continuing our work and support with families and pupils this year. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact via email, Class Dojo or through the school office.

Best wishes,

Ben Nelson-Smith Headteacher

Book Vending Machine in Action!



Our book vending machine got its first use this month as part of our 'Super Reader' of the week awards. Reading is so important to children's learning that we want them to get excited and develop a love for reading. Each week, teachers will identify one pupil from each class who they feel has stood out in reading. This could include lots of reading at home, improvements in reading overtime or showing great understanding in guided reading.

These selected pupils are awarded with a golden token from Mr Nelson-Smith's office which they can use for the vending machine – selecting a free book of their choice.

Alongside this, pupils can still earn certificates for the number of books they read in in Key Stage 1 (multiples of 10) and take part in Mrs Jones 'Author Challenge' – encouraging our pupils to read a range of books from different authors.



Our School Vision

Our school vision is at the centre of all that we do. It is what gives our school its Christian distinctiveness and a 'vision' for what we want for our children. So far this year, we have been unpicking the words 'Achieving' and 'Flourishing' from our vision.

Flourishing

Like a plant or butterfly, how pupils flourish through nurture, learning and growth. We strongly believe in supporting our pupils to develop their character to become well-rounded citizens.

This half-term, Our Character Gateway is Citizenship – with a particular focus on being a compassionate citizen. Pupils have already been earning character points for when they show compassion towards others and themselves.



Achieving

We want our pupils to be aspirational and achieve great successes. We have been using this iceberg image to exemplify that achievements rarely happen by luck and that sometimes we do not see the hard work that people put in to make their achievements.

Olympians and Emma Raducanu have been great examples of this recently.



Harvest Appeal



Thank you to everyone who donated to our harvest appeal over the past few weeks. Through your kind donations, we have managed to collect a healthy donation for the Paignton Community Larder and the Torbay Domestic Abuse

Service – both of which provide an important role in supporting families and people in the Torbay community. Please keep an eye for any future donation appeals as we look to further support local charities.



Pupil Jobs

It has been great to see pupils back in Collaton jobs this month. Over 100 applications were given in across Key Stage 2 in three days. Pupils needed to explain what skills they had to fulfil the job description and why they wanted the role. Jobs launched so far include Junior Meat Time Assistants, Tuck Shop Monitors and Garden Gurus.

So far, they have made a great start to their roles. We hope they continue to show commitment, learn new skills and invest in our school – all attributes they need as they get older.



Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life.

- There are 365 days a year – you only have to attend school for 190 of those. That leaves 175 days to do everything else.
- If you are 5 minutes late every day... that adds up to 3 days lost per year.
- If you are 15 minutes late every day... that adds up to almost 10 days lost every year.
- If you are absent from school for 1 day a week throughout your school life... you will be missing 2 years of your education.
- If you are absent from school for 1 day every half a term throughout your whole school life, you will miss, in total, 3 months of education.
- 90% attendance throughout your school life = missing 1 whole year of education.

Collaton Attendance Sep 2021

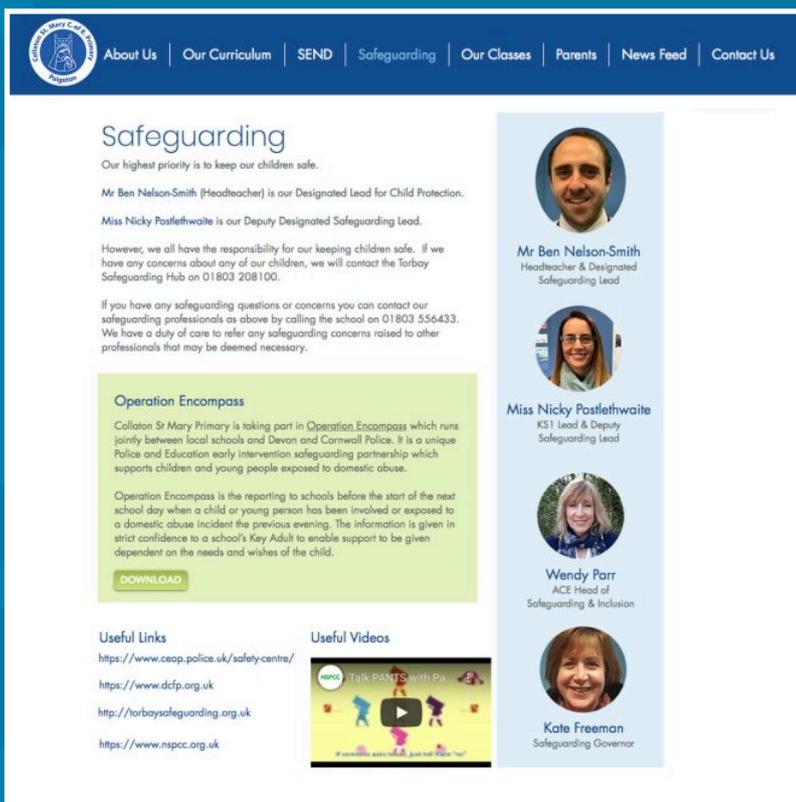
Whole School	97.36%
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	97.72%
1	94.86%
2	96.09%
3	96.98%
4	98.99%
5	98.71%
6	97.96%

Well done to Year 4 our attendance winners for September

Safeguarding

Ensuring our pupils are safe in school is our biggest priority at Collaton St Mary. We all have a part to play in keeping children safe and more information can be found on our school website under the 'Safeguarding' tab.

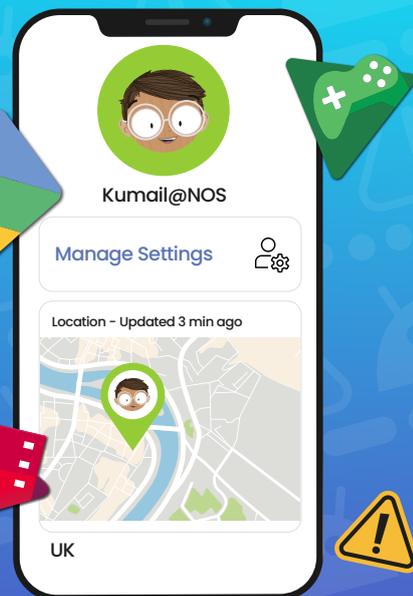
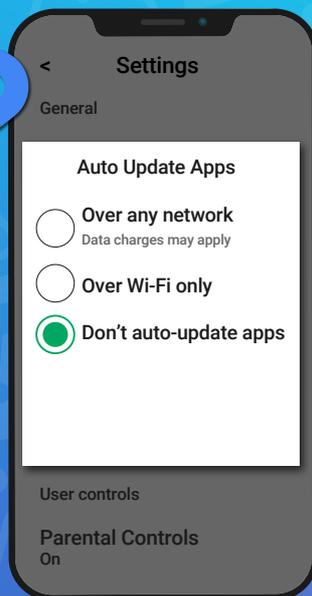
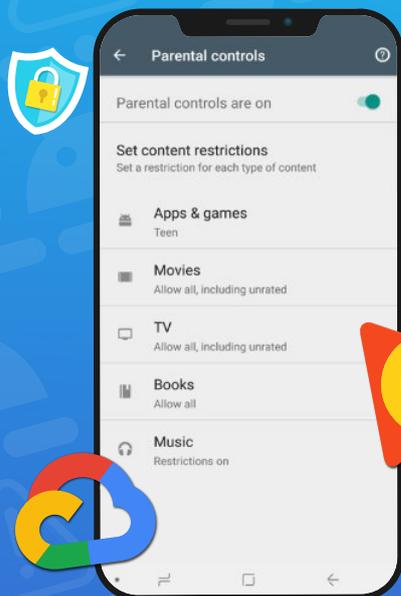
You can communicate with any member of staff at school regarding a safeguarding concern you have. Our safeguarding team are also on hand to support the families and children at our school. Below are the details of staff and governors you can contact if you would like to discuss safeguarding.



The screenshot shows the 'Safeguarding' page on the Collaton St Mary Primary website. It features a navigation menu with links for 'About Us', 'Our Curriculum', 'SEND', 'Safeguarding', 'Our Classes', 'Parents', 'News Feed', and 'Contact Us'. The main content includes a 'Safeguarding' heading with the text: 'Our highest priority is to keep our children safe. Mr Ben Nelson-Smith [Headteacher] is our Designated Lead for Child Protection. Miss Nicky Postlethwaite is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. However, we all have the responsibility for our keeping children safe. If we have any concerns about any of our children, we will contact the Torbay Safeguarding Hub on 01803 208100. If you have any safeguarding questions or concerns you can contact our safeguarding professionals as above by calling the school on 01803 556433. We have a duty of care to refer any safeguarding concerns raised to other professionals that may be deemed necessary.' There is a 'DOWNLOAD' button. Below this is the 'Operation Encompass' section, which states: 'Collaton St Mary Primary is taking part in Operation Encompass which runs jointly between local schools and Devon and Cornwall Police. It is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools before the start of the next school day when a child or young person has been involved or exposed to a domestic abuse incident the previous evening. The information is given in strict confidence to a school's Key Adult to enable support to be given dependent on the needs and wishes of the child.' There is another 'DOWNLOAD' button. At the bottom left, there are 'Useful Links' with URLs: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>, <https://www.dcfp.org.uk>, <http://torbaysafeguarding.org.uk>, and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>. In the center, there are 'Useful Videos' with a thumbnail for 'Talk PANTS with Pa'. On the right side, there are four staff members listed with their photos and roles: Mr Ben Nelson-Smith (Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead), Miss Nicky Postlethwaite (KS1 Lead & Deputy Safeguarding Lead), Wendy Parr (ACE Head of Safeguarding & Inclusion), and Kate Freeman (Safeguarding Governor).

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set





Open Events

for children starting
September 2022



Saturday 16th October (9 – 11am)

Opportunity to walk around our school. Presentation from the headteacher at 9.45am. You can have a look around the school either before or after the presentation.

Wednesday 10th November (4 – 5.30pm)

A presentation from the headteacher will be held at 4.10pm. Families will have an opportunity to view the school following the presentation.



Covid safety

The events have been arranged at times when most pupils will not be in school. Please wear a mask (unless exempt) when inside the school. Hand sanitiser will be located at key points of the school and social distancing is still encouraged.

If you would like to attend, please email us at admin.collaton@acexcellence.co.uk so that we can prepare meeting spaces appropriately.

THE MISSION COMMUNITY OF GOODRINGTON AND COLLATON ST MARY

PRAISING GOD & GIVING THANKS FOR OUR PETS



Sunday 3rd October 2021

4pm at St George's Church

Bring your pet(s) for a blessing!



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Collaton St Mary Primary School

Diary Dates

Thursday 30th September	Y6 Swimming
Thursday 30th September	Y5 PCSA Sports Festival
Thursday 7th October	Y6 Swimming
Thursday 7th October	Census Day (please book a school meal)
Thursday 7th October	Y3 PCSA Sports festival
Thursday 14th October	Y6 Swimming
Monday 18th October	Parents evening
Thursday 21st October	Y6 Swimming
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half term
Thursday 4th November	Y5 Swimming starts for 6 weeks
Friday 19th November	Children in need