



June 2021 NEWSLETTER

Achieving and flourishing in our Christian Community



Dear Parents & Carers

The summer weather has finally made an appearance this half-term and many classes have taken advantage of some outdoor learning – I hope you have all managed some family outdoor time too.

The children started the half-term with their third science experience of the year, building upon the previous two they have studied. The science for this half-term varies from the study of plants and their impact on bees, to exploring how the human body works.

Alongside the daily/weekly lessons of PE, RE and maths, the rest of the year will focus on a Design Technology project, where they pupils will use a range of equipment to make something. As outlined in a previous letter, the pupils will also be learning about Relationships, Health and Sex Education.

With only a few weeks left of the school year, we look forward to spending time with our Year 6 pupils and helping to prepare for their move to secondary school.

Best wishes,

Ben Nelson-Smith Headteacher

New Residents

We have two new residents at our school called Barry and Gary. Year 3 have been settling them into our school and are now part of the school community.



New Parents Welcome Meeting

We had beautiful weather to welcome our new parents for the reception class intake in September. This gave them the ideal opportunity to learn more about our school and ask any further questions.

We would like to welcome them to our school community!



YEAR 5



In Year 5, we have begun our Science Learning Experience which answers the key question: How can we plant growth in our community? We were really lucky that one of our governors (Mrs Westcott) was able to come into class to talk to the children all about the importance of bees in the plant pollination process. She really captured the children's interest in this topic and inspired them to find out more about planting more wildflower areas in Collaton St. Mary. The children have since been very busy creating scientific diagrams of a flowering plant and learning about the different and very clever types of seed dispersal.



YEAR 6 Activities Week

Year 6 enjoyed their activity days at Woodlands, indoor rock climbing with team building, swimming, kayaking, raft building and paddle boarding!



Paignton Academy Sports Festival

It has been great to be back joining the sports festival at Paignton Academy. Each week different year groups attend various events.



**SUMMER
ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN IN
TOTNES & SOUTH
DEVON**

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FOR MORE INFO**

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 May 2021

Whole School	97.31
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	98.51
1	98.44
2	96.50
3	98.95
4	97.87
5	96.86
6	94.14

Well done to Year 3
our attendance winners for May

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, you as parents too! We all have a duty to keep children safe.

If you have a concern or need advice, you can speak to anyone at school, particularly the safeguarding team.

If you would rather read first, there is helpful information on our school website under the 'safeguarding' tab.

There are plenty of supporting documents on the page including a document called 'What to do if you're worried a child is being abused'.

Over half the members of public who have contacted the NSPCC waited over a month to report their concern. It could be nothing, but it could be something. If you're worried, don't wait until you are certain to speak to someone.

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Safeguarding

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.

Operation Encompass

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.

[DOWNLOAD](#)



Mr Ben Nelson-Smith
Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Nicky Postlethwaite
KS1 Lead & Deputy Safeguarding Lead

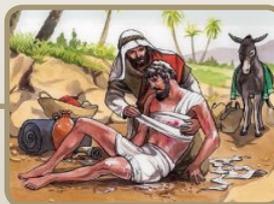
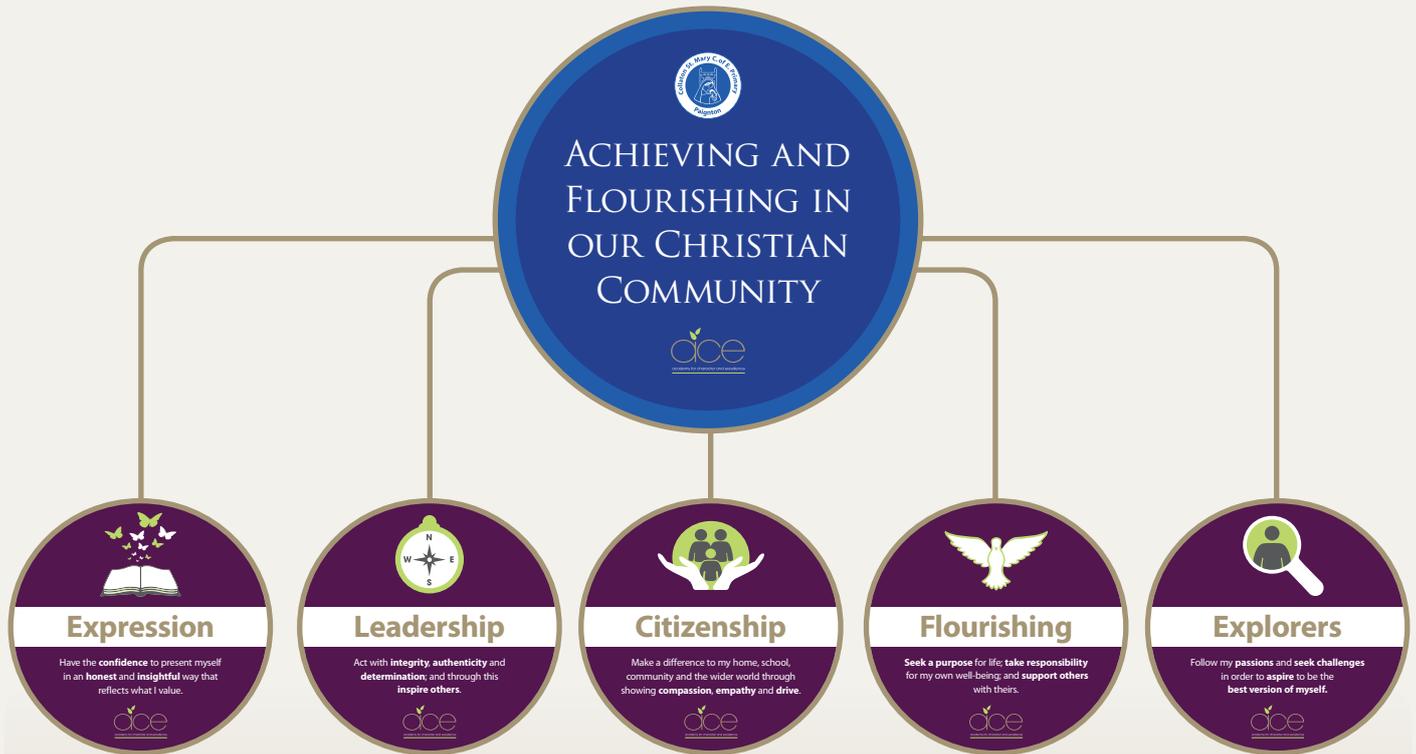


Wendy Parr
ACE Head of Safeguarding & Inclusion

Church School Updates

We have been working hard at finalising our plan for our Christian Distinctiveness at Collaton St Mary. Staff and pupils are starting to get a good understanding of our school vision and Character Gateways which support it. We have now deepened our knowledge of biblical theology which support the character gateway and have linked 3 bible stories to each character gateway as an example of the values it represents.

Fulfilling our vision through five Character Gateways



The Good Samaritan exemplifies showing compassion and empathy for anyone



Nehemiah exemplifies drive through rebuilding Jerusalem



Tabitha exemplifies showing compassion and empathy for those less fortunate

We look forward to exploring all of the wonderful stories with the children over time.

If you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app

This advice is for people who have been told to stay at home (self-isolate) by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app.

There is separate advice about:

- **When to self-isolate and what to do** if you have not been contacted by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- **Helping the NHS alert your close contacts if you test positive for COVID-19**

Self-isolate immediately

If you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app:

- Self-isolate immediately
- **Do not leave your home for any reason – if you need food or medicine, order it online or by phone, or ask friends and family to drop it off at your home**
- Do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for essential care
- Try to avoid contact with anyone you live with as much as possible
- Any people you live with and any people in your support bubble do not need to self-isolate if you do not have symptoms

Your self-isolation period includes the day you were last in contact with the person who tested positive and the next 10 full days.

If you live with someone at higher risk from COVID-19, try to arrange for them to stay with friends or family while you're self-isolating.

If you have to stay in the same home together, read about **how to avoid spreading COVID-19 to people you live with.**

If you get symptoms of COVID-19

Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible if you get any symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) while you're self-isolating.

Anyone you live with must self-isolate until you've been tested and received your result

Get a PCR test to check if you have COVID-19 on GOV.UK

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What to do when you get your test result

If you test negative:

- Keep self-isolating for the rest of the 10 days – you could still get symptoms after being tested
- Anyone you live with can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms

If you test positive:

- The 10 days restarts from the day after your symptoms started – this will mean you're self-isolating for longer than 10 days overall
- Anyone you live with must self-isolate for 10 days, counting from the day after your symptoms started

[Read more about how long to self-isolate.](#)

If you do not get symptoms of COVID-19

If you do not get any symptoms of COVID-19 while self-isolating:

- You can stop self-isolating after the 10 days
- You do not need to have a test

How you'll be contacted

If you've been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and need to self-isolate, you may get:

- An email, text or phone call from NHS Test and Trace – text messages will come from NHS tracing and calls will come from 0300 0135 000
- An alert from the NHS COVID-19 app

Children under 18 will be contacted by phone wherever possible and asked for their parent or guardian's permission to continue the call.

You'll be asked to sign in to the NHS Test and Trace contact tracing website at

<https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk>.

If you cannot use the contact tracing website, they will call you.

Important

NHS Test and Trace will not:

- Ask for bank details or payments
- Ask for details of any other accounts, such as social media
- Ask you to set up a password or PIN number over the phone
- Ask you to call a premium rate number, such as those starting 09 or 087

More about NHS Test and Trace

- [GOV.UK: NHS Test and Trace – how it works](#)
- [Download the NHS COVID-19 app](#)
- [NHS Test and Trace: get help with test and trace related enquiries, feedback or complaints](#)

Collaton St Mary Primary School

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th July	Y5 PCSA Cricket or Rounders (Cancelled)
Thursday 8th July	Y6 Swimming
Wednesday 14th July	Y6 PCSA Cricket or Rounders (Cancelled)
Thursday 15th July	Y6 Swimming
Tuesday 20th July	New Children Teddy Bears Picnic (TBC)
Thursday 22nd July	Y6 Swimming
Friday 23rd July	Last day of Summer Term 2
Wednesday 8th September	School returns