



# June 2022 NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

The month of June has flown past and has been jam-packed with learning and school wide activities! One of the biggest events on the school calendar, Sports Day, took place this month and it was wonderful to see our school community come together once again to watch our pupils work together and challenge themselves during the potted events and sprint races. I have now managed to catch my breath back for the staff races. Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer and watch. In addition to sports day, we have had a range of enrichment opportunities to enhance the curriculum:

- **The first day of the half term batted off with a cricket day, where pupils took part in cricket sessions by Paignton Cricket Club – it's been great to see some children go on join the club.**
- **We also celebrated 'National Sport in Schools Week' where we held additional dance lessons, active multi skills sessions and a Qs and As sessions with Exeter City Football Club captain, Matt Jay. This week was topped off by pupils completing their 13th mile of running at the Torbay Half Marathon.**
- **We held a 'Science in School Day' where our children and parents watched some amazing science experiments.**
- **And Year 5 finished the month with a residential trip to the Eden Project in Cornwall.**

It really has been Jam-packed!

We start the month of July with our school summer fayre on Saturday 2nd July where we hope to see you all. This has always been a great opportunity to fundraise for the school PTFA but most of all, an opportunity to bring our community together. I look forward to spending some time with the year 6 pupils as they embark on the last few weeks of their Collaton journey.

With Best Wishes

*Ben Nelson-Smith* Headteacher

# Year 1



## History

This term, we have been learning about who Florence Nightingale was and how she helped others. Miss Chivers told us the story of her life through 'godly play'. She also pretended to be Florence carrying her lamp, whilst we lay on the floor pretending to be injured soldiers! We have created brilliant fact files about her life!



## Maths

For maths, we have been doing 'geometry'. This meant taking our learning outside! We had to describe different turns and directions to our partner and get them to follow the instructions. We then had a go at moving the directions of different shapes e.g. quarter turn, half turn, full turn!



## Forest Fun

We had to work in groups to make a home for Hedgy the Hedgehog. We had to use good teamwork and cooperation! Hedgy choose which den he liked the best.



## Performing Arts Workshop

We enjoyed our performing arts workshop and had to dance in different ways. We worked in groups and put on a performance for the rest of the class.

# ROMAN LEARNING YEAR III

Year 3 have been learning about the Romans and how they invaded different countries to expand their empire. We did some role play to learn about which countries the Romans invaded first and then we discussed the reasons why they invaded France, Spain and Eastern European countries first. The children thoroughly enjoyed acting out the invasion and learnt a lot about the Romans



# Year 5

During Year 5's Science Learning Experience about lifecycles, they successfully hatched 4 chicks in their classroom. They learned all about the length of the incubation period and the correct conditions for the embryo to develop properly inside the egg. Once they had all hatched, the children were able to help look after them, observe them and watch them grow. What a fantastic opportunity for their learning to come to life!



# National Sport in Schools Week

Mr Chisholm, our PE lead, was desperate to celebrate his passion of sport with the children for National Sport in Schools Week by providing a range of sporting opportunities for the children to be involved in.

The week included opportunities to take part in sport with dance workshops with Doorstep Arts, Sports Day and workshops in multi skills led by Active For All. We were also fortunate enough to have a guest speaker in Exeter City Football Club's captain, Matt Jay. Matt answered questions from the pupils and took the time to speak to pupils and sign pictures. Matt spoke in an inspirational way which promoted how determination and passion helped him to pursue his career in football.

The week finished with children and parents running the 13th mile in the Torbay Half Marathon. The children have run the other 12 miles during their lunchtimes at school. Thanks to Miss P for tracking and organising the lunchtime, and on the day, running.



# SPORTS DAY 2022



# SCIENCE IN SCHOOL DAY

Collaton St Mary was successful in gaining a grant to fund a 'Science in School Day' led by the Royal Institution for Science. The day consisted of a KS1 and KS2 science show where lots of exciting experiments took place. In the afternoon, parents were invited in for a community show. During this show, experiments that families can do together at home were demonstrated. We would certainly recommend looking at the Royal Institution for Science website

and Youtube channel for some experiments you can complete with everyday household items.

After school, the staff were treated to a science workshop as professional development on how to further promote a love for science in our school.



# Getting September ready...

As we approach the end of the academic year, now is the perfect time to think about getting prepared for September. Please read on for some clarity on some of the expectations we have here at Collaton St Mary.

Uniform will be expected to be worn upon return in September.

The Governing Body places great importance on the wearing of school uniform. It is a very valuable sign that children have pride in their belonging of the school, and in the team spirit it creates. It reflects our Christian ethos, a tradition we believe to be ever more important in swiftly changing times.

**WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

Uniform may be purchased from the 'Riviera Schooldays' shop, 186 Union St, Torquay. Leaflets and prices are available from the school foyer.

## School Uniform

### Boys Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt with school badge
- Royal blue polo shirt with school badge (tucked in)
- Grey trousers (grey shorts may be worn in the summer)
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

Boots/trainers/football shoes are not permitted

Hats to keep safe in the sun

### Girls Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school badge
- Royal blue polo shirt with school badge (tucked in)
- Grey trousers or skirt (Girls may wear a grey pinafore dress with royal blue polo shirt)
- White socks or grey tights
- Black shoes with flat heels

Boots/trainers/sandals are not permitted

\*Summer option – girls can wear a pale blue and white check summer light-weight dress with a royal blue cardigan

**UNIFORM FOR SALE**  
**Donated uniform items for sale**  
**£1 per item**

## Farewell and Welcome

We are sad to be saying farewell to several members of staff this year. Although we never like to see staff leave I am happy that the staff leaving this year are all starting exciting new chapters of their lives:

Mrs Nand-Lal – Mrs Nand-Lal has worked at Collaton St Mary for 23 years and helped many children through her experience of supporting in the class and through interventions. It will certainly be strange not to have Mrs Nand-Lal in the school after so many years but we would like to congratulate her with her retirement. We hope you enjoy the more time you plan to spend with your family.

Mr Chisholm – This was Mr Chisholm's third year with us at Collaton. Mr Chisholm will be moving to a different school within our trust as he takes up a new role with a leadership capacity. We will be sad to see him leave our school but nice to know that he is still working within our trust. We will still see him regularly.

Mr Harman – Mr Harman has been with us for nearly two years now. Mr Harman, with no surprise, has been offered a place to complete his teacher training at university. We will be closely watching you Mr Harman for when you qualify!

We have had an exciting few weeks of recruiting and pleased to announce that we have been successful in appointing Mr Lofthouse, as classroom teacher, and Miss Crabb as a teaching assistant. We look forward to sharing more about them in the near future.

## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

We love hearing about the achievements of our pupils outside of our school and we hope that they inspire others to think about what they can achieve too. If your child has achieved something outside of school and you would like to share it with us, please email a picture with some details to [admin.collaton@acexcellence.co.uk](mailto:admin.collaton@acexcellence.co.uk)



Tabitha came 1st in the beam and 2nd overall in a gymnastics competition she took part in.



Harrison passed a recent grading in taekwondo. Keep up the hard work.



Lily represented the South West in gymnastics. She and her team finished 4th out of 14 regions.

# Collaton St Mary Primary School Diary Dates 2022

Wednesday 29th June –  
Thursday 30th June Inclusive

Saturday 2nd July

Wednesday 13th July

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19th July

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Year 5 Residential Trip

Summer Fayre

Year 4 Explorer Dome Experience

New Starters Teddy Bear Picnic

Year 6 performance

Transition