



# April 2021 NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the Summer Term with warmer and lighter evenings certainly on their way! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to enjoy the sunny weather.

The pupils have settled back into the Summer Term and are on their way with their history learning experiences. Some classes are studying time periods within history; others are looking at history of local areas to us. Following their history work, pupils will take part in a 3 week

Design and Technology project, which will require the children to go through a plan and do a review process towards their outcome.

The school allotment will play a significant role in how our pupils flourish this term. It will provide a place to support well-being, learn about science and develop responsibility for our pupils. As we remain in class bubbles, it gives us a sense of unity as we all work and contribute towards it at different times. For our staff, not mentioning any names, it provides a sense of competition as they strive to grow the best crops for their class!

I have really appreciated the support from parents over the last few months and their contributions towards helping the school. We have had parents organising drink can collections to raise money for our PTFA, parents donating flowers and vegetable seeds/plants and parents donating unwanted school uniform. The support and links with our parents is what makes Collaton a special school and small gestures go a very long way.

I look forward to seeing the outcomes of learning over the next few weeks!

With best wishes,

**Ben Nelson-Smith** Headteacher

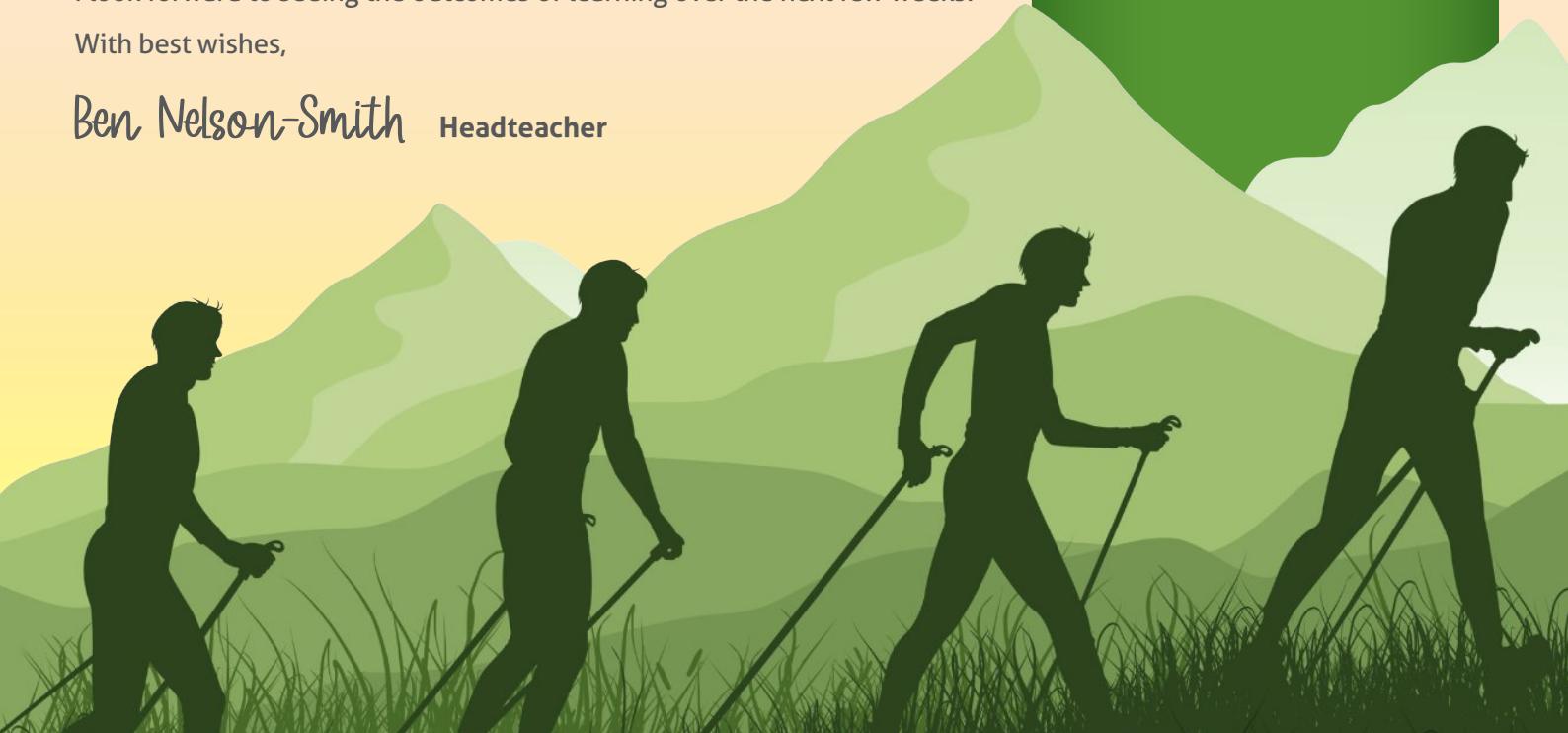


## Walk To Jerusalem Challenge Success

### We did it!

Collectively, with the church congregation, we walked to Jerusalem for Lent! Well done to everyone who took part to record your walks – you all made a difference to the total mileage! In addition, over £2000 pounds was raised for 'The Children's Hospice South West'.

Great work everyone!



# Collaton's Coastal Clean Progress

The children have been doing a fantastic job with their families with the Coastal Clean challenge. Each weekend designated year groups takes our litter pickers to help clear up our beaches. Keep up the great work!

Collaton's Coastal Cleans



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Class	Weekend
Year 6	13th/14th March
Year 5	20th/21st March
Year 4	27th/28th March
Year 3	24th/25th April
Year 2	1st/2nd May
Year 1	8th/9th May
Year R	15th/16th May

Litter  
Picking!





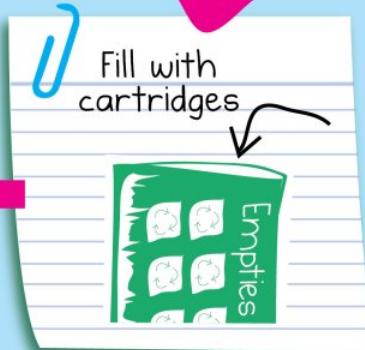
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# How You Can Support The PTFA Without Donating Any Money!



1

We want your drink cans and empty printer cartridges to recycle! The school will receive money for every bag of tin cans and cartridges we recycle. There are bins and boxes at the front of the school for you to drop them into—any drink can is suitable!



2

The PTFA collects unwanted school uniform to offer to families on a second-hand basis. This has been hugely popular this year. Please drop any uniform into the school office.

3



The 'Easy fundraising' programme raises money for causes through your normal spending activity.

- 1 Simply download the app or use their web page: [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- 2 Search and select the Collaton PTFA cause
- 3 Browse for your purchases through the app.
- 4 Purchase as you normally would and the business will donate a small percentage of your purchase to the school cause. There is no additional cost to you!

**Are you thinking of going on holiday when restrictions are lifted?  
Maybe considering a staycation or venturing abroad?**

Before you book, please download the Easyfundraising app so that you can donate money to the school without it costing you a penny!!!!

**Most of the holiday firms are on the app, TUI, Booking.com, Travelodge, Lastminute.com, Expedia.co.uk and many more. BUT ALSO you can book your holiday insurance through the app, car parking and hire, get your foreign money, buy holiday clothes and it doesn't matter what mode of transport you take they are all included!!!**

So what have you got to lose?



The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television, like traditional consoles (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about like a portable console, such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online, in the living room together or on the go during long journeys, but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!



What parents need to know about

# NINTENDO SWITCH

## NINTENDO SWITCH ONLINE

Nintendo Switch Online is a paid service that allows the console to be played (you guessed it) online, by linking to other Switch consoles around the world. It can be purchased through the Nintendo eShop for a single account on the device, or with a family membership plan which covers 2 accounts. The purchase options come in three tiers; 1 month, 3 months and 12 months but be aware these auto-renew unless you specify otherwise.



## ONLINE DANGERS

While online, your children will be able to play with and chat to people on compatible games, which will mostly be good-natured fun, but could potentially expose them to vulgar language, indecent images or worse. There are options to limit this though, which are detailed below. It's worth remembering that many games can be played offline, so while it's not essential to get Nintendo Switch Online, it is certainly something to consider.



## NINTENDO eSHOP

The Nintendo eShop is where games can be purchased over the internet and downloaded directly onto the device. If you choose to enter your bank details (or PayPal account) onto the Switch, you can save them for easy access later on. Do note however that these can be viewed by anybody with access to the console, unless you specify otherwise. A child might accidentally purchase a game or item from the shop if these details are left improperly protected, which could leave you with a nasty surprise.



## NINTENDO'S VIDEO GAME SELECTION

Nintendo as a company offers some of the most entertaining and safe video games on the market. Games featuring characters like Super Mario, Donkey Kong and Yoshi are always a safe bet for a child-friendly experience. It's always prudent to check each game before you buy it (especially if the game hasn't been made by Nintendo) but as a rule of thumb, anything official containing well-known names like these will be great for your children, giving you peace of mind while they enjoy them.



## PORTABLE GAMING

Being able to take the Switch anywhere is a huge bonus when travelling. What's more is that almost every game can be enjoyed without the need to 'dock' the console with a television. Battery life on the Switch varies depending on what it's being used for but typically it will last around 3 or 4 hours before needing to be recharged. When the time comes, any USB-C charger will be able to do the job, but it's best and quickest to return it to the dock, which requires a normal plug socket.



# Top Tips For Parents

## PARENTAL CONTROLS

Nintendo released a free downloadable app that can be used in tandem with the Switch called Nintendo Switch Parental Controls. Once you've got the app on your mobile device, it's a simple process to pair your two devices, giving you a suite of options to help make sure your child is having fun in a safe and structured environment curated by you.



## ONLINE RESTRICTIONS

Another major inclusion in the app is the ability to block your child from seeing anything to do with age restricted games. There's also an extremely helpful feature that restricts access to games that have free communication features between strangers on the internet. This includes things like private messages and unsolicited images. Should you be concerned that strangers might be using the games to talk to your child, a simple press of a button will disallow any access they might have.

## PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD

One of the wonderful things about the Switch is that there are an abundance of great games you and your child can enjoy together, and even with the whole family. Nintendo has a long history of making and supporting fun, family-friendly games like Mario Kart and Mario Party, both of which can be played with two or more players using the Joy-Con controllers.



## NINTENDO eSHOP SETTINGS

In the Nintendo eShop you can set up a password to help stop your child or somebody else from accessing any sensitive information, such as bank account details. The options here include entering a password to access the eShop to begin with, when any saved credit card information access is attempted, or when PayPal is accessed. Choosing which areas are password protected helps ensure you're deciding what level of access is given on the device. For example, if you're happy to have your child browse the shop for games they might want, you can allow access to the eShop but introduce the password before a purchase is made ensuring no mishaps occur.



## LIMITING PLAY TIME

By linking the app with the Nintendo Switch, you can set time limits and reminders when you think enough time has been spent playing. It also lets you see if a game is still being played and gives you the option to automatically put the console into sleep mode if the message is ignored. This should only be used as a last resort though as it could cause some friction between you!

## SET PLAY TIMES

Another handy feature is the ability to set different playtimes for days of the week, allowing you to tailor play time around you and your child's schedules. This is great for setting boundaries and encouraging gaming as part of a healthy routine. It will also help your child organise with their friends when they can all be online.



## SEE PLAY HISTORY

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app can also send a report telling you how much time your child spends playing each game. This is a great way to spot their favourite or most played games and might be a nice way for you to find out more about a title before talking to your child about it. It could also help identify any possible issues around playtime before they arise.



## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



# Collaton St Mary Primary School Diary Dates 2021

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th April  
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May  
Monday 3rd May  
Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th May  
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th May  
Thursday 20th May  
Tuesday 25th May  
Friday 28th May  
Thursday 10th June  
Thursday 17th June  
Thursday 24th June  
Tuesday 29th June  
Thursday 1st July  
Tuesday 6th July  
Friday 23rd July

Y3 Coastal Clean Up  
Y2 Coastal Clean Up  
Bank Holiday School Closed  
Y1 Coastal Clean Up  
YR Coastal Clean Up  
Census Day (please order a school meal)  
Tempest Photography (School Photos)  
Last day of Summer Term 1  
School Returns  
Y6 Swimming  
Y6 Swimming  
Sports Day  
Y6 Swimming  
Reserve Sports Day  
Last day of Summer Term 2

## 🔒 Safeguarding 🔒

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child, in any school, there are a number of people who are Level 3 trained in school who can support:



Mr Nelson-Smith  
Headteacher



Miss Postlethwaite  
Deputy Headteacher  
and KS1 Lead



Mrs Jones  
KS2 Lead