



# July 2021 NEWSLETTER

Achieving and flourishing in our Christian Community



## Dear Parents & Carers

As we draw the academic year to an end, I wanted to express how proud I am of our school community. There is no doubt that it has been a challenging year, but we have worked together to adapt and support each other through school closures, remote and general learning.

Despite these challenges, the children have worked hard to make progress across the curriculum and I think that they, with the support of staff and parents have done a brilliant job this year!

The end of the summer term always brings a mixed emotion. We sadly say farewell to our Year 6 class – a group of children that we have spent the last 7 years getting to know and seeing grow up into their individual personalities. We wish them all the best as they start an exciting new

chapter in their lives and you will be great!

We also sadly say farewell to three members of staff this summer. Mrs Cynk has worked at Collaton for nearly 10 years and will leave a big hole in our staff family. We wish her all the very best and hope she has a restful retirement. We also say goodbye to Mrs Liscombe in the office and Miss Brown in Year 1. Mrs Liscombe is taking on a new role within the NHS while Miss Brown has secured her first teaching post. Good luck to you all!

I hope that everyone manages to get some time to recharge over the summer holiday period and the staff and I look forward to seeing all of our families back in September.

Best wishes,

*Ben Nelson-Smith* Headteacher





# Reception

In our final term in Reception we have been very busy. Our vegetables in the allotment grew so much and we were able to take home some Pak choi to taste, not all of us liked it though and some was given to pet rabbits. In our classroom we were lucky enough to have tadpoles and caterpillars and we thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow. In Forest Fun we celebrated the summer solstice, went on mini-beast hunts and did some map reading. Sports day was a great success and we all took part with a great big smile on our face. Following this we focused on how to be healthy and looked at different fruit and vegetables. We painted with different vegetables, made fruit salad and wrote shopping lists. Reception has been great fun and we are looking forward to our new adventure in Year 1.





# YEAR2

Year 2 have had the learning challenge to create wind chimes for our sensory garden. We have investigated places we can hang them from and asked other children in the school what their preferences are when it comes to wind chimes! We have now started our design and making process and are looking forward to brightening up our sensory garden for others to use. Look out for our wonderful creations!



Also the children have picked, washed and enjoyed taking home and eating at snack time some of our home-grown lettuce. They have also supplied our school kitchen with two lettuces!





# YEAR 4



In Year 4, we have been completing our own market research to help with the design of our bug hotels. We have been exploring our school forest area to identify which bugs we can try to attract. We have noticed that there are lots of woodlice, centipedes, butterflies and bumblebees in our school forest area! We have also been using online sources to find out information on what will help to attract the bugs – thinking about the materials and plants we will need to consider as part of our designs.







# YEAR 5 FOREST FUN



## YEAR 5 FUNDRAISING



## Animals in Distress



Some Year 5 children have written their own message regarding their recent fundraising...

*"We thought that raising money would help to save lots of distressed animals and we knew that we were good at baking, so we thought we would work together to do a bake sale to fund raise. We made doughnuts, cookies, rocky road and snowballs and sold them to Year 5 children and their family. After the sale, we counted up the money and raised approximately £140 for Animals in Distress. We hope this is enough money to help many vulnerable animals. Thank you to everyone who supported us by baking, donating and buying. If you need any more help, please contact us"*

*Best wishes,*

*Sian, Charlotte and Robi (Year 5)*



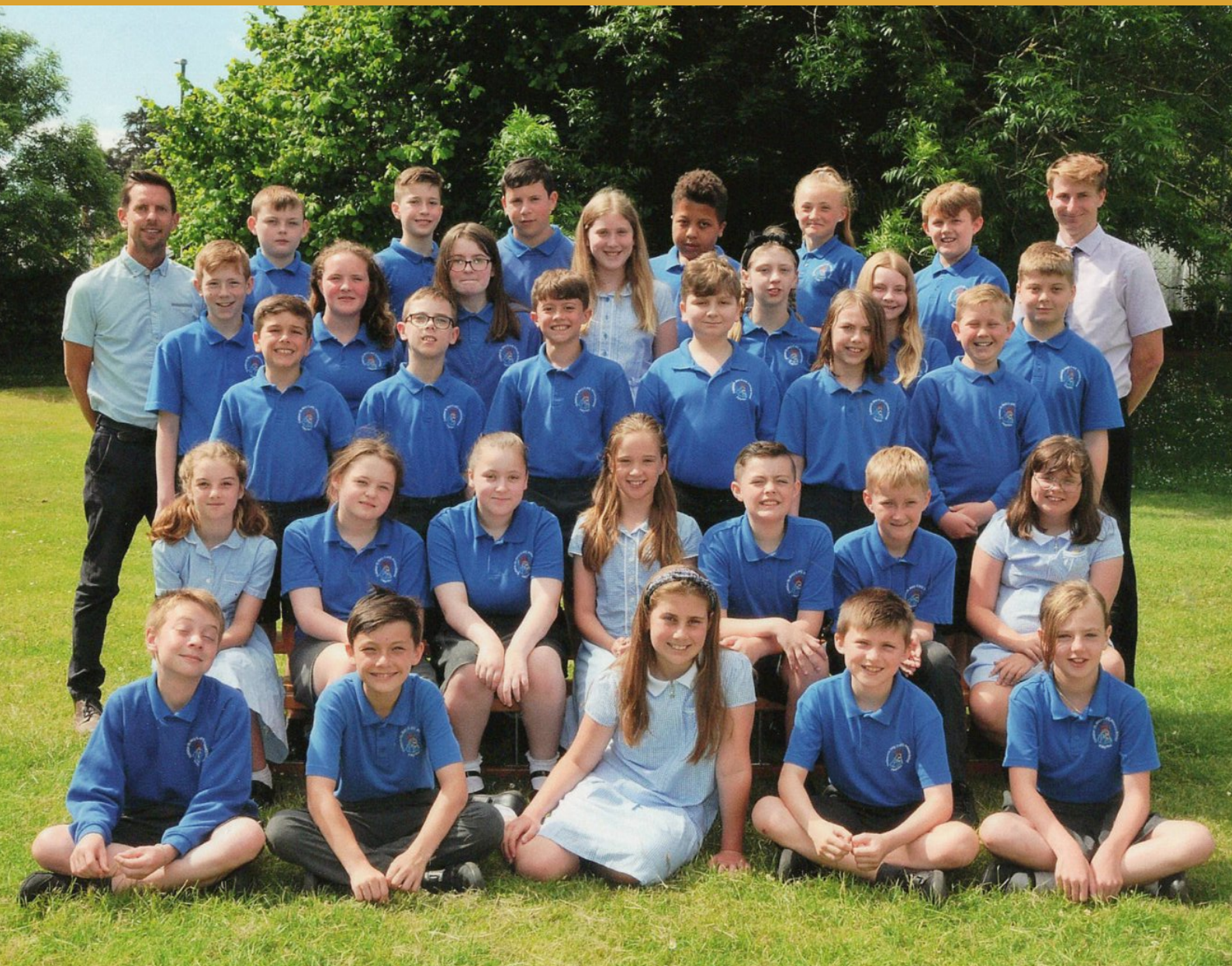


# Good Luck

## YEAR 6

### Farewell & Good Luck

It is at this time of year we bid farewell to our Year 6 children as they move on to begin a new chapter of their lives. We are very proud of you all and look forward to hearing of your successes in secondary school and beyond.





# SPORTS DAY

What a great morning we had for our sports day. Our pupils stayed in their class bubbles but loved being out at the same time. The children worked well in their teams and showed great sporting skills!





# 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 June 2021

Whole School	97.06
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	95.86
1	97.56
2	97.94%
3	96.65
4	97.41
5	97.26
6	96.75

**Well done to Year 2  
our attendance winners for June**

## Mrs Cynk - Y3 Teacher



Mrs Cynk who will be retiring the end of this term after being part of our school for nearly 10 years. She will be missed by all pupils and staff. Mrs Cynk teaching has always shown dedication, resilience with a fantastic sense of humour! We wish you all the best with your well-deserved retirement Mrs Cynk and thank you for all your hard work over the years. We will miss you!



## Hayley Brown Y1 Teaching Assistant

This past year Hayley has been working in Year 1 as a Teaching Assistant, but will be moving to another school within our trust to be a teacher!. We wish Hayley all the best with this exciting new role and look forward to continue working together.

## Goodbye to Mrs Liscombe

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Liscombe from the school office who has worked at Collaton for the last 3 years. We would like to wish her all the best and thank her for her hard work and warm welcoming smiles. We wish her well in her new job with the NHS.







# Useful Contacts List

## Parent Directory 2020 / 2021

### **Collaton St Mary C. of E. Primary School**

Please see the school website for information

**[www.collatonstmaryprimary.org](http://www.collatonstmaryprimary.org)**

For any urgent enquiries please call

**01803 556433** and leave a message.

### **CAP Torbay Debt Centre**

Christians Against Poverty is a charity that gives free debt help to anyone in debt.

**0800 328 0006**

### **Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**

Worried about a child's safety?

If you are concerned about a child or young person in Torbay and want to speak to someone call MASH on **01803 208100**

Out of hours number **0300 4564 876**

### **Torbay Domestic Abuse Service**

Outcome focused domestic abuse service for high and medium risk victims, survivors and members of their household including children. The service will enable people to make informed choices about their safety, health, housing and other identified individual needs. **0800 916 1474**

### **Brixham Food Bank**

(Based at Brixham Library)

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday

2pm – 4pm **07873 164211**

### **The Edge Food Bank**

Boulton Street, Brixham

Monday Friday 11am – 5pm **01803 851414**

### **Torbay Food Alliance**

If you need to access the Food Bank in your area because you cannot afford to pay for food please call the Torbay Community Coronavirus Helpline on **01803 446022**

### **Torbay Checkpoint**

Provides a range of free and confidential information, advice and support services to children and young people aged 8 to 17.

**01803 290330**

### **The Torbay Community Coronavirus Helpline**

**01803 446022** from 10am- 6pm

Monday to Friday and on

Saturdays only from 9:30am-12:30pm

or online via **[www.bit.ly/torbayhelpline](http://www.bit.ly/torbayhelpline)**

### **Torbay Children's Centres**

Call **01803 210200** or email:

**[TorbayChildrensCentres@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:TorbayChildrensCentres@actionforchildren.org.uk)**

### **Torbay Safeguarding Children Board**

**[www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.torbaysafeguarding.org.uk)** contains information, advice, guidance and referral routes if someone has a concern over a child or young person. **01803 207176**  
email: **[tscp@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:tscp@torbay.gov.uk)**

### **Torbay Council Housing Options**

In the event that you have had to leave your home quickly and without any planning, the team will find you short term emergency accommodation.

**01803 208723**

or out of hours **0300 456 4876**

### **TALKWORKS**

We are a local, free, confidential, NHS talking therapy service for people (aged 18+)

**[www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk](http://www.talkworks.dpt.nhs.uk)**

### **Childline**

Childline offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help. **0800 1111** (Under 18)

### **SHOUT/ Crisis Text Line**

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. **Free text 85258**

### **KOOTH**

The Kooth team provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling. The whole team are made up of friendly and experienced individuals who want to help.  
**[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)**

If you are worried about a child or young person please contact the police on **999** emergency or **101** non emergency.





# Collaton St Mary Primary School

# Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd July

Y6 Swimming

Friday 23rd July

End of Term Service & Last Day of Term

Wednesday 8th September

School returns

Monday 27th September –

Thursday 30th September

Y5 Bikeability



## Used Uniform Donations

If you have any unwanted good quality uniform or school shoes that you would like to donate, please drop off during the school holidays. There will be a drop off container outside the school office or donations can be made anytime September onwards – thank you

## PARENT ONLINE SAFETY ALERT

# MONKEY APP

Online safety experts have been alerted to an extremely dangerous website and app called 'Monkey', which allows users to have video calls with strangers. The platform markets itself as 'an alternative to Omegle, with a TikTok vibe'. The platform has been reviewed and tested which has found that it contains large amounts of inappropriate, disturbing, and harmful content transmitted via web cameras. Please read the below link for more information....

## CLICK HERE

For full details and  
video guidance on  
speaking to your child

