



# January 2021 NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

The start of the New Year has been challenging for many as we entered a third national lockdown and schools closed their doors for the majority of pupils. Despite these challenges, I hope to reflect the positivity, support and sheer determination that many of our families and staff have shown during this period in this newsletter.

I have been impressed with the standard of commitment and work being completed by pupils, supported by parents, this month. I am also incredibly proud of the school staff, who are working tirelessly to ensure pupils are engaged and continue to learn through live lessons and pre-recorded videos to interact with your children. We feel it is important that pupils stay connected with their classroom adults and peers for their well-being and to boost their enthusiasm for learning.

In the past month, Collaton pupils have continued to learn their year group objectives and areas of study as outlined in our curriculum and we are currently averaging on over 3000 pieces of work being submitted to staff on a weekly basis. By supporting your child to engage with the learning provided by teachers, you are putting your children in a better position for learning for when they return to school and schools fully reopen.

As part of the Academy for Character and Excellence, the development of character is important to us in school, so that pupils can become well-rounded individuals. I am seeing, on a daily basis, our school values being lived through our parents and staff – which is positively modelling these traits to pupils. Well done and thank you!

The challenge we all face now is sustaining the high level of support in order help the young people in our lives. I know, as always, the Collaton community will continue to work together for the best outcomes for our children.

With best wishes,

**Ben Nelson-Smith** Headteacher

## Food Parcels & Free School Meals Vouchers

It was great to see the Department for Education retweeting our food parcels as an example of standards for Free School Meals. Families who are eligible have also been receiving their food vouchers this month.



## change 4 life Lockdown Lunches and Meal Plans

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families, which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week.

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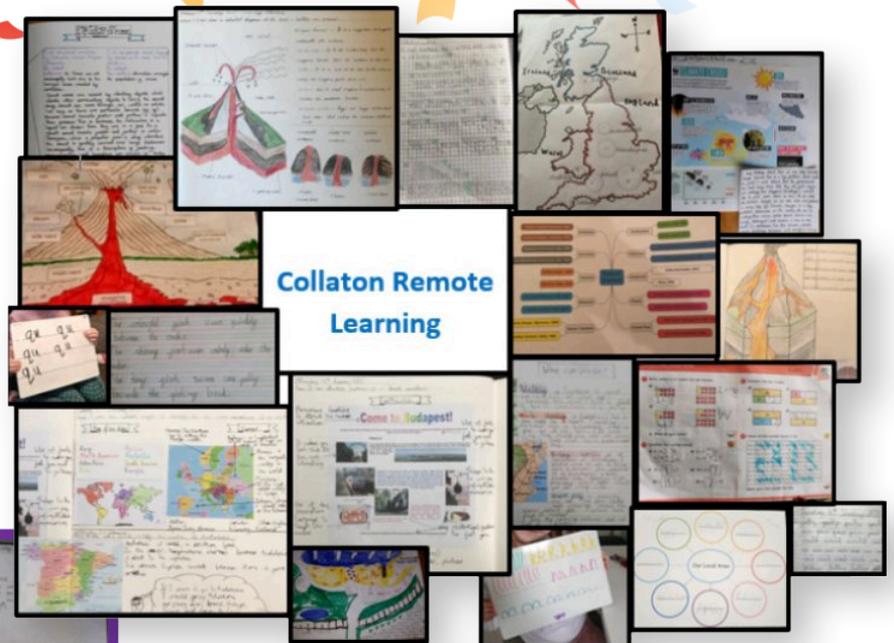


# Remote Learning

Just over 3000 pieces of work submitted, and given feedback on, over the last week by pupils! Cracking job pupils, parents and staff! Hearing many successes across lots of Torbay schools too!

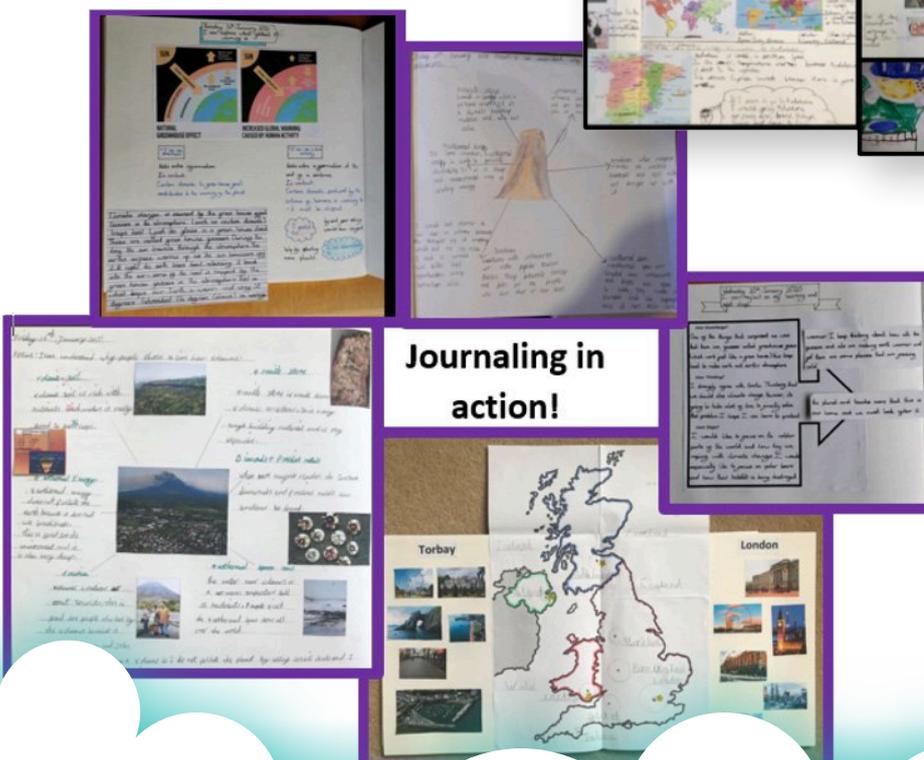
# 3000

Over 100 live and pre-recorded lessons delivered by staff this week, whilst implementing our 'Curriculum for Excellence'. Staff & Parents - You've got this!



Collaton Remote Learning

Journaling in action!



Great to see so many of the pupils capturing their learning in their journals. Writing in the style of a geographer has been part of the experience the last few weeks. Keep it up children!

# Reading with TRUST

Enjoy reading with TRUST



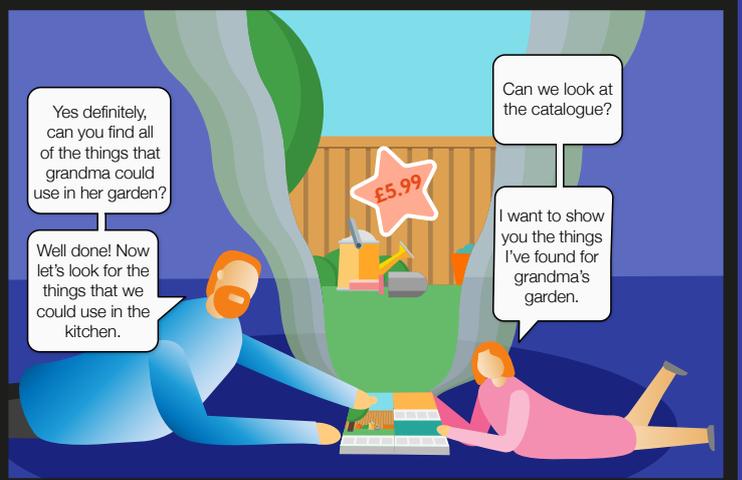
**T** Take turns to make predictions



**R** Recap to check ideas & understanding



**U** Use encouragement and praise



**S** Share prior knowledge & past experiences



**T** Tune-in and listen. Be curious with your child



# Reception Home Learning

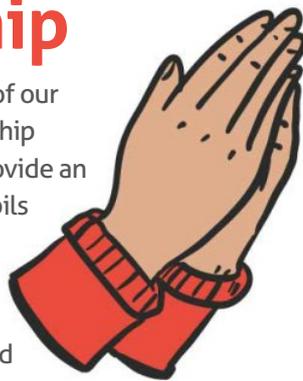
Reception have been working really hard with their home learning and have been earning dojo points for the work they have completed. The children have loved receiving certificates for their hard work. Keep it up Reception. Miss Dorrell is very proud of you all!

*Chloe Dorrell*



## Acts of Worship

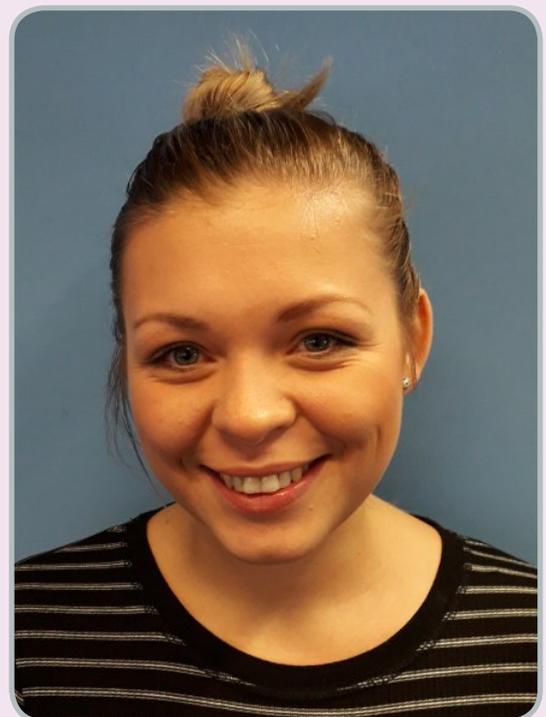
It has been wonderful to see so many of our families join in for our live acts of worship during the week. These continue to provide an excellent opportunity for all of our pupils to meet as one Collaton family. This January, we have been exploring the value of 'aspire'. This is particularly relevant during this time when we need to strive to be the best version of ourselves.



## Congratulations Mrs Gooding



We are excited to announce that Mrs Gooding our Teaching Assistant in Year 1 will be expecting her second child that is due in May. Congratulations Mrs Gooding!



## Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 9th February with the theme "An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world"

[Click Here for more info](#)



Founded in 2011, Zoom is one of the world's leading video conferencing software providers. It has a number of features, including video and audio conferencing, real-time messaging, screen-sharing and the ability to upload, share and search for content. Users can start their own meetings or they can join meetings set up by others. The app is available to use across PCs, laptops, tablets and mobile phones and is free to download on both the app store and on Android.



# What parents need to know about zoom



## ZOOM BOMBING



'Zoom bombing' is the term which has been coined to describe unauthorised people joining zoom meetings uninvited and broadcasting pornographic or inappropriate videos. An attacker can hijack a meeting if they know the meeting ID and it isn't reinforced with a password. Not taking preventative measures or implementing privacy controls could open up the risk of children witnessing sexual or inappropriate content with very little notice.

## RISK OF PHISHING



The rise in popularity of Zoom has led to a rise in hacking operations and phishing campaigns. This is when participants are encouraged to click on links to join what they believe to be legitimate Zoom meetings via email, but which are in fact fraudulent. These scams aim to obtain sensitive information such as user login details, passwords and/or credit card information.

## PRIVACY CONCERNS



Depending on how the app has been set-up, Zoom can offer very little privacy. In many cases, the meeting hosts can see detailed information about each participant including their full name, phone numbers and maybe even location data. Furthermore, depending on where the camera has been set up or where your child's computer is positioned, private or personal information could be stolen depending on what can be seen in the background.



## LIVE RECORDINGS



One of the features of Zoom is the ability to record live meetings. By default, only the host of the meeting can usually record live sessions however other meeting members can also record if the host gives them access. Recordings can be stored on devices or on the cloud and can be downloaded and shared with no restrictions. This means that videos, audio clips and transcripts of recordings involving your children could be widely shared on the internet or between users without your authorisation or consent.

## PRIVATE ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom has a facility to set up breakout rooms, which enables a private meeting within the main Zoom session. The host can choose to split the participants of the original meeting into separate sessions. This gives children the ability to speak privately away from the main group to other users however chats aren't always monitored by the host and if the meeting has been made public, children could be more vulnerable to experiencing negative comments.

## 'LIVE STREAMING' RISKS



At its very core, Zoom facilitates live streaming. That means it inevitably carries some of the associated risks that live streaming brings. These are likely to be minimal within a controlled environment (for instance when used in a classroom setting for remote learning). However, live streaming means that content isn't always moderated and children who use the app unsupervised or with limited security settings, may be more at risk of exposure to viewing inappropriate material. Other risks can include downloading malicious links, sharing personal information or even potential grooming.

## Safety Tips For Parents

### REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Remind your child that if they do see something that makes them feel uncomfortable or upset then they need to talk about it and report it. Parents can report unwanted activity, harassment, and cyberattacks to Zoom directly. To help your child, you could try setting up a checklist before they go online, with an agreed set of rules and what they should do if they see something inappropriate.

### USER PRIVATE MEETING IDS & PASSWORDS

It is always better to set up a meeting with a random ID number generated by Zoom than by using a personal number. This means it is harder to guess and less likely to be hacked. It's important to never share meeting IDs with anybody you don't know and always set-up a password function to allow other people to sign-in. This should already be a default setting that is applied on Zoom.

### PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL DATA

It's important to discuss with your child that they should not share personal information on Zoom. This includes passwords, their address, phone number, etc. Create your child's account under a false name or pseudonym and always set a custom background to help hide details in your home. Zoom allows you to turn on virtual backgrounds and select your own image to appear behind you.

### BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Every time you or your child gets a Zoom link, it's good practice to ensure it has come from the official platform and is not fraudulent. Signs of a phishing email include an unrecognisable email address, an unofficial domain name or a slightly distorted logo. The email itself might also be poorly written or contain suspicious attachments.

### TURN OFF UNNECESSARY FEATURES

If your child is using Zoom, there are a number of features that you can turn off to make the experience safer for them. For instance, disabling the ability to transfer files or engaging in private chats can help to limit the risk of receiving any malicious attachments or receiving any inappropriate messages. In addition, you can turn off the camera if it is not needed or mute the microphone when not in use.

### USE THE 'VIRTUAL WAITING ROOM FEATURE

The waiting room feature on Zoom means that anybody who wants to join a meeting or live session cannot automatically join and must 'wait' for the host to screen them before entering. This is now a default function and adds another layer of security to reduce the likelihood of zoom bombing.

### KEEP YOUR VERSION UPDATED

It's important to ensure you are using the latest version of Zoom available and always update it if you get a prompt. These updates are usually to fix security holes and without the update you will be more vulnerable to an attack. Check the official website to see what the latest version is and compare it to your own.

### HOST IMPLEMENTED PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child is part of a larger group meeting, then it's important to make sure that the host is abiding by Zoom's Terms of Service. This includes the fact that they have gained everybody's permission for the session to be recorded. The host should also have set screen sharing to 'host only' and disabled 'file transfer' to help keep the live stream secure.

## Meet our expert

Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.



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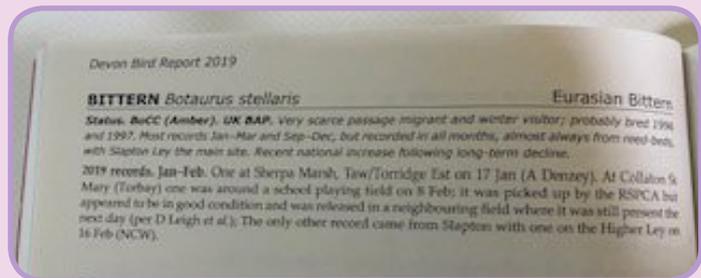
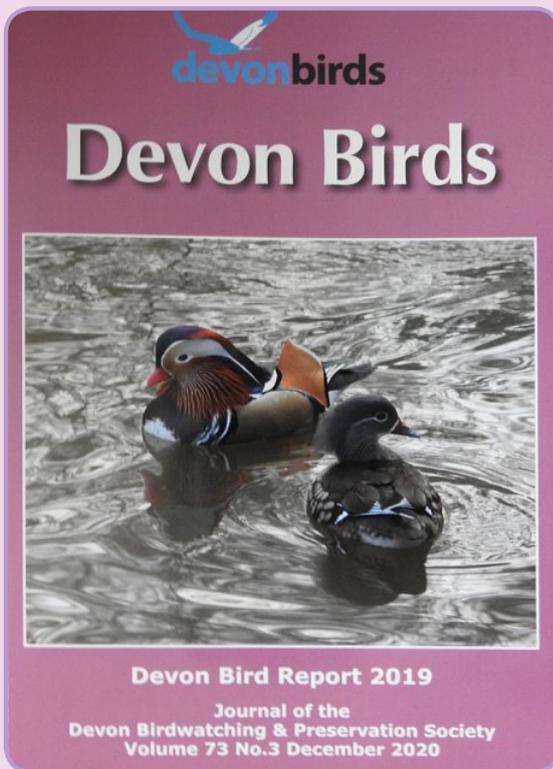
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# Rare Bird Sighting at Collaton St. Mary

Early last February, there was a sighting of a rare bird in our school playground! The picture of the Eurasian Bittern has now been featured in the 2019 Devon Bird Report.



Bittern, Collaton St Mary, 9 Feb 2019

## Safeguarding

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility: school staff, parents and members of our community.**

The week beginning 1st February, is Children's Mental Health Week. Engaging with the school's remote learning will have a positive impact on your child's mental health by ensuring some familiarity with school routines, learning and seeing their teacher and peers.

There are many things you can do at home to help keep some normality and support your child's mental health:

### **Exercise**

Outside and/or indoor exercise can help improve well-being and sleep patterns.

### **Play a game**

A good old fashioned board game can really support your child with communication.

### **Take time for a conversation**

Some alone time with a parent and a chat can really help you and your child's relationship.

### **Take up a new hobby together**

This could be an instrument, lego, art, gardening etc.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Ben Nelson-Smith on [ben.nelson-smith@acexcellence.co.uk](mailto:ben.nelson-smith@acexcellence.co.uk) or MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 01803 208100.**



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