



October 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year, particularly all our new parents! We're so delighted you've chosen Galampton for your child and we look forward to a successful partnership with you and your child.

Please do take time to read this half termly newsletter. It takes a lot of time (and it's a cost to the school) to put together and we assume it is read by every parent in the school.

We try to include not just information about school events, but also each class includes some of their class learning. Within this newsletter, you'll see what our new EYFS children have been up to this half term and we have some new Y6 bloggers who will also be reporting on aspects of school life too.

In our last newsletter, we asked parents to click on a response button at the end of the newsletter, so that we can see how many parents read the contents. The results were depressing news for our teaching and admin teams who pull all the articles together, edit, re-edit and edit again!

So we're also going to load the newsletter on to Dojo and Tapestry to ensure a wider readership.

We'll review this again later on in the year to consider whether we continue with the newsletter in this format. As ever, your feedback is most welcome!

Finally, it's great that we now have a new PTFA (FROGs) in place, with our new Chair, Kirsty Emmins. I'm so grateful to her and her new committee for the work they're about to embark on.

A separate newsletter or notices will come from FROGs so that you can support their work across the year. More info to follow.

Enjoy the half term break,

Best Wishes,

Katy Burns



Our New Reception Class & Welcome Service

The Reception class have settled well into school life at Galmpton. This half term we have been learning all about 'What makes us special?' and 'How we can keep ourselves healthy?'. The children are making a video to explain the importance of healthy food choices, exercise and looking after our teeth.

We had a whole school Welcome Service this week, where all the classes welcomed the new children with gifts and well wishes. The children each hung a button to our class tree to show how unique and special they all are. We also had a celebration cake and lit a candle. It was lovely to share this Service with our new parents.



Y2 Trip 6th October

As part of our geography learning enquiry, "Why do people come to Torbay on holiday?", Year 2 went on a geography bus trip. We hopped on the double decker bus and journeyed around Torbay. On our journey, we stopped at Babbacombe Downs and Meadfoot Beach to look at physical and human features around the Bay.





Year 6 Prefects

At the beginning of term, Ms Seabrook asked for applications for the prestigious title of "Y6 Prefect". Pupils were asked to write why they wanted to be a prefect and the qualities they possessed which would make them suitable for the role. More than 20 children applied, each was given a yellow prefect badge and assigned a specific area of focus.

Prefect Roles

- Bloggers: Noah and Ellie
- Librarians: Lizzie, Millie, Isabella, and Arthur
- Walking Monitors: Freya, Trey, Ryan, Zach, Seren, Savanna,
- Playleaders: Reggie, Charlie, Amelie, Penelope, Sam
- Peer Mediators: Sonny G, Sunny KB, Grace, Laurance
- Hall monitors: Charlee-Mae, Logan, Archie, and Amelia

The impact of the prefects has already become noticeable around school. The library is looking lovely and tidy, the games on the playground are great fun and pupils are walking quietly around the corridors at lunchtime.

Mrs Burns will be awarding a 'Prefect of the Week' award for someone going above and beyond in their role.

"I like that I get to set up the Hall and do the powerpoints" - Archie

"I enjoy helping out at lunchtimes with KS1" - Logan

By Noah Fisher and Ellie Brooks (Y6 bloggers)

Y5 Class Learning

The year 5 children enjoyed the end of their first enquiry, 'How can we be a school that embraces difference,' by reading their own poems about inclusion and anti-bullying to their parents. They have also planted some Pansies, which will add some more colour to our school grounds by next year.



HARVEST SERVICE

On Friday, 7th October, we gathered as a whole school to celebrate Harvest. The Hall was packed and it was wonderful that so many parents were able to join us for our worship.

Lindsay, from Christian Aid came to talk to us about the work they are doing in Pakistan and, rather than food collections this year, we are asking for donations to help those who have been affected by the terrible floods all over the country.

The children read poems, said prayers and sang Harvest songs with great enthusiasm, making it a really joyful event.

A huge thank you goes to Paul Ansell for baking the marvellous Wheat Sheaf bread especially for our Service.



Y4 coffee morning fundraiser (27th September)

Y4 raised a whopping £280.74 at their cake and coffee morning. A big thank you to all for donating cakes and the children really enjoyed serving up the delights to family members through the morning. The donations will be given to the British Red Cross to support their work with refugees.



Lunch Pre-ordering

At the start of term we had huge success with the lunch pre-orders meaning that teaching could commence immediately in class, interventions could be delivered and there was a massive reduction in food waste from the Kitchen.

However we have noticed that towards the end of this half term pre-orders tailed off and more contact was having to be made with parents. Could we suggest that you set reminders in your calendars for each Sunday to pre-order for the week ahead, although we're sure you're aware that you can pre-order up to 6 weeks in advance.

Y6 Mental Health Champion Training

During the last couple of weeks, our Y6 pupils have completed their Mental Health Champion Training Programme in a 2 hour face to face training workshop with the founder of the programme, Ben. The journey began in the Summer term of Y5 for our pupils, engaging in an empowering learning journey that teaches pupil's advanced insights into caring for

their own mental health as well as supporting their peers. Now our Y6's have graduated, they possess the knowledge and skills required to make a positive impact in our school. We will provide updates in following newsletters on the practical ways our Y6 children are developing the Mental Health Champion role in Galmpton.



Chromebook Donations

We are truly grateful to have received donations of much needed ChromeBooks from Mr Nicol at Mr Mortgages based in Paignton and also from Mr & Mrs Litherland, from Boyce Estate Agents in Brixham. These were presented to Mrs Burns during a whole school worship at the end of the Summer term.

We must also extend our thanks to Mr Walker of MBS Building Services who have just donated two further ChromeBooks this term. School budgets are being stretched to the absolute limit currently with the forthcoming energy price rises and these resources are so very needed and have a huge impact in school, so thank you very very much on behalf of our children.

If there are any parents or carers who may have links to businesses that may be willing to donate Chromebooks for our children to use in school, we would be very pleased to hear from you.



Attendance Data for the period 7th Sept – 14th Oct (Target is 97%)

Whole School	96.57 %
Reception	96.31 %
★ Y1	98.02 % ★
Y2	94.51 %
Y3	96.34 %
Y4	96.02 %
Y5	97.98 %
Y6	96.63 %

**Well done Y1, you are our half
term attendance superstars.
Keep it up!**

If you have any questions relating to attendance / absence, please contact the school office who will be able to answer your questions.

Volunteering in School

If there are any parents or family members who may be considering a route to a teaching assistant role and, are able to offer regular (daily / weekly) time to support children in school with reading and other tasks, we would welcome you as a volunteer. We are in real need of additional support in school and YOU can make a real difference with your support. There is a form to complete, so please contact the office or your child's class teacher for more information.

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We now have a new FROGs Committee in place. Huge thanks go to Deb Price and Charlotte Partridge for all their commitment and efforts in running and heading up the PTA fundraising in 2021/22. Also massive thanks to Georgie Bishop for having been Treasurer.

Kirsty Emmins is now Chair of the PTA, Co-Treasurers are Louise Harcar-Greavy and Alice Johnson and, Samantha Kinghorn is Secretary.

There are lots of dates already in the diary for FROGs activities which you'll find on the dates page at the end of this newsletter.

If anybody would like a stall at the upcoming Christmas Fayre, please contact a member of the PTA committee or the office.



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Calendar Dates

2022

Tues 20th Oct	Autumn Key Stage Disco's, KS1 4.15pm & KS2 5:45pm
Mon 24th – Fri 28th Oct	Half Term Holidays
Mon 7th Nov, 9.00 - 10.30am	SEND Parent / Carer Forum
Mon 7th – Fri 11th Nov	SEND Parent / Teacher Meetings – teachers will be in touch to arrange appointments
Weds 9th Nov	Y6 trip to Paignton Zoo (please provide photo's of membership cards via Dojo to Mrs Smith during half term)
Thurs 10th Nov	School Flu (Nasal) Vaccinations, administered in school
Mon 14th & Tues 15th Nov	Parent / Teacher Meetings (info to follow)
Fri 18th Nov	Children In Need Day
Thurs 1st Dec	School Nurse, YR & Y6 Height & Weight Measurements
Thurs 8th Dec, 9.15am	Christingle Service @ Churston Church (info to follow)
Fri 9th Dec	Christmas Fayre
Tues 13th Dec, 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance @ Beverley Park
Weds 14th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Thurs 15th Dec, 6.00pm	Y6 Carol Service @ Churston Church
Fri 16th Dec, 2.30pm	Whole School Service
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Tues 3rd Jan	Start of Spring Term
Tues 17th Jan, 9.00 - 10.30am	SEND Parent / Carer Forum