



# July 2022

# NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

**I can't quite believe we are at the end of this academic year, and what a year it has been for us!**

So many amazing achievements; including our very strong OFSTED report and exceptional end of year results across the school. We achieve these by having a hugely

talented and committed team at Galampton, but there is no doubt that parents and carers contribute to these great outcomes too. So, a massive thank you for all that you do to make Galampton a school that is rooted in the community and seeks to achieve excellence wherever we can!

It was wonderful to see the huge numbers of parents and families at our Summer Fayre and Sport's Day. It was so uplifting to see our school grounds full again after the last two years!

I hope your 'Meet the Teacher' session was useful in terms of knowing some important messages for your child's return in September. Teachers will also send out this information on the Class Dojo pages, so if you were unable to attend last week's session, do have a read!

Finally, we wish our lovely Year 6's a successful transition to their Secondary schools. They have been such a wonderful cohort and we will miss them and all that they've brought to the school. We started together 7 years ago and I can vividly remember this Year 6 so well from their reception days. How time has flown! So, all the very best to you Year 6.

Remember my message to you all; be happy, be kind and find a passion in life that will fulfil you.

I hope all families have a good break and that you enjoy the additional time with your children. We'll see you all on September 7th to begin the 2022/23 year.

*Katy Burns* Headteacher

## Goodbye Mr Trust

As you'll be aware, Mr Trust returned to Galampton to teach Y5 back in January. Due to Mr Trust's love of travel, it was always a temporary posting! At the end of our academic year, he's leaving us to continue his teaching career in America! We're truly grateful to Mr Trust and we all wish him well in his new role.

## Welcome Mr Riden, Ms Boyd, Miss Topic & Mrs Sarah Harris

Mr Riden has been appointed as Y5 Class Teacher from September. Mr Riden was working at Curledge Street with Y6 and we're looking forward to welcoming him into the school family. Ms Boyd returns, following maternity leave, as TA in KS1 and Miss Topic who will be a familiar face to YR and Y1 is also joining us in KS1 in a TA role.

Sarah Harris is our newly appointed Parent Governor.

Welcome one and all!

## Meet the Teacher

Our first parent/carer "meet the teacher" afternoon went really well. We plan to do this each year before your child moves to their next class in September. If you didn't manage to attend your class meeting and you'd like to catch up with your child's new teacher, please contact the office to make arrangements to do so.

## Year 4 Beach Trip

Y4 went to Broadsands Beach to support their guided reading work. We read the story of the Sand Horse on the beach. Then, as a reward for super learning this year, we had a picnic, paddle and ice lolly treat! It was a lovely day.



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## BUDE RESIDENTIAL 2022

Y6 had an amazing time following their SATs, on a week's residential trip to Adventure Bude. The adults who accompanied them said they were an absolute pleasure to be with throughout the week - they were perfect ambassadors for the school. Surfing, Climbing, Mountain Boarding, Canoeing, High Ropes, Caving, Bodyboarding and Dragon Boating were just some of the exciting activities they undertook throughout the week. A great time was had by all and, the week just flew by. Well done Y6!



## ATTENDANCE & REGISTRATION

**MORNING REGISTRATION TIME ALTERATION** - In line with recent Government guidance, from September registers will be taken at 8.55am every day. The school gates will continue to open from 8.45am and will then close 8.55am rather than 9.00am. Anybody arriving after 8.55am will be registered with a late mark. Any child arriving after 9.05am will receive a "late, after registers closed" mark, which will impact attendance %.

**ABSENCE REQUESTS** - Although the majority of absence during term time is likely to be unauthorised, please submit the required absence form so that we have all relevant information. All circumstances will be thoroughly reviewed and some may be considered exceptional circumstances and therefore authorised, but these absences still require a form to be submitted in advance.

Unfortunately, retrospective absence request forms

cannot be actioned. Therefore, any date upon which a child is unexpectedly absent from school (except for illness reasons) will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

The Local Authority have requested that schools return to forwarding absence information to the Attendance Officer for review. This could result in the Council issuing penalty notice's where a child has 5 days (10 half day sessions) or more of unauthorised absence. The period for consideration is 6 months - this can be from one academic year into the next and could be any 10 sessions of absence spread over separate weeks and months.

Should you have any questions relating to attendance / absence, please do contact the school office who will do their best to answer any queries.



# Sports Day

Well, what a day! The weather looked a little dicey, but we were lucky and it stayed dry throughout. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves – looked like the parents may have too!!

Thanks to all who attended and supported and FROGs raised £330.88 selling burgers, scones and refreshments.



## Bikeability

Y5 and Y6 have been successful in gaining their level 1 and level 2 qualifications. Well done children. We had excellent feedback from the instructors about commitment, manners and listening skills. They're a credit to us all!



## Children's Online Activity

We would ask you to please ensure you review your child's activities on social media and phones. We are increasingly receiving information about children's inappropriate "chat" online. Whilst we teach internet safety in school it is also parents responsibility to ensure children are acting appropriately. Please see the link below and there are other guides available online.

[Click Here](#)

## Y6 Leavers

This week we say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to our wonderful Year 6s. They really have been a credit to us all this year and have undoubtedly achieved and flourished over their years at Galmpton. Not only have they excelled academically, they have been a fantastic and supportive Y6 team and also great role models to our younger pupils. We are so very proud of each and every one of our Y6 pupils; we wish them all the very best for their futures and know that they will make the most out of every opportunity that comes their way. They are all stars!





# SUMMER FAYRE THANKS

Thanks to all who volunteered and attended on 25th June. It was a lovely celebration and so wonderful to get back to normal following the last couple of years. FROGs raised a whopping £1995.07

It was fantastic to see so many faces from around the Village who don't have children in school, but want to come and support us. Thank you to one and all!





# SEAL PROJECT

This half term Reception have been learning all about how we can show compassion for our blue planet. We have been really fortunate to work with the seal project in Brixham to raise awareness and help make a change. They visited us in class to talk about our oceans and seas. We learnt about the local seals who visit our beaches and how sometimes they have been wrapped up in plastic and other items, and need rescuing. We have been thinking of ways that we can help save the seals and make people think about how we can reduce the amount of rubbish ending up in our oceans and seas.

We then visited Broadsands Beach and the children completed a litter pick and we made a large seal using recycled materials and wrote a very important message about not polluting our seas and oceans with rubbish. The seal project are displaying our seal in local businesses and are holding an event on the Breakwater Beach, Brixham this Sunday 24th July between 10 - 2pm. Please do go down after our school church service and help support them and this really important local issue.



## Jubilee Day Friday 24th June

On Friday 24th June we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school. The children learnt all about the historical significance of the Jubilee and enjoyed a street party lunch followed by some country dancing and singing.



## Y6 Sailing 4th - 6th July

Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Royal Dart Youth Sailing Trust's "Schools Week 2022" on 4th, 5th and 6th July. The aim of the "Schools Week" Programme is to give local school children a fun introduction to sailing by the Royal Dart Yacht Club through the Youth Sailing Trust. Each day, roughly 11 pupils took part and were instructed by Kit Noble or Ed Jones, Senior Dinghy Instructors at the Club. The sailing days were, once again, a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils. We thank the RDYST for enabling it to happen again this year.



# Year 4

## Torre Abbey Visit



Year 4 visited Torre Abbey to help us answer our learning question 'Why is the barn at Torre Abbey called the Spanish Barn?'. We have learnt that it was named as it was used to house 397 Spanish sailors that were captured on the ship, The Nuestra Senoria del Rosario, during the Spanish Armada.

We had a great day making ships, re-enacting the Spanish Armada and exploring the barn. We even heard the tale of the White Lady, the ghost of a woman that dressed as a sailor who is reported to have died while incarcerated in the barn...we didn't see her on the day we visited though!

## Equipment List for KS2

We ask that each KS2 pupil (Y3-6) has their own equipment readily available on a daily basis please. We have found that children who have their own equipment take more responsibility for their belongings and it really does help to prepare children for transition to secondary school:

- HB pencil
- Glue stick (this will need replacing regularly!)
- Colouring pencils (basic colours)
- Green and orange highlighters
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Black gel / ink handwriting pen (for children who have a pen licence)



## Thankyou

Mr Hicks / Mrs Hartley / Mr Riden / Mrs Smith



# Thank You!

Once again a massive thank you to Carol and Dave Eason who go above and beyond to make our garden areas look so wonderful. Each week they visit and work with a group of children in the garden at the rear of school, supplying resources for which they have fundraised by selling their own seedlings and cuttings. They make such a difference and the school wouldn't look so warm and welcoming if it weren't for them. Thank you so much. Dave and Carol would also like to send their thanks to the parent who donated a huge bag of compost!

## Gardening Activities

Y2 have been gardening this term; planting potatoes, onions, beetroot and swede. They have harvested radishes, turnips and replanted hanging baskets - they've had a great time outdoors learning new skills.

## Uniform – Lost Items

If items of clothing are not named or labelled, it is very difficult for children to locate their lost jumpers/cardigans/coats etc. Please would all parents ensure that each item of child's clothing is clearly labelled so that lost items can be reunited with their owners. Thank you.

## Village Parking

Following our fantastic Summer Fayre and Sports Day events, which were enjoyed by all who attended, unfortunately the office did receive complaints regarding parking.

Please ensure you do not obstruct driveways and consider access in narrow streets when parking opposite residents driveways. Also, please consider that if parking in the road directly opposite the school gates – many vehicles have been damaged by other cars / trucks turning into the junction (Galampton Glade). We thank you for your assistance – it will go a long way to saving tension between residents and the school.

## Lunch Pre-Ordering

We recently issued a letter via Teachers2Parents and Teacher's also sent out a dojo / tapestry notification to let you know that since 4th July, lunch orders are no longer checked in class at the start of the day.

Thank you to all for supporting this. It's giving Teacher's a lot more time at the start of the day to achieve more learning with the children and it's streamlining the kitchen activities ensuring lunch is served on time with less waste.

## MEAL PRICE INCREASE

Please be advised that from the start of September there will be a price increase to the cost of the school meal. The current price is £2.34 for a main meal and a dessert. This will increase to £2.44.

The price rise is due to the continued pressure on the cost of wholesale food and fuel.

A school meal through ACE catering and the in-house teams still provides excellent value for money and we have kept the increase to a minimum, in order to support the sustainability of our in-house meals service.

Our 'award winning' school meals continue to offer an exciting variety and choice, freshly prepared meals, cooked from scratch on site using local and seasonal ingredients that are healthy and nutritious.

We develop all menus in line with the nutritional standards set by the Schools Food Trust and the Government's Food Policy in Schools. We exceed these standards complying also with Food for Life criteria and our sustainable school food charter.

If your financial circumstances have changed please register for Free School Meals through the [portal](#)

# Galmpton Primary School

## Calendar Dates

### 2022

**Thursday 21st July:**

Y6 Leaver's Party @ Cayman Golf

**Monday 25th July:**

Y6 Barn Chapel Service @ 2.40pm Y6 Families welcome to attend

**Tuesday 26th July:**

Leavers Assembly in School @ 2.00pm, all welcome to attend & End of Term, 3.15pm finish

### AUTUMN TERM

**Mon 5th & Tues 6th Sept:**

Non-Pupil Days, Staff Training

**Weds 7th Sept:**

Pupils return to school

**Sun 11th Sept:**

Galmpton Flower / Produce Festival

**Weds 28th Sept:**

Individual/Sibling/Family Photo's – Siblings attending other schools should arrive around 8am

**Thurs 10th Nov:**

Whole School Pupil Flu (Nasal) Vaccinations

**Mon 24th – Fri 28th October:**

Half Term Holidays

**Fri 16th Dec:**

End of Term, 3.15pm finish

### SPRING TERM

**Tues 3rd Jan 2023:**

Pupils Return to School

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