



October 19

# NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

What a successful half term we've had! All our new children have settled so well and are now really beginning to make some great relationships with adults and children alike, whilst doing some super learning. We've celebrated their arrival with our Welcome Service this month and then followed this up with a meaningful Harvest service. Thank you for your kind contributions to Brixham Food Bank and Christian Aid. Both charities have asked us to pass on their gratitude to you.

Mr Byrne has recently joined us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant who will predominantly work in Year 6. Mr Byrne is exceptionally well qualified and experienced and we are delighted he has come to join our fantastic team at Galampton.

The children really enjoyed their 'Healthier Choices' learning from last term and hopefully you've seen the impact of some of that work too. This half term is always a busy one with the lead up to Christmas. We'll think carefully over this half term about how we can best gain support for our Parent Teacher Association and other events arranged with our Friends of Galampton. Please do make a note of any forthcoming dates. We look forward to seeing many of you at Parents/Teachers evenings next week.

*Katy Burns* Headteacher



## Parents Evenings - Mon 4th Nov & Weds 6th Nov

**Don't forget to book your slot for Parent/Teacher Meetings which are taking place on Monday 4th November and Wednesday 6th November.**

The booking sheets will be displayed on boards on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th October, at 8.45am and 3.15pm. Older children / relatives /

friends can book for you in your absence. If these arrangements are not suitable, please call the office from Wednesday 30th October (after 9.30am), when we will have access to the sheets to assist in booking your slots. Unfortunately we cannot offer this before Wednesday 30th October.

## Spotacular Day In aid of Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we will be asking the children to dress up in 'Spotty' outfits or wear a 'Spotty' item to help raise money for Children in Need. £1 donations to dress up will be much appreciated. There will also be a cake sale held after school and we would be very grateful for any "nut free" baked/shop bought donations to be dropped off in the KS1 shared area on that morning.



**BBC**

# Children in Need



# Learning this half term

This half term we will use the Amnesty International book 'Dreams of Freedom' to hook the children into our learning experience based on the overarching question: 'How can I become a Global Citizen?'

We will encourage the children, through this Geography based enquiry, to become global citizens, empathising with others and understanding the challenges of those who have less rights and freedoms than us. As the children become enriched

with new geographical knowledge we hope that they will also be driven to want to create change for others just like the charity Amnesty international and other change campaigns. Children will find out about 'Leaders of Change' in other countries. They will use their geographical skills to understand how geographical factors have shaped their lives and views. For more detailed information please go to your child's class page on the website.

## Ethos Committee Members needed

The Ethos committee meets every half term to review, plan and monitor the work we do as a Church School. We are in need of parents to join our group so that parents can help shape the work we do and have an input into the Services, Worships, Church year celebrations and the teaching of Religious Education. We need parents to come and review our Vision and Values and would really welcome any input you can give. A knowledge of Church Schools or indeed of Christian belief and practise is not necessary. All we need is your enthusiasm and time. This is more important than anything else so please consider joining. If you're interested or would like further information please see Mrs Burns. Our next meeting is on November 22nd at 1.30 and will finish at 3.10pm.

### Attendance data for the period 04.09.19 – 11.10.19

Whole School	97.03
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	97.16
1	95.77
2	98.27
3	97.91
4	96.96
5	96.17
6	97.02

Well done to Year 2 who have achieved the highest attendance since the start of term!

# BONFIRE & FIREWORKS PARTY AT LUPTON HOUSE

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2019  
4.30PM - 6.30PM

TICKETS £8.00 EACH (UNDER 3'S FREE)

BBQ & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
GLOW PRODUCTS & SPARKLERS ON SALE  
SPOOKY DISCO

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL (PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUMES!)

TICKETS ONLINE ONLY FROM 1ST OCTOBER  
FROM [WWW.DISCOVERLUPTON.COM](http://WWW.DISCOVERLUPTON.COM)

## Operation Christmas Child

Please get involved...A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. See what impact a simple shoebox gift, packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches into a community.

Please bring boxes into school by **Friday 8th November** ready for collection. Here's a link with more information on what and how to pack a shoebox :

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child)



# Harvest Eucharist

Our Eucharist Service took place on Monday 14th October and was led by Reverend John Gay. It was a lovely Service and we were joined by lots of friends and families.

Thank you to all those who donated money to Christian Aid and brought in food for Brixham Food Bank which was gratefully received.



## Please Slow Down

Please can you ensure that you drive past the school slowly. Cars speeding off, particularly first thing in the morning after drop off is incredibly dangerous outside a school and puts our children at risk.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who take such great care and consideration with their driving and parking.

*Mrs Burns*



# Attendance



**Attendance Improvement Service**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Electric House  
c/o Town Hall, Torquay, TQ1 3DR  
Email: [attendance@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:attendance@torbay.gov.uk)

October 2019

Dear **Parent/Carer**

Over the last year the majority of families have ensured that their child attended school regularly and enjoyed the benefits of being on roll in one of Torbay's schools. If your child has no unauthorised absences I would like to thank you for continuing commitment to your child's education.

This letter has been sent to all parents and carers of children attending a school in Torbay, to remind you of Torbay Council's policy in relation to school attendance. This letter is not a concern about any particular child's attendance. We are encouraged to send it so all parents and carers understand the framework.

Parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure their child who is of compulsory school age receives an efficient, full time education. Therefore if your child has no unauthorised absences and their attendance is at 96% or above, you are giving your child the best chance to achieve their potential. If parents/carers fail to ensure their child's regular and punctual attendance at school, they are committing an offence, unless the absence has been authorised by the school.

We acknowledge that some absence, e.g. illness, is unavoidable. However, any requests for avoidable absences from school (including holidays) can only be agreed by the school in advance, so it is therefore essential that you apply to the school in writing as far in advance of the absence as is reasonably possible using a form supplied by the school. Please be aware that a school can only grant leave in exceptional circumstances. The Department for Education guidance states that "leave is unlikely to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday as a norm."

In situations where a child accumulates 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absences (one school day is made up of two sessions) within any six month period, parents/carers will make themselves liable to receiving a Penalty Notice per parent/carer, per child. If a Penalty Notice is issued it carries a penalty of £60 if paid in full within 21 days or £120 if paid in full after this time but within 28 days. Part or late payments cannot be accepted and there is no legal right to appeal the Penalty Notice once it has been issued. If a Penalty Notice goes unpaid, this is likely to result in Court proceedings being instigated for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance contrary to section 444 Education Act 1996. Upon conviction of such an offence the maximum fine of £2500, or a maximum 3 months imprisonment, can be imposed.

**Please note:** only one Penalty Notice will be issued in any two year period. This means that if a Penalty Notice is paid, and the child accumulates a further 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within the following two years, this will result in the parent/carer receiving a summons to Court for an offence contrary to s444 Education Act.

If you are considering taking your child out of school you are reminded to read both your child's School Attendance Policy (normally on the school website) regarding avoidable absence in term time and the Local Authority's Penalty Notice Code of Conduct which can be accessed at: [www.torbay.gov.uk/attendance](http://www.torbay.gov.uk/attendance).

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of the Attendance Improvement Service**

# FROGs Financial report update

As a result of your generosity and hard work we ended the year last July with an incredibly healthy bank balance of £11,755 (pending outgoing payments). Well done, especially to our amazing FROGS committee who work tirelessly to improve provision for the children.

This term the PTFA have given the school £5000 to purchase 18 chrome books. This will ensure that we can deliver a Curriculum fit for the 21st Century and provide greater opportunities for children using information technology.

The PTFA took the decision a couple of years ago, that instead of giving regular donations to the school (and there's always a long list!) we would 'bank' the funding and save for a 'big project'. That big project was an additional room that would be used for a number of different things:

-  An intervention room for children requiring small group work or 1 to 1 work
-  An after school club which is easily accessible for parents
-  A meeting room
-  A room that we could potentially let to generate income for the school
-  A dedicated music room

Originally the plan was to build an exterior lodge/garden room on an original foot print at the back of the school. Contractors sent in quotes and the Local Authority was asked to review the build. Mrs Burns managed to secure additional funding and we were all ready to go. However, the plan to build on an existing plot has been more complex than anticipated and on review, we have decided to move and improve rooms in school. Our plan now is to move the staff room to the Rawcliffe room (next to Year 4) and transform our existing staff room to a beautiful group/intervention/meeting/after school club room. Funding will be used to move the existing staff room/kitchen into another space near the staff room to create a small waiting space/cloakroom where the kitchen is currently situated. Toilets will be refurbished for staff and adults. The room will be made accessible for all users.

Upstairs the room opposite our rainbow room will be turned into a sound proofed room allowing music lessons to take place in a dedicated space with appropriate storage.

So, although we've had to change plans, we do believe that these plans are even better. They will involve more 'upheaval' within the school whilst the changes take place, but this will not affect the children and their learning. I know staff, FROGs and the Leadership team feel very positive about the changes and hope you will too!! We will ensure we keep you updated as we begin the project. Should you require further information please see a member of the SLT or a FROGs committee member.



## Brixham Seaside Santa Fun Run & Walk

Sunday 8th Dec @ 11am



Brixham Harriers & The Soroptomists are hosting a Seaside Santa Fun Run (or a brisk walk!) on the flat over a distance of 3Km, dressed as Santa. It starts near to "RockFish", heads out towards the Breakwater and then returns to "RockFish".

Santa costumes are including in the entry fee and the funds raised go to Brixham Food Bank for their Christmas support programme.

Further information can be found at the following websites:

[www.brixhamharriers.co.uk](http://www.brixhamharriers.co.uk)

[www.englishriviera.co.uk](http://www.englishriviera.co.uk)

or go to [www.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search 'brixham santa run'

Sign up at:  
[www.runbritain.com](http://www.runbritain.com)



# www.galmptonprimary.org



We are very pleased to inform you that our new website is now live. It is a fantastic site, very user friendly and contains school information which will answer all your school related questions.

The site contains a wealth of information including:

- **Calendar section which details term dates and upcoming events.**
- **Policies section (should you have any need to check admissions criteria / attendance etc).**
- **A news feed which we will update with information relating to school events / news.**
- **Class pages which your Teacher will update with information on your child's learning in class.**

The parents section covers practically everything! Please take a look through all the information it contains. We would encourage you to create a login on the website as this ensures you will receive notifications when items are added to the newsfeed. Please make this your first port of call for school related queries. Should it not be contained on the website, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



Year 2 enjoyed a lovely tour of Riverford farm, learning all about how different crops grow. They even got to watch the tour guide, Penny, dig up some carrots, which she then washed and chopped up to have with our lunch. Who'd have thought that carrots come in different colours like purple or yellow?!

We got to try a range of different organic treats, such as berries (which we picked ourselves), delicious grapes and custard apple! There were some little adventures along the way too, for example, when we got drenched during an "irrigation" demonstration! Our tour guide was extremely impressed by Year 2's behaviour and pointed this out to Mr Hicks!



**GALMPTON FROGS PRESENTS**

# WINTER DISCO

**TICKETS £2.50**

PLEASE PURCHASE FROM THE PTA IN ADVANCE



**GLOW PRODUCTS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE ON THE NIGHT FROM £1 to £2**

**KEYSTAGE 1**  
15.30 TO 16:30

Key stage one children to bring party clothes to change into at the end of the school day and will be escorted to the hall

**KEYSTAGE 2**  
16.45 TO 17:45

**THURSDAY 14TH NOV 2019**  
**GALMPTON SCHOOL HALL**

# Galmpton Primary School

## TERM DATES

### Autumn 2019

- Thurs 31st Oct** Y6 Sports Festival @ BC
- Sun 2nd Nov** Lupton House Bonfire Night
- Mon 4th Nov** Parent's Evening 3.30-6pm
- Weds 6th Nov** Parent's Evening 3.30-6pm
- Thurs 7th Nov** Y4 Sports Festival @ BC
- Thurs 14th Nov** Y5 Sports Festival @ BC
- Thurs 14th Nov** FROGs Winter Disco  
KS1 3.30-4.30pm, KS2 4.45-5.45pm
- Fri 15th Nov** Children In Need – Non uniform day
- Mon 18th -**
- Thurs 21st Nov** Bikeability (Y5)
- Weds 20th Nov** "Bags to School" Collection day
- Weds 20th -**
- Tues 26th Nov** Scholastic Book Fair after School
- Thurs 21st Nov** EYFS Sports Festival @ BC
- Thurs 28th Nov** Y4 Sports Festival @ BC
- Fri 29th Nov** Beauty & The Beast Panto (FROGs)
- Sun 1st Dec** Christingle Service  
@ Churston Church 9.30am
- Thurs 5th Dec** Y6 Sports Festival @ BC
- Fri 6th Dec** FROGs Christmas Fayre  
2.30-5.30pm
- Tues 10th Dec** KS1 Nativity Performance  
@ Beverley Park 2pm or 6pm
- Tues 17th Dec** School Christmas Lunch
- Fri 20th Dec** Last day of Autumn Term,  
pick up at 2.15pm
- Mon 23rd Dec -**
- Fri 3rd Jan** Christmas Holidays
- Mon 6th Jan** Pupils Return to School



Peace

Compassion

Friendship

Trust

Forgiveness

Responsibility