



July 2020

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

I can't quite believe I am writing my final newsletter of the year! It really has been quite a year hasn't it? We have managed to provide some provision for children in school for every parent that has requested it. Our admin team have excelled themselves with some complex planning and I'm grateful for their commitment to the School. This week we had 50% of our children back in School (compared with 16% nationally) and it's been wonderful seeing the School looking so much busier. However, it won't feel right until we have all our children back and so we're looking forward to September.

We're really looking forward to next week when we can celebrate our Year 6's time with us and say our goodbyes as a School. Many thanks to all of you for helping us out with this by collecting children earlier at 12.30pm on both of the last days. This will also allow an afternoon for some of our new EYFS children to come in.

I'd like to thank the Galmpton team for their tireless work over the past few months. Everyone in School has done all they can to maintain links with the children to provide relevant and engaging learning and to ensure children feel valued by us.

Our Teaching Assistants have worked hard to prepare resources and ensure we are as ready and prepared for September as we can be. Our new "Beach Room" looks amazing and will provide us with space for a number of different uses including learning interventions and pastoral support. At the end of the School day it will be used for our after school club, where children will have a wonderful space with a kitchen and toilet joined to the 'living room' space. Many thanks must go to Deb Price for all the hard work she has put into the room; from tiling the kitchen to securing the best possible deals in terms of contractors and resources. You've been a star Deb and we are so grateful to you!

Parents and carers we thank you. The overwhelming majority of parents have been so kind, understanding and realistic in these difficult times. Thank you for understanding the decisions we have made and for trusting us to make the right decisions at the right times. Thank you for all the support you have given your children. We have been so very impressed with the majority of the learning for each and every class, clearly we have many great teachers in our parent / carer community!

Finally, thank you to all our children who have engaged so well at home and in School, for remembering our school values and for continuing to 'achieve and flourish' at home and in School. We'll see you all in September, best wishes,

Katy Burns Headteacher

Farewell to our wonderful Year 6



Usually in our July Newsletter, we have photos of the Year 6's in their hoodies after their Church Service!

This Year will be different, although we will try to have a final photo and celebration on Monday 20th! This is a class which has endured many changes over their years at Galmpton. Over a third of the class joined after Year 2, so this class has seen many friendships come and go. But, they have been a really fantastic cohort, demonstrating lots of resilience, understanding and compassion for one another.

We're incredibly proud of them and all that they have achieved. We're only sorry that their last year has seen so many much anticipated planned events cancelled. Our determination to get our Year 6 all back into School for the last week has made us all feel a little bit more cheerful and, we know that moving forward, you will all continue to make great progress and develop as individuals who can achieve in all that you do. Good luck to each and every one of you!

Staff - Thank yous and Welcomes

We say goodbye to two members of staff at the end of this year. Miss Peace moves on to a teaching position at Stoke Gabriel Primary School and we thank her for all the work she has done during her time at Galmpton over the past two years. Miss Colliver moves from her teaching assistant position to begin her teacher training course with Exeter Consortium. We know she will make a tremendous teacher and wish her and Miss Peace all the very best as they move forward in their teaching careers.

Congratulations also to Mrs Page who completed her post graduate teaching certificate with flying colours! We are incredibly lucky to have her as part of our team and know that she will continue to provide excellent teaching for our youngest learners.

Congratulations also go to Mrs Paskin who is expecting her second child at the end of the Autumn term. We're thrilled for her and have really missed having her in school whilst she needed to self-isolate.

We welcome Mr Greg Minns as our new Site Manager and he has already proved himself to be a very popular member of staff. It's great to have such a skilled and experienced member of the team who can really help to ensure the school building and site is safe, well-kept and upgraded where possible.

In the next week or so, we will interview for two teaching assistant positions and will let you know about the appointments in September.

Fancy Dress Friday Fundraiser



Throughout the first half of the Summer term, the children and some adults from Year 1 have been taking part in Fancy Dress Fridays. Every Friday they have worn some fantastic fancy dress items in a bid to raise money for NHS Charities Together. This charity supports over 250 charitable organisations which support the NHS. We thought it would be the best way to help support those on the front line of the NHS helping to treat those suffering from Covid-19. Over 6 weeks, Year 1 has managed to raise £257, and as I set a goal of raising £50, this has been overwhelming. I'd like to thank everyone who got involved with dressing up and those who have donated. It has not only been a great way to raise money for those in need, but a great way to bring our class together despite being apart.

Mrs Paskin





Galmpton School's Work Tackling Global Poverty Recognised with Christian Aid Award

Pupils at Galmpton Primary have been presented with a Bronze Award from Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme for their global citizenship work. The whole school used Amnesty International's Book 'Dreams of Freedom' to explore the UN charter on the rights of the child.

From writing to the government about child labour, to raising over £200 for Christian Aid's refugee campaign and working with local charities, pupils and staff at Galmpton Primary School have been working hard to take their place as global citizens.

Galmpton Church of England Primary School in Torbay has achieved Bronze Award status in Christian Aid's Global Neighbours scheme in recognition of its wide-ranging steps to love their global neighbour.

The accreditation scheme celebrates schools that are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world.

Headteacher and Global Neighbours lead, Mrs Burns said: "We are thrilled to be recognised for the work we have done as a whole school community to raise awareness of the extreme inequalities across our globe and perhaps more importantly, the steps we can take to address these. The pupils learnt about global issues and explored the question of what it means to be a global citizen. This led to working with volunteers from the Peru's Children's Trust to learn about the needs and challenges of orphaned children in Peru. Our pupils have learnt extensively about the Syrian refugee crisis and shared their thoughts with their parents through learning journals to aid parents in understanding the complex issues refugees endure. The children held a information sharing coffee morning with parents to raise awareness of the refugee crisis and to fundraise for those who have been forced to leave their homes. In addition, our pupils wrote letters imagining they were refugees to further their understanding of values such as compassion, integrity and empathy. We took part in Christian Aid's scheme because it gives us a practical way of living out our school value of taking responsibility."

"Our world is increasingly connected and our hope is for our children to grow as responsible global citizens who care about issues such as the environment and access to healthcare. The children have especially enjoyed the Dreams of Freedom book, exploring the art work of a range of well known illustrators as well as exploring the inspiring words from Global ambassadors such as Malala Yousafzai, Nelson Mandela, Anne Frank and the Dalai Lama.

Caroline Weir, Education Coordinator at Christian Aid, said: "The Global Neighbours Scheme was launched in partnership with the

Church of England's Education Office with a vision of helping young people understand more about the inequalities in this world and helping them to become courageous advocates for those who have no voice. It's wonderful to see how staff and pupils at Galmpton have taken this to heart and are seeking to tackle injustice.



1. Christian Aid works in some of the world's poorest communities in around 40 countries at any one time. We act where there is great need, regardless of religion, helping people to live a full life, free from poverty. We provide urgent, practical and effective assistance in tackling the root causes of poverty as well as its effects.
2. Christian Aid's core belief is that the world can and must be changed so that poverty is ended: this is what we stand for. Everything we do is about ending poverty and injustice: swiftly, effectively, sustainably. Our strategy document Partnership for Change explains how we set about this task.
3. Christian Aid is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of more than 130 churches and church-related organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance, advocacy and development.
4. For more about Christian Aid's work, visit www.christianaid.org.uk

Year 5 Class Bake Off

Over the half term, the children of Year 5 decided to have a class bake off. The children baked a variety of different cakes and puddings, which looked delicious (shame we couldn't sample them!!). These ranged from pancakes, to shortbread, to apple crumble. Here are a few examples of what Year 5 made.



#DevonVirtualGames

At the end of May, the Devon School Games Organisers launched a series of challenges for Devon school pupils to take part in the Devon Virtual Games. For the first challenge "Walk, Run, Jog," 11 schools in Torbay took part in the challenge with Galmpton being the Primary School with the most entries from pupils. This is an amazing achievement and shows the high level of engagement we have with our pupils during the

school closure period. All children who entered were awarded medals and they will be presented in the next academic year. We are very proud that you have taken your time to represent our school. I will continue to post the challenges via Class Dojo and hope that we will be just as successful for the rest of the virtual Games.



Year 3 Poetry

The Greatest Gift

There's a buzz behind the doors
A quiver on the breeze
"I bet they've grown," exclaim the teachers
As they await the returnees

The Chrome Books are connected
The dictionaries give meaning
The cook is baking chocolate cake
Whilst the caretaker's deep cleaning

It's the date that I've looked forward to
The first of all the days
As the children come flying in
Everyone shouts, "Hooray!"

You've remained in your houses and gardens
Perhaps growing your own veg
When slugs and snails took a nibble
Did you fling them in the hedge?

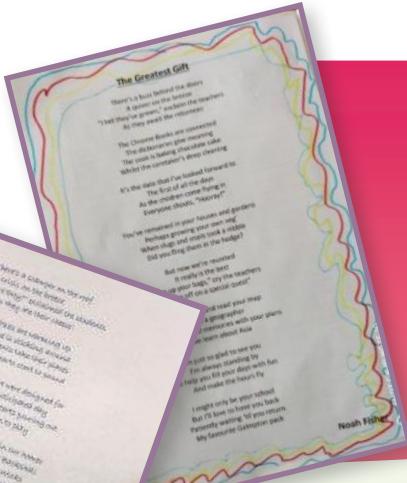
But now we're reunited
It really is the best
"Hang up your bags," cry the teachers
"We're off on a special quest"

So come on in and read your map
And be a geographer
Make friends and memories with your plans
As we learn about Asia

I'm just so glad to see you
I'm always standing by
To help you fill your days with fun
And make the hours fly

I might only be your school
But I'll love to have you back
Patiently waiting 'til you return
My favourite Galmpton pack

Noah Fisher



In Year 3 we learnt how to write poetry using personification, pun and rhyme. The aim was to write a poem about Galmpton School looking forward to all the children returning after such a long time away.

There's a scamper on the roof

A crisis on the breeze
"Where are they?" Exclaimed the students
As they ate their cheese!

The iPads are warming up
The glue is sticking around
The students take their places
As their hearts start to pound

It's the thing we were designed for
That long anticipated day
When everyone starts pouring out
As they run to play

We've been staying in our homes
Learning from Steve Backshall
Exercising with Joe Wicks
But Steve is more factual!

But now we're back together
And the feeling is so cool
"What are we doing now?" Ask the students
And the teachers say, "You rule!"

Come in from play and do some art
Or be a geographer
Create games, books and music
And if you work super hard, you may be an astronomer

I'm waiting for your return
I won't move a muscle
Come back soon
I'm looking forward to all the bustle

Sam Emmins

Message from our Head Girl - Ella Gill



Hi, my name is Ella and I am Head Girl at Galmpton. I hope you are all safe and well and are keeping busy at home. I have fortunately been lucky enough to start back at school, as both of my parents are key workers. I am now going into school every day and to be honest it's not that different, but

obviously there are measures that have been put in place to keep us all happy and safe. Every morning when we enter the school, we wash our hands and go and sit at our desks, which are all spaced out. We then just go ahead with our normal morning routine: ttrackstars on the chrome books; fluent in 5 (5 maths questions which are relevant to the work we are doing) and then our maths lesson. When it comes to break time we all line up on the 2 metre spaced markers and wash our hands again. The playground has changed a lot! It has now been split up into zones or other people might know them as bubbles. Every break and lunchtime we take a box of equipment out with us to play with and then we must stay in our 1 zone to stop us coming into contact with any more people. Break times have sometimes been a little bit longer than normal, but we have been playing lots of sports with our friends in that time like: cricket, football and even badminton. When we come into our classroom we line up to wash our hands again and then start our learning journey. Our lunch is delivered to us in little boxes and depending on the weather, we will either eat in our classroom or our zone outside. Afternoons are a little bit different as well, as we will often have P.E with Jamie from Torquay United for the whole afternoon or we will carry on with our learning journey.

Every night the teachers sanitize all equipment to make sure it is germ free for the next day. They are all doing such a great job ! A few more children are slowly starting to come back into school now, which is great, but even though you might wonder why you can't come back in too, the important thing to remember is that the priority is to stay safe and

Music Lessons in School

We have a number of peripatetic Music Teachers, who visit the School during school hours to deliver music tuition. If you are interested in your child learning to play an instrument, please contact the teacher directly as below.

Piano

Tracey Birt
07790007225

Guitar

Duncan Searle
07723728675

Drums

Matt Butlin
07855140552

Woodwind

Steve Wiltshire
07968599347



healthy. Keep on going, don't give up and carry on with the great work you are doing at home. It won't be too long until everyone will be able to see each other again! Thank you,

Ella



School Uniform

Winter Girls and Boys

Grey skirt, A – line skirt / grey trousers
(No turn-ups on trousers)

Light blue polo shirt **(not 'T' shirt)**

Maroon sweatshirt

Maroon/Grey/black tights or
white socks suggested for all

Sensible, black coloured low-heeled
shoes **(not trainers or boots)**

Summer Girls and Boys

Optional blue / white checked summer
dress from beginning of Summer term to
the October Half-term / grey shorts
or trousers

Light blue polo shirt **(not 'T' shirt)**

Short white or grey socks suggested for all.

Sensible, black coloured low-heeled shoes
(not trainers or boots) Black or white
sandals may be worn with socks

Hair

It is requested that hair should be:

- Natural in colour
- Long hair should be tied back
- Extremes of fashion are not acceptable within school, ie shaved heads / tramlines.

PE / Games

A plain white 'T' shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls - preferably slip-ons.

Children in Years 3-6 may also wear suitable warm,
blue joggers/tracksuit for sporting activities.



The Beach Room

Following lots of hard work and having called in many favours, our own Deb Price (with the help of Mrs Ansell, the PTA and numerous members of staff), has pulled off a fantastic "Changing Rooms" style makeover.



Before



After



What was once a dull and dreary staffroom has been changed beyond belief.

We now have an absolute haven for our children with additional needs and those receiving Thrive interventions, who need just a little extra support away from the classroom.

The room will also double as our after school club, where parents will be able to collect their children far more easily from the rear door. You will see from the pictures that it is just gorgeous.

We are indebted to our volunteers and the local companies who have donated to the cause - Rainbow Skips, The Window Store, Oliver Cairns of Riviera Plastering (who put in hours worth of free labour and materials), Brewers (who donated litres of paint), Howden's (who donated the entire kitchen, worktops and oven), Topps Tiles, Kevin Thomas Electrical (who donated materials and gave his time for all things electric) & Mr Price who provided materials and bits and pieces, along with letting us have Deb's time away from home.

We are sure you'll agree that all the hard work and effort has paid off! A massive thanks to all involved in this huge task!



As parents will be aware, we are busy preparing to welcome all our children back to school in September. In order to do this, we are ensuring that we are keeping the government guidance very much in mind. In particular, we are working to implement Public Health England's 'System of Controls':

- 1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school**
- 2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual**
- 3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach**
- 4. Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach**
- 5 Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible**

These controls also apply to any summer holiday provision that children attend. In particular, it is important that parents are aware for the need to minimise contact between individuals and to maintain social distancing wherever possible (no. 5 above).

For this reason, it would be safest for parents to be selective about any provision that you use over the holiday, and aim for your children to mix with a small consistent group of children or friends, rather than to use a number of different settings e.g. child-minder, sports provision and activity camps.

We all need to maintain vigilance at this time, as some areas of the country are currently experiencing outbreaks and spikes of infection, and testing appears to show that an unexpectedly high number of people may carry Covid 19 without any symptoms. As lots of tourists arrive in Torbay over the summer break, it would be great if we could all continue to ensure that we maintain the low level of risk that is currently in the local area.

I would like to wish you and your family a happy, healthy summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

Claire Platt

Director of Education
Academy for Character and Excellence

Peace

Compassion

Friendship

Trust

Forgiveness

Responsibility