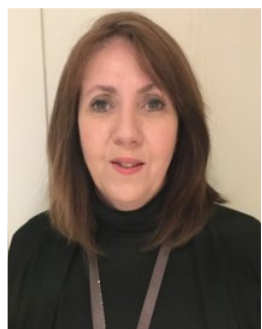




December 2022



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

We so enjoy the last week of the Autumn term even though it's incredibly busy and there are lots of very tired angels, shepherds and carol singers! Although at the time of writing I haven't seen all the Nativity and Christmas carol performances, I know that they will all be fabulous, just like our lovely Christingle Service last week.

All the children have achieved so much this term with some superb learning across a range of subjects. Many children will be bringing home design technology creations this week which I'm sure you'll treasure! We're so pleased that we're able to offer such a wide and ambitious curriculum at Galampton. We do expect a lot from our children but knowing their learning is so purposeful, creative and relevant for them makes it all very worthwhile!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your amazing generosity this term. Times are tough for many families but you have given so generously to some worthy causes this year: Children In Need, Christian Aid, the Shoe Box Appeal, the Children's Society, Paignton Food Bank and of course Galampton School PTA funds. Kirsty, our PTFA Chair writes about the success of the Christmas Fayre in this issue!

We hope the children enjoyed the staff Christmas Panto today too, a little surprise for them from us!

Wishing you all a wonderful and very enjoyable Christmas

Katy Burns Headteacher



KS1 Nativity Performance

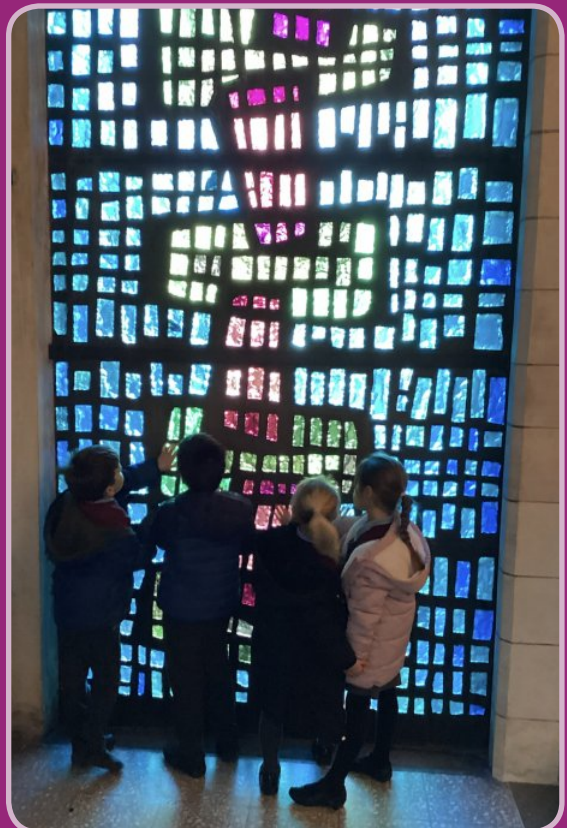


On 13th December our Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes were superstars in our Nativity performance, retelling the story of the birth of Jesus. Huge thanks to Beverley Holidays for allowing us to use their "Starlight Room" which meant that more family members and relatives could enjoy the proceedings. Thanks to you all for putting so much effort into the costumes for the children. They all looked amazing!

Y1/2 Buckfastleigh Trip



Year 1 and 2 had a very Christmassy day at Buckfast Abbey this month. We took part in a range of Nativity workshops including story telling and craft making to support our Christmas learning journey. The children also had the opportunity to explore the Abbey at this special time of year. All the adults were so proud of how well the children represented the school whilst offsite, what an enjoyable day for everyone!





Samaritans

Operation Christmas Child



In follow up to our Harvest Service, Lindsay Williams has thanked everybody for their donations to support Christian Aid's Pakistan Floods Appeal. Our school's donations totalled £137.40, so thank you for your generosity

Thank you to each and every family who donated not only shoeboxes but also the £5 transport costs. Lindsay Williams collected all the boxes on 14th November. There were 101 in total. AMAZING and Lindsay was absolutely delighted considering the times we're living in!

Special thanks to the, Lamsin/Jeavons, Amner and Withers families who have donated multiple boxes. The Lamsin's / Jeavons have carried on the family tradition of donating multiple boxes due to their Mum having been a huge supporter of the appeal and Mr Amner has personal experience of receiving a box through this appeal when he was a young boy and lived in Romania.



We thank you for all your support and donations for Children in Need this year. In total we raised £274.24 for Children in Need. Your generous donations will be going towards a local charity called Sound Communities based in Paignton. The charity brings young people together in workshops, on street corners, at community events, on air, in schools and online to produce content, share music, express

opinions, develop creativity skills, aspirations, confidence and well-being. Sound Communities will be visiting the school in January to share more about the important work they do. If you would like to find out more about where your donations will be going please check out – www.soundcommunties.co.uk. Once again we thank you for your donations and for supporting this important charity.



Y4 Carols at Three Corner's Residential Home

The whole class walked up to Three Corners and sang our hearts out to the residents in the care home. We all really enjoyed it and so did the residents. It was made all the more enjoyable when we received some festive treats whilst we were there!



Y3/4 Football Match

On Monday 28th November the Year 3 & 4 Football Team had their first football match representing Galmpton Primary School. The children played a series of matches in a tournament with local teams. The children showed great determination and resilience during each match, winning two out of the three games. Well done to all the team and thanks to all the parents and carers who came to support.



Netball Match

On Tuesday 8th November, the Year 5/6 Netball Team had their first netball match. With some of the team never having played a netball match before, the children showed superb resilience throughout. Despite the poor weather conditions, the girls didn't give up and played with smiles on their faces throughout. In the end, they were victorious!



Year 6 ZOO TRIP



Y6 went to the Zoo recently and were all brilliant ambassadors for the school, whilst conducting geography fieldwork: investigating the impact of human activity and climate change on habitats and species across the



globe. Back in class, we evaluated our findings, to further explore the impact of human activity on wildlife, in answer to our learning question: 'What are the connections between nature, changing climate and humans?'

XMAS FAYRE (Notes from the Chair)

Our Christmas Fayre took place on Friday 9th December with lots of stalls and goodies! We had mulled wine, luxury hot chocolates, biscuit decorating, a teddy, wine and chocolate tombola, lucky dip, glow-sticks, Christmas jumpers and books for sale! A magical Santa's Grotto, a busy Elf Workshop where children made decorations and reindeer food to take home, and lots of fun in the Christmas Games room! Year 6 created their own stalls, which had a Pamper Corner where children painted nails and did glitter tattoos, a Toy Tombola, Name the Teddy stall, Name the Footballer competition, Pick A Lolly stall and a cake sale! We also had an incredible raffle which was very popular thanks to our community's generous donations of prizes. It was a huge success, with all thanks to our wonderful volunteers across the school. We raised an incredible £2,476.91 for our school. Thank you so much everyone.



Village Crib Service


Galmpton Residents Association want to let everybody know about the Village Crib Service on Tuesday 20th December at 7.15pm just outside the Barn Chapel. They would love to see as many families as possible.



Gardening



We have had a great year in the community garden with the children, planting, growing and harvesting vegetables. We hope that all of the vegetables were eaten with the same amount of enthusiasm that was experienced when harvesting! We all had a great time.



As Autumn and Winter approach we have been working hard to replace the wood around the raised vegetable beds, so would like to mention Graham from Galmpton who was a huge help in rebuilding them.

Thanks should also go to Jeremy - Chairman of the Gooseberry Pie Fayre and their Committee for donating £150.00 towards the cost, and Susie and Darren from Interline for donating scaffolding boards, and not forgetting local farmers Hector and Sally for supplying a substantial amount of manure to improve the soil in all areas of the gardens.

As we near the end of this year's harvest we look forward to continuing next year with Year 2 in the Community Garden and having fun with all aspects when we start over again.

Dave & Carol



CHESS CLUB

If there are any parents or grandparents out there who would like to come into school regularly and run a chess club at lunchtime (maybe once a week), we would love to hear from you. It was an idea we had last year, which for many different reasons hasn't managed to start.

If you would like to come into school to run the club, we would just need to do a DBS check and there is a form to complete for volunteering - we definitely have some interested children who would happily spend time playing the game.

ONLINE SAFETY

It has come to our attention that explicit sexualised content has been broadcast on the popular livestreaming platform, Twitch, frequently used by children and young people. We are concerned that additional posts and articles about the livestream have since emerged on Reddit, Twitter and TikTok. This is not the first time that sexualised content has been broadcast on Twitch.

In terms of your response, they encourage the usual caution with advice for parents and carers at the bottom of the article:

[CLICK HERE TO READ](#)

Lynn Elliott, Chair of Governor's Farewell Celebration



Lynn Elliott, joined us for a Farewell Service in the Autumn and brought with her a donation of beautiful books as a leaving gift to the School. Sincere thanks to Lynn for these lovely books and for all the time and effort she has devoted to Galmpton Primary.

Site Manager

Mr Boundy has returned to retirement following an enjoyable 10 months at Galmpton. He's been of huge help to all of us in school and has clearly enjoyed himself, meeting children and parents on the gate, getting in the stream and being our "go to man". We wish him well for the future and send our thanks for his help, humour and handyman skills.

REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

Year 4 led our Remembrance Act of Worship on Friday 11th November. We shared the reason why we wear a red poppy - to remind us all of the sacrifices made by so many service men and women. We also explored how a purple poppy is used to remember the animals who served alongside. We also made a collage of the Flader's Poppy Fields which we displayed in school.



Reception Class – September 2023 Admissions



The applications portal for Primary School places to start in September 2023 has opened. The deadline for the Council to receive your submissions online / by post is by midnight on Sunday 15th January.

Christingle

We had a wonderful start to the Christmas festivities last week with our Christingle service. We had the opportunity to really think about welcoming Jesus, the light of the world, at this special time of year.

Thank you so much to all the parents and family members who took the time to come and support us, whilst also hugely helping out with transport. Getting 100 plus cars and 3 minibuses in and out of Galampton is a challenge, but we hope you'll agree that it was well worth the effort! Well done children for your beautiful singing, readings and prayers. An extra well done for holding all your Christingles so well too!

Christingle donations received totalled £98.63. Your generosity continues to blow us away. Thank you so very much.



FROGs *Fundraising*


The frogs fundraising activities are going well and they have provided some figures on how well they've done so far – huge thanks to all our generous parents, carers and families ...

 Year 6 cake sale raised £117.53

 Autumn Disco raised £340.75

 Year 5 cake sale raised £101.26

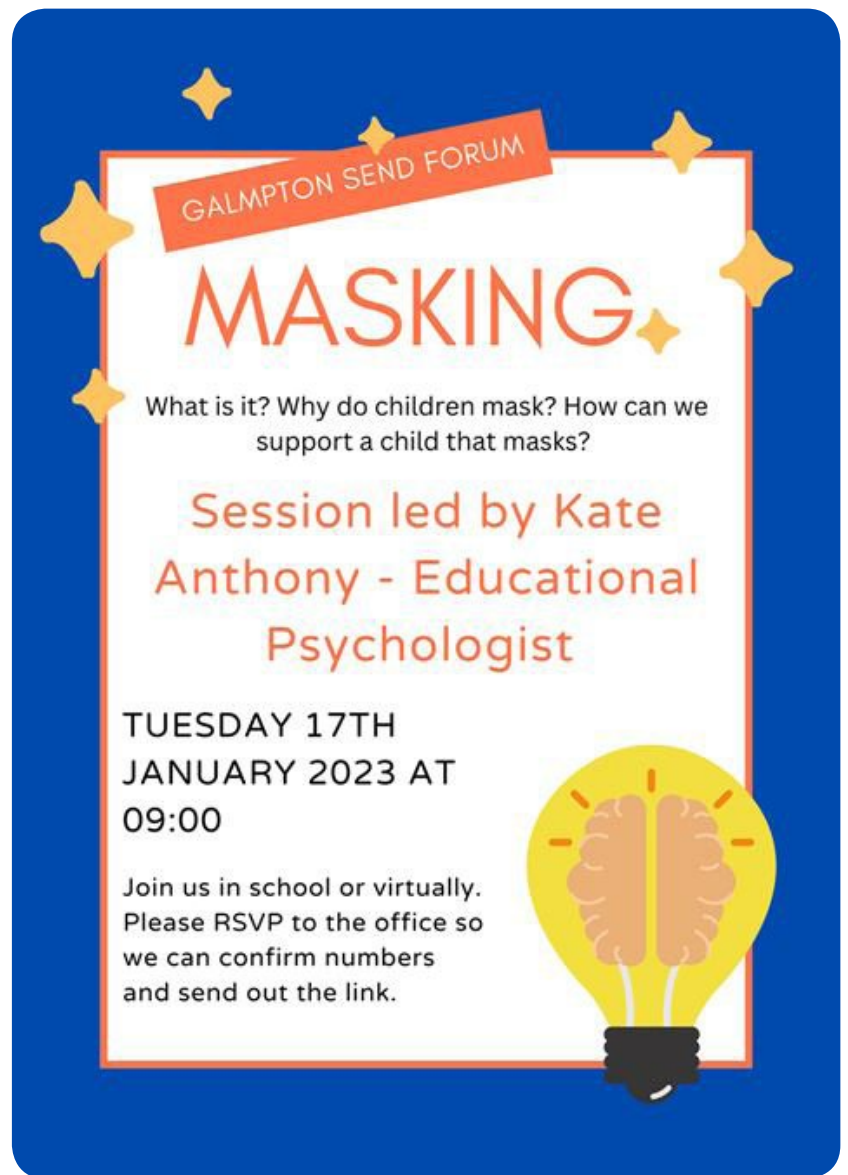
 Uniform sale raised £92.40

 Bags2Schools textile donations raised £68.00



SEND Parent / Carer Forum

Our Galmpton SEND Forum is for parents and carers of children who might need extra support at school or home. We know that if your child is struggling it can be difficult to find the right support, to know the right questions to ask and can sometimes feel lonely and isolating. Your child does not need a diagnosis or any particular level of additional support for you to join us. We meet at least twice each half term. We have speakers/ guests who join us to focus on areas we might be interested in - our parent / carers set the agenda. In the past we have run Educational Psychologist drop in's and had a session with professionals focusing on transitions. It's also a good opportunity to find out how school supports our children, talk to other parents and share ideas. We have a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and our meet ups usually involve, hot drinks, cake, sometimes tears but usually laughter. If you aren't able to make the meet ups you can still join in, we have an active WhatsApp group to support each other between meetings, share news and ask advice. If you would like to join the WhatsApp group please just talk to your child's teacher or the office.



A poster for the Galmpton SEND Forum 'Masking' session. The poster has a blue background with a white central area framed by a red border. At the top, a red banner reads 'GALMPTON SEND FORUM'. Below it, the word 'MASKING' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath, the text 'What is it? Why do children mask? How can we support a child that masks?' is written in a smaller font. The session is led by Kate Anthony, an Educational Psychologist. The date and time are Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 09:00. A lightbulb with a brain inside is illustrated on the right. The bottom text encourages joining in school or virtually, RSVPing to the office, and sending out the link.

GALMPTON SEND FORUM

MASKING

What is it? Why do children mask? How can we support a child that masks?

Session led by Kate Anthony - Educational Psychologist

**TUESDAY 17TH
JANUARY 2023 AT
09:00**

Join us in school or virtually.
Please RSVP to the office so we can confirm numbers and send out the link.

Lunch Ordering

Just a quick request from Mrs Staddon in the kitchen. If your child is absent and a lunch is ordered, please access your ParentPay account as early as possible to cancel the order. Many thanks.





Churston Church Poinsettia Festival



*Saturday 17th
December*

10.00 - 12.00 noon

Buy a poinsettia or cyclamen to decorate the
Church for Christmas and dedicate it in
memory of a loved one.

 Enjoy a coffee and mince pie 

 Listen to music played by the Recorder Group 

 This and that for sale 

Collect your plant and enjoy a coffee on Saturday 31st December 10.30 –12.00

The Story of Christmas

A Carol Service



*Do please come dressed as The Angel Gabriel (gold tinsel), Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, Shepherds, Angels (silver tinsel), Wise men - The Kings in crowns bearing a gift? We hope to make a tableau! Adults as well as children are welcome to dress up for the Nativity tableau or just in a seasonal jumper or perhaps a Christmas hat? The more the merrier! Thank you.
Plus, mince pies and mulled wine. Merry Christmas!*

St Mary's Church Churston

December 18th 2022

10am

FAMILY
— SERVICE —

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGE RATING

13+

from the App Store & Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Sources: <https://bereal.ai/en/privacy> | <https://bereal.ai/en/terms> | <https://berealapp.notion.site/FAQ-BeReal-English-2d1d59a4168c4524bed0a40b04de892a> | <https://www.commonssensemedia.org/app-reviews/bereal>



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Galampton Primary School **Calendar Dates** 2021- 2022

Fri 16th December

Last Day of Term, 3.15pm finish

Tues 20th December

Galampton Village Crib Service, Barn Chapel @ 7.15pm

Mon 2nd January

Bank Holiday

Tues 3rd January

Return to School, first day of term

**Primary Schools
Assessment dates**

Y1 Phonics Screening: week commencing 12th June

Y2 KS1 SATs: weeks commencing 15th & 22nd May

Y6 KS2 SATs: week commencing 8th May 2023

Scheduled Holidays until July 2023:

Mon 13th – Fri 17th Feb

Half Term Holidays

Mon 3rd – Fri 14th Apr

Easter Holidays

Mon 1st & 8th May

Bank Holidays

Mon 29th May – Weds 7th Jun (inc)

May Half Term Holidays & Non-Pupil Days

Tues 24th Jul

End of Academic Year