

November 19 NEWSLETTER



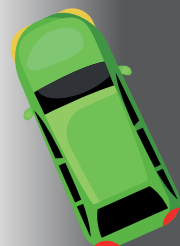
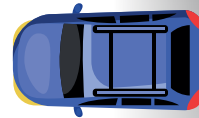
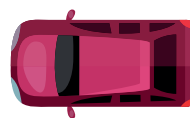
Dear Parents & Carers

Many of you will have noticed Galampton residents giving out leaflets and talking to parents at the start and end of the day, encouraging parents to park thoughtfully. There have been numerous occasions where driveways have been blocked and where residents have found it difficult to access their properties. There have also been many incidents of dangerous parking. I know this is a very small minority of parents and that the vast majority of parents and carers are exceptionally thoughtful. Equally, residents need to understand that a village with a school will

have inherent parking issues and this is not likely to change. The School has been in Galampton since the 1880s! Residents need to be aware of the challenges parents face too and communicate respectfully and sensitively with us. The Council are going to be bringing in restrictions around speed limits and yellow lines at some point. In the meantime please make life easier and safer for everyone by parking a little further away from our School and continuing to park considerately. We are an exceptionally lucky School in terms of parking, many Torbay Schools have even less parking spaces and some have none whatsoever. So let's work together and do what we can to improve the situation. Do come and speak to me if you have any concerns around this issue.

Katy Burns Headteacher

THANK YOU



Shoebox Appeal

Thank you so much to all our amazing parents / carers who donated shoeboxes for this extremely worthy cause.

Some even donated several boxes which was so very generous. The ladies from Christian Aid were so impressed with our total of 86 boxes and the gifts inside will make a huge difference to a very deserving child this Christmas.





Y6 Archery

On Thursday 31st October, Y6 went to Brixham College to participate in an archery session as part of our sports partnership. A great time was had by all!

Sugary Snacks



Children are bringing lots of sweets and chocolate to school. As you are all aware, we have just covered a huge amount of work where the children learnt about healthy eating and making healthy choices. Many school snacks and sweets that we're seeing are contradictory to the learning the children have been doing. Could we please ask that you do not give out bags of sweets on birthdays and please encourage your child to have fruit or a low sugar (nut free) snack at break time.

Governors

As part of our newly formed Governing Body, we are very pleased to welcome Tom Blanchard as our Parent Governor and Faye Butler as our Staff Governor. The Governing Body thank them for nominating themselves and are looking forward to working with them.

Sickness

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please ensure that you inform the school office before 9.30am.

We are experiencing a lot of absences where parents are not informing the school in a timely manner. When this occurs, our office admin team must text or ring parents for information about the absence.

If we do not receive the information required we will continue to try to contact parents, but the absence will be marked on the registration details as an unauthorised absence.

Please ensure you make a quick phone call to school to advise:

Call us on **01803 842628**, and select **option 1** (remembering to give a little detail when leaving the message – temperature / other symptoms).

If you would like to **speak with our office ladies**, please choose **option 3**. Thank you!



Attendance Data for the period 04.9.19 – 15.11.19

Whole School	97.03
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	95.73
1	96.60
2	97.81
3	96.89
4	95.87
5	95.00
6	95.42



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



Community Garden

with Carol and Dave Eason

A 'BIG' thank you to our two dedicated volunteer gardeners Carol and Dave Eason. Our Community Garden looks amazing due to all the hard work, and effort that they have been putting in, to keep it clean and tidy. We can finally see our pond at the reception area / entrance to the office without being attacked by brambles!

As part of Year 1's "Healthy Living Topic" the children went out every Friday to do some gardening. Dave and Carol taught them how to plant daffodil bulbs, build our new benches, weed and then harvest vegetables to take home.

We would also like to thank them for arranging with Timberventure and Purple Angels who donated wooden benches for our Community Garden.

We now have access to the Community Garden via a new gate from the kitchen car park and it is lovely to see families enjoying the garden after school.



Keeping Parents fully informed

Recently, and as other schools would, we have notified our school community of nits, a virus and an infection. In no way do we wish to cause undue concern. We want to be proactive for our families and the last thing we want is for our parents and carers to hear that there is a virus / infection in school via the grapevine.

If the office / teachers are notified that a child is poorly with a particular bug, we find that it's useful, and hopefully helpful, to inform our parents of symptoms and treatment so that they know what to be aware of.

Should you be concerned about a message you receive, please do call the school office to verify and put your mind at ease.

We would also take this opportunity to reassure you that our cleaning staff work really hard to keep our school clean using recommended products, as confirmed by health and safety. Our teaching staff are constantly reminding children of hygiene procedures and we would ask you to continue to reinforce this at home.



Parental engagement

It seems to be the case that trying to engage and encourage parental engagement in the life of the school is becoming increasingly challenging for us. In recent newsletters we've asked for Parent Governors and representatives to join our Ethos Committee. Unfortunately we didn't have a single volunteer from our 200+ families for these extremely important roles!

Very kindly, Tom Blanchard agreed to take on the Governor role and we are extremely grateful for the commitment that Tom is making to the school. We're delighted that Tom has joined our Board undertaking the role of Parent Governor.

It's so important to have parent representation in school. We can only make improvements and receive your feedback if parents come forward to offer their views. I do appreciate that for many parents this is too big a commitment and now may not be a convenient time. But in my thirty years within education, I have never known such a lack of engagement from parents in the work we are doing.

There's also the work of our very small, but incredibly dedicated PTFA. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, it was disheartening that only three parents attended the annual AGM! The recent fireworks display that was enjoyed by so many, was organised by so few - three parents helped on the evening. The old adage "many hands make light work" is so very true and it can be disheartening for these individuals, who give so much of their time, because numbers helping are so very low. Any time and help that you can give is hugely appreciated.

Mrs Burns

Christingle Service of Light at Churston Church

Sunday 1st December 2019



We are very much looking forward to welcoming our families and friends, to our annual Service of Christingle on Sunday 1st December at 9.30am, at Saint Mary the Virgin, Churston Church. All Parents / Carers will have by now received a letter with details.



BBC

**Children
in Need**

Spotty Day

Thank you all so much for supporting our 'Spotty Day' by donating, baking and buying cakes, helping us to raise money for Children in Need. We raised a total amount of £380.82 on the day which is amazing.



THANK YOU



Sometimes there are accidents in school where first aid is administered by our trained first aiders (appropriate paperwork is then sent home).

Parents / Carers will not be contacted by phone unless we feel that a child needs to be taken to seek further medical advice.

However, we will always make a courtesy call to let you know if your child has received a bump to the head. It may not be that your child needs to be collected (staff in school will monitor for the remainder of the day), but we do want to bring the bump to your attention just in case paperwork goes astray and any symptoms of delayed concussion should occur after school.

Odd Socks Day Anti-bullying Week

By wearing odd socks we hope children were able to understand that we are a school that embraces and celebrates difference in all its' forms. No one should be bullied because they are different! This week the children will be bringing home a child friendly version of our anti bullying policy. Please ensure you read this with your child. Hopefully they will be able to tell you about the messages they have been hearing in school and the difference between bullying (Several Times On Purpose) and an unkind, isolated incident.



On Friday 13th December we are inviting the children to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers. There will be a collection at the gate for your £1 donations which will go directly to Save the Children who are the national organisers of this event.

Harvest at Greenway



On Tuesday, Y5 went to Greenway House for a special tour around the vegetable garden.

As we toured the vegetable plot we saw some of the vegetables which we planted and tended to in Y4.

In the evening some of us went to the presentation and enjoyed the meals which were prepared with the vegetables that were harvested.



DON'T FORGET

to order your Christmas lunch online by Friday 13th



Christmas School Lunch

Tuesday 17th December

Devonshire roast turkey
V—Roasted Veggie parcel
gravy, bacon chipolata,
stuffing, cranberry sauce

roast potatoes

peas, carrots, broccoli & sprouts

Dessert trolley

Festive ice cream or Christmas crumble & custard

**CHRISTMAS
CRACKER!!**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Galmpton Primary School

TERM DATES

Autumn 2019

Weds 20th – Tues 26th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair – in School Hall - 3.15pm
Thurs 21st Nov	EYFS Sports Festival – at Brixham College
Thurs 28th Nov	Y4 Sports Festival – at Brixham College
Fri 29th Nov	Beauty & The Beast Panto – in School Hall
Sun 1st Dec	Christingle Service – at Churston Church - 9.30am
Thurs 5th Dec	Y6 Sports Festival – at Brixham College Y2 Ukelele Concert – 2.00pm
Fri 6th Dec	FROGs Christmas Fayre – 2.30-5.30pm
Sat 7th Dec	Family fun morning – at Churston Church – 10.30-12.00.
Sun 8th Dec	Brixham Santa Fun Run – 11.00am
Tues 10th Dec	KS1 Nativity Performance – at Beverley Park – 2pm or 6pm,
Fri 13th Dec	Christmas Jumper day (Save the Children)
Tues 17th Dec	Christmas Lunch – parent help requested, name sheet due to be displayed
Thurs 19th Dec	Y6 Carol Concert at Churston Church – time TBA
Fri 20th Dec	Last day of Autumn Term, finish at 2.15pm
Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 6th Jan	Pupils return to school



Peace

Compassion

Friendship

Trust

Forgiveness

Responsibility