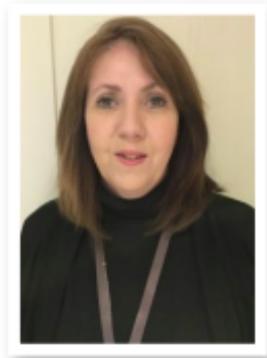




March 2024

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful Spring term it's been! We've had some lovely events in School, including World Book and Poetry Days. The children have had so many visitors into School this term including artists, historians, geologists, charity workers, eco speakers and church leaders who have led worships. We've also had music and art afternoons and classes have been out on visits to develop their science, Spanish, history and forest skills. Our Y5 children have really enjoyed the Matilda performance kindly put on by Paignton Academy drama students.

This week we were joined by four Head Teachers who carried out a full review of the School. Although this was an intense morning it confirmed our own self evaluation and provided us with some really effective feedback and reflections. We know that another OFSTED inspection is likely to take place before the Summer half term and continue to feel confident about this, although there's no doubt, we'd very much like this to happen soon!

It was lovely to see so many of you at Church a couple of weeks ago at the Mothering Sunday Service. Thank you for coming. I know the Church, like us, were thrilled to see so many children and families joining in with the Service too.

We hope you enjoy our Easter photos in this newsletter. What a lovely week it's been for Egg Rolling, Easter Bonnets and all things Easter. It's been super seeing the children having fun and enjoying the celebrations in School.

Our Easter Service is always such an important time for us and again, we've really enjoyed working with the children to re-tell the Easter story and what this means for us as a Church School. It is the most important part of our Church School and the children have really demonstrated their understanding of this as they've prepared for the Service. We hope those of you that joined us also took something from it too!

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter, that we have some sunny days and that you can spend some quality time with your families. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th April for the start of the Summer term.

With best wishes,

Mrs Burns



We've had a fantastic week in School celebrating Easter with our usual traditions; egg rolling, beautiful and imaginative egg decorating, card making and Easter bonnets.

Many thanks to FROGS for donating all the prizes to the winning competitors!





A number of children performed at the Torbay Music Festival and they all did really well; they delivered strong, confident and steady performances. Sienna York and Max Nicol received medals and trophies in their age groups and Annabel Trott, Nilah Sumatpimolchai and James Ayres received admirable results from the adjudicator.

I am hugely proud of each and every one of them. Well done children!!

Maria Nicol

20's Plenty



Where people are

Following contact from both residents and school families, could we please ask you to be considerate when driving through the Village.

20's plenty refers to the maximum speed at which we would ask you drive.

Many thanks.

Global Leaders



This month our global leaders have led a whole school assembly on endangered animals. They talked about environmental leaders across the world and the impact that we can all have too. They delivered their presentation with amazing confidence and articulation, demonstrating our character education in action.



Staff Training Day

Our additional staff training day this year proved invaluable and therefore going forwards, each year we will schedule 6 staff training dates. The additional date for 2024/25 academic year will be 6th January 2025.

All our calendars and term dates available on the website have been updated.

[Click here for 24/25 Term Dates](#)

After School Club

Please ensure you are booking any in house after school club sessions in advance. The sessions are becoming very busy and we have had occasions where we have been unable to provide the provision when requested on the day. You can book via ParentPay up until midnight the day before. Many thanks



National Trust

On Monday 25th March some of our Y2 children had the opportunity to take part in tree planting at Coronation Meadow.

The children really enjoyed planting the trees, which were provided by The National Trust and Devon Wildlife Trust.

They were all great ambassadors for the School.



Our much anticipated School and Church Community Quiz Night took place in March and was a huge success. It was wonderful to work together as a Church School Community and enjoy an evening of fun, food and entertainment.

Huge thanks to Chris Shannon for hosting and running the quiz. The curries were kindly prepared by Anne Groarke, Mrs Staddon & Ali Bowles so a massive thanks to them for their culinary skills. Everyone was really generous and the event, plus match funding from the Church of England raised £14638. Every penny will be used to repair and restore the Barn Chapel for Community, School and Church events.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

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.



Source: <https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/parents-carers-what-you-need-to-know-about-group-chats>

Lunches



It is imperative that any child wishing to receive a school lunch has orders placed in advance.

We are finding increasingly that on a Monday morning, orders haven't been placed in advance which in turn causes issues and delays in the kitchen.

Menus are released well in advance for each half term and bookings can be made for that entire period.

Many thanks! 

Attendance data for the period 6/9/23–25/3/24
(Target is 97%)

Whole School	95.32
Reception	94.64
Year 1	94.36
Year 2	97.57
Year 3	94.13
Year 4	96.09
Year 5	95.38
Year 6	95.12

Well done Year 2 you are our half term attendance superstars, keep it up!

Child Absence



Please ensure that you contact the school office before 9.30am each day if your child is absent from school due to illness. Feel free to leave a message on our pupil absence line (option 2) stating your child's name, year group and you must ensure you give details of the illness, which we will record. If insufficient information is left, our admin team will be in contact.



We are excited to announce that in the Summer term all children will receive first aid training. A full day training session has been arranged. We feel that as a School, this is such a worthwhile activity for all our children to participate in. Sessions will be class orientated, age appropriate and delivered by an external provider.

Huge thanks to FROGs who are part-funding the sessions. We look forward to sharing lots of photos with you after the event.



Galmpton Primary School

Calendar Dates

Wed 24th April (for 5weeks)	Y5 Swimming commences
Wed 24th Apr-Fri 26th Apr	Y4 Hill House Residential
Tues 30th Apr	Bags 2 School collection
Thurs 2nd May	Tempest Photography (Class photos)
Fri 3rd May	PTA meeting after School (Staff room)
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Wed 8th May	Y6 trip to Dartmouth Naval College
W/C Mon 13th May	Y6 SATS
Sun 19th May-Fri 24th May	Y6 Bude Residential
<u>Mon 27th May -Wed 5th June (inclusive)</u>	<u>Half term holidays & non pupil days</u>
Mon 10th June	Whole School First Aid Training
Mon 10th Jun-Fri 14th June	KS1 Phonics Screening
Fri 14th June	PTA meeting after school (staff room)
Fri 21st June	FROGS Summer Fayre (info to follow)
Thurs 4th July & Fri 5th July	Y6 Secondary Transition days
Tues 9th July	School Sports Day
Mon 15 July	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 17th July	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm (hall)
Thurs 18th July	Y6 Leavers Party
Fri 19th July	Y6 Barn Chapel Service 2.30pm
Mon 22nd July	Y6 Performance, 6pm
Wed 24th July	Y6 Leavers Service & Last day of Summer Term

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