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AWARDS



Awesome Achievers

Class 1: Millie M for a fantastic attitude to learning.

Class 2: Olivia working really hard in Class this week.

Class 3: Amelia V for outstanding mental maths calculations.

Class 4: Lani for working collaboratively on a paired activity.

Witnesses of the Week

Class 1: Reece for thinking about others.

Class 2: Bailey for showing courage in a new school & working hard to make friends.

Class 3: Amy for demonstrating integrity at school

Class 4: Lily and Owen for showing courage to respond positively to a challenge.

Star Reader Awards starting next week!

Attendance

Best Class this week is Class 1!



Whole School 95.26%↑

Class 1: 94.88% ↑

Class 2: 96.10% ↑

Class 3: 94.37% ↑

Class 4: 95.84% ↑

Fabulous START TO 2020!!!

If your child is absent please ring the school before 9:30 am.



Have you missed anything?

The following information was shared this week. If you feel you may have missed anything, please see Mrs Gibson who will be more than happy to help. Please be aware that the school office will not be manned from 12:45 to 1:15 pm each day. Please ensure you leave a message on the answer phone and we will return your call as soon as we can. Should you need to collect children during the day, please tell us in advance. Thank you.

- ✚ Y6 Residential Payments
- ✚ RE newsletter
- ✚ Dolphin Letter



14th Jan Assembly led by JUMP -

Students from St Cuthbert Mayne

7th Feb: Plastic Pollution Workshops

11th Feb: Safer Internet Day

(more info to follow)

14th Feb: Non-Pupil Day

Half Term 17th-24th Inclusive

Children back to school Tuesday

25th February.



Sports Festivals tbc

Swimming every Wednesday for Y2

PE: Sharks and Seahorses - Tues pm

Dolphins - Thurs pm



Acts of Worship

Friday 24th Jan: Sharks

Friday 31st Jan: Dolphins

Friday 7th Feb: Seahorses

All welcome

Welcome back to school, to a new term and a brand new year! It has been lovely seeing all the children again after their Christmas holidays and they have been full of chat about everything they did with their families over the break. It has also been lovely to see them settle to their learning so well. Year 4/5 have been trialling our new Times Tables Rock Stars and this will be rolled out across the school over the coming weeks - very exciting! Thank you for sending them back to school looking so smart!

Thank you too for your patience and understanding as we work with Caterlink, our new school meals provider. We will let you know as soon as we can what the arrangements will be moving forward. Clubs will start next week as not everyone managed to return their slips in time - there are still some spaces left so make sure you pop in to see Mrs Gibson if you have not signed your child up yet.

At the moment we are advertising for two Teaching Assistants and we are hopeful that we will receive some strong applications before the closing date on the 17th. Finally, I would like to wish all our families a very Happy New Year 2020!

Mrs Gill (Headteacher)

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Our Catholic Life



This week we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. The wise men saw a star signifying the birth of a new king and they set off to find him, visiting King Herod on the way. Herod was worried about the birth of a new king and asked them to report back to him once they had found the child. The wise men set off again and on finding Jesus, with Mary and him homage. They offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and then left, returning home by another route so as to avoid Herod. We reflected on the gifts given to us by God: our wonderful talents and qualities and the children offered them to Jesus.

Thank you Jesus for giving us the gift of yourself. Help me to love others so that everyone will know how much you love them.

Amen

Next week, the Gospel shares this

Jesus comes to the River Jordan and cousin, known as John the Baptist, baptising him but he does what Jesus the river. When he comes up, the heavens open and the Holy Spirit comes down on Jesus, in the shape of a dove. God the Father is heard as a voice saying that Jesus is his Son and that God loves him very much.

message: *Loved By God*

asks John to baptise him. John is Jesus's John thinks that really it should be Jesus wants. Jesus goes down into the water of

the river. When he comes up, the heavens open and the Holy Spirit comes down on Jesus, in the shape of a dove. God the Father is heard as a voice saying that Jesus is his Son and that God loves him very much.



A HUGE THANKS to Mr Gazzard and his team: Jay Holsworth, Trevor Hosworthy, Shaun, Chris and Matthew who gave us an amazing new kitchen, as well as their fantastic skills and their precious time over Christmas. It looks fabulous and really brightens up the whole space. The children and staff are very, very grateful and can't wait to use it!



School Clubs:

Hopefully everyone has signed up for their preferred after-school clubs for the term. If you haven't, don't worry; there are still spaces available. Just pop in and see Mrs Gibson and she will help.

Monday 3.15- 4.15pm KS2 Singing with Mrs Callaghan. This is in preparation for our performance in the Torquay Music Festival on 23rd March.

Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm Science with Mrs Bowles and French with Mrs Marilican (Y2 to Y6); KS2 Badminton with Mr Zaki.

Wednesday Lunchtime: Scrabble with Mrs Gill (Y4-Y6)

Thursday 3:15-4:30pm: Football for Y1-4 with Brixham Development Academy. Please be aware that we need at least 8 children in order to offer this activity. There is a separate form to complete for this 5 week block. Cost: £15

Parental Survey Responses

Thank you so much to all respondents who were kind enough to complete a survey for me before the holidays. We had 27 responses in total. It was clear from the survey that the preferred methods of communication for the vast majority of parents are email and text. I was delighted to see that 100% of respondents find the newsletter useful with 93% reading it every week so this will continue to be sent out weekly. If you do not receive emails or texts, **PLEASE** check with Mrs Gibson that we hold the correct contact information for you.

The responses were as follows:

Rated 4 or 5 in terms of usefulness with 4 being very useful:

Awards:	92%	Learning:	97%
Dates for Diaries:	96%	Other Events:	92%
Attendance:	82%	Recommended Books:	67%
Catholic Life:	70%	E-safety Guidance:	78%

*Term Dates for 2020-2021 will be agreed at the next LGB meeting on 30th January and will be shared with you as soon as possible following that.

SAFEGUARDING

At a recent Community Safety Partnership meeting it was highlighted that, nationally, the following has been observed:

• The misuse of young people's bank accounts to launder criminal funds - there has been an increase of 73% over two years in 14-18 year olds being used as 'money mules'.

Schools in the Torbay area have been made aware that young people locally are currently being targeted. For further information visit the 'Don't be Fooled' website <https://moneymules.co.uk/about.html>

School Uniform:


Reminder that all children should now be wearing the school winter uniform including their shorts and ties. The complete policy is available from the school website or from the office on request. Please support us with this so that we can ensure a fair approach for all.

The school requires the cooperation of parents in sending children to school clean and tidy wearing the following items of **school uniform** which may be purchased at any large store. St Margaret Clitherow jumpers and cardigans can be bought from L. Mob or Tesco's. Ties can be bought there and also through the school office.

Girls	Winter/Spring	Summer
	White blouse Grey skirt/pinafore dress Maroon jumper/cardigan with school logo School tie.	Red and white check dress Maroon jumper/cardigan with school logo Sun hat to be worn outside when sunny
	Girls are also allowed to wear trousers. These must be 'school style' and grey in colour. Year 6 girls are allowed to wear their winter skirts with a school polo shirt as an alternative to the check dress.	
Boys	Winter/Spring	Summer
	White shirt (long sleeved) Grey trousers Maroon jumper with school logo School tie. School maroon fleece (available if required)	Maroon polo shirt. Grey trousers or shorts Maroon jumper with school logo Sun hat to be worn outside when sunny
PE	Maroon school fleece Black/Grey tracksuit bottoms Black/Grey shorts White T-shirt Plimsolls or trainers. PE bag (Tights cannot be worn in PE so a spare pair of socks should be kept in the PE bag.)	

- Black shoes must be worn
- Long hair must be tied back with simple accessories, not headscarves/oversized bows.
- Short hair must not have designs shaved into it.

All items of clothing must be marked with child's name.

 Uniform also available from Riviera Schooldays, 186 Union st, Torquay. School ties only available from Riviera Schooldays and the School Office.



UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZE!!

Raffle number 758 is awaiting collection from Mrs Gibson. If unclaimed by Friday 17th January, the prize will be re-entered into the next Helping Hands raffle.

LOST PROPERTY

If you have lost a pair of glasses or a butterfly brooch, please see Mrs Gibson.

Thank you

