



Brixham Church of England Primary School and Pre-School

Life in all its Fullness

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year. We hope that you are all safe and well and had a good summer break.

We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back into school life this year, particularly with the changes to routines, and for many of them, following an extended period at home. It is wonderful to see so many smiling faces and see the children back with their teachers and friends. Working together as families and school has never been so important, we are here to offer help and support that we can. We are confident that the children will make fantastic progress this year and look forward to working alongside you.

This year we are continuing to work hard on our curriculum ensuring that the children feel safe in school, are supported, challenged, and have a range of experiences that they can become embedded in, and that meet their needs allowing them to flourish. The children have made an excellent start with their curriculum and are already sharing their fantastic ideas and the work that they have done.

We have now become part of the Academy of Character and Excellence, we are excited by and are looking forward to developing this partnership and working alongside other ACE schools.

With warm wishes

Cristy Nelson

Back to school...

Quiet Courtyard

Over the summer holidays we have been busy transforming our Quiet Courtyard to represent the local area. Our benches have been turned into boats, walls painted like the sea and fishing nets added to the ceiling. We also have some sea animals joining and books outside in our beach huts and on shelves allowing the children the opportunity to sit outside and enjoy some of their favourite books.



We would like to thank Ava Passmore and her family for their kind contributions.

The Enchanted Forest

Our library has also been transformed into an Enchanted Forest with fairies, butterflies and toadstools. Some of the children have been busy hunting for them and peering through the guessing what's behind the fairy doors!



Forest School Site

Over the school holidays, we have had work completed to the round-house at our forest school site ensuring that it is safe for all of the children and that it will last for many years to come. We are currently working to ensure the site is cleared and will hopefully have the site up and running again in the near future.

The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse

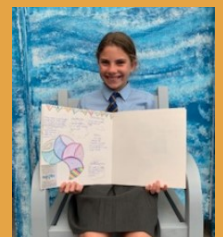


Charlie Mackery

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse

Since returning to school, all of the children have been reading the story of 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse'.

This is a fantastic book about friendship, kindness and self-esteem.



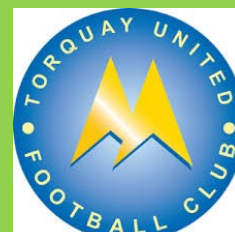
Welcome to our Reception Children

We are really pleased to be welcoming our new Reception children to Brixham C of E. This week is their first full-time week in school. They have settled in extremely well and made a great start to school life. Well done Reception class.



Torquay United

Torquay United are currently coming into school to work with some of our children in their PE lessons. They will soon be starting clubs for the children so please keep an eye out for any letters.



‘Little Reporters’ Page

This year we have a team of 3 ‘Little Reporters’. The team of budding journalists will be writing and editing a page in our newsletter each month.

Following the past few months and the challenges that we have all faced, the team decided that would like to talk to members of their class around COVID 19 and their time at home.



This week decided that we wanted to talk to our friends about their experiences while being at home throughout lockdown. Last term the government announced that the whole country we be put into lockdown. This meant that for some of us we had to stay of school and do home learning from the school website. We starting having ‘Zoom lessons’ and talking to our teachers online and we used Class Dojo to show our learning

When we asked our friend some of them told us they enjoyed paddle boarding, spending time with their families and playing games. They also told us that there were lots of things that they didn't like or found difficult. The found it hard not being able to go anywhere and doing the school work at home. Lots of our friend said that they got bored. Some friends learnt new skills and games at home, like Roblox. They were kind and thoughtful to others and got to send time with family members. They played with their brothers and sisters and FaceTimed their friends and family.

Throughout this time we have learnt that life is unpredictable and how important it is to appreciate our families. We also learnt how far 2 meters actually is!

We are so happy to be back!

Sophia, Indigo and Lola



Notice Board



School Leadership Team

Last year we spent some time developing our leadership structures within school. The new structure is as follows

Head Teacher—Cristy Nelson

Deputy Head Teacher—Marie Tyrrell

EYFS / KS1 Lead (SENDCo)—Marie Tyrrell

KS2 Lead Aimee Matthews.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do speak to your class teacher in the 1st instance. If you are still concerned then please see the key stage leader

Staffing Changes

Sadly, during the summer holidays, we said goodbye to Sarah Boone from our school office. We would like to wish her well in all of her new adventures.

Gemma Douglas is working full time in the office, Freddie McEwan is alongside her in the mornings, and Caroline Hopper is supporting us in the interim 3 afternoons a week.

Pupil premium and free school meals

The school can receive extra funding called 'pupil premium' for children if they are eligible. Although the application refers to Free School Meals it is important you complete it even if your child already receives a free school meal because they are still in Year 2 or below. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school which makes a massive difference to what we are able to offer your children while they are here.

Your child might be eligible if you receive:

- ☐ Income Support
- ☐ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☐ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ☐ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- ☐ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
 - ☐ Working Tax Credit run-on
- ☐ Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400

School Uniform

Please can we remind all families that we are expecting the children to be in full school uniform. Our policy can be found on the school website.

On the days where the children are having a PE lesson, we would like the children to come into school in their PE kits. The correct PE kit is also in the school uniform policy.

Thank you for your support.



Safeguarding

Here at Brixham C of E Primary we are committed to safeguarding the children.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Cristy Nelson and Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Miss Marie Tyrrell.

If you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Attendance for weeks

07.09. - 26.09.19

Whole School	
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	93.37%
1	96.52%
2	96.88%
3	96.87%
4	98.53%
5	92.86%
6	95.84%

Diary Dates 2020 / 2021

Friday 9th October



- Wear Yellow - please can all children wear something yellow to school for Young Minds

Monday 19th October

- Phone call Parent evening

Tuesday 20th October

- Virtual PTFA meeting 9:30

Wednesday 21st October

- Phone call Parents evening

Friday 23rd October

- Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November

- Return to school

Wednesday 2nd December

- Foundation Stage Nativity

Thursday 5th December

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Tuesday 8th December

- Year 1 Christmas Celebration

(further information will follow as to how our Christmas Celebrations will proceed this year)

Internet Safety

As we are all aware, protecting our children online has never been more important. Attached to the newsletter is a parents guide to help support us all at home.



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



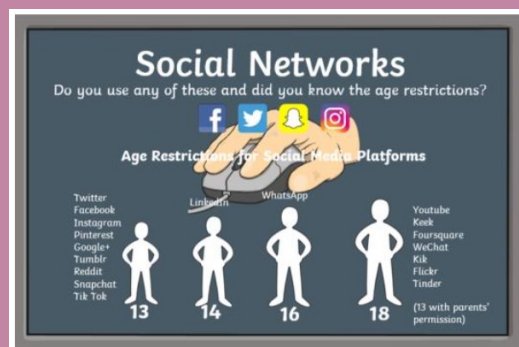
BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.



Ethos Group.



Last year we begun to develop our Ethos Group, this is a committee of stakeholders who come together to focus on developing the school ethos, culture and Christian Distinctiveness. We are currently looking for 1 or 2 parents who would like to join us in our

If you would like to join us and be part of this exciting group please see either Mrs Nelson or Mrs Matthews.