



December 2021



# NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

Well, it's been a difficult end to the term with the many absences and levels of sickness. It's been great in this last week of term to see that most children are now back in school. Thank you to the overwhelming number of parents who have supported us and once again, understood the challenges for all of us as a Community.

Much has been achieved this term. The children have completed some really interesting and inspiring learning enquiries in Geography, Science, DT and Art. I've thoroughly enjoyed being an audience at music lessons this term too. We have some superb musicians and I've also been impressed with so many children greeting me in

Spanish! So, following lockdown periods, we've returned this year ensuring that our children get an excellent offer in terms of all curriculum subjects.

Character education is also an important part of our curriculum at Galampton and I've been so impressed at how proactive and independent our children have been in terms of creating change and giving to others who need our support. We gave a record 111 shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child. Even after this very generous offering, many children (without any prompting from school) found ways to continue raising money for the Royal British Legion, Totnes Refugee Charity, Children in Need and the Rowcroft Reindeer Run. Thank you to all our children and families for supporting those who need our help. I know your contributions will be very gratefully received!

Later on in this newsletter you'll see an article on some staffing changes. I'd like to thank all staff leaving and moving on to other adventures and wish them all the very best and thank them for their time at Galampton.

We hope you all manage to have a wonderful Christmas with your families and that you can find time to celebrate together following what has been a difficult start to the festive period for some families.

We're very much looking forward to a new year and a new start and I've no doubt you are too!

Merry Christmas and joyful blessings to you all!

*Katy Burns* Headteacher

## Galampton Nominated for National Award

We were absolutely thrilled to have our work around attachment and trauma recognised at a national level. Galampton was one of three schools to be shortlisted for the Timpson Award, awarded by the Attachment Research Centre (ARC). Although we didn't win, we were happy to have been recognised for the support we give to our most vulnerable children. The nomination and attendance at this year's conference has redoubled our efforts to ensure that Galampton Primary leads the way as a nationally recognised inclusive school. Thank you to all carers, staff and children who contributed to the nomination!



### 2021 Alex Timpson ARC Attachment Awards

This year's awards will celebrate the achievements of schools from across the country over 5 categories, Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Special & PRU and Collaborative work.

Thank you to everyone who made a nomination, well done to everyone that was nominated and congratulations to our 2021 shortlisted nominations:

- Early years:**
- Lons Infant School
  - Fairfield Infant
- Primary:**
- Whitefield Primary
  - Galampton Primary
  - Dover Primary



# Samaritans

## Operation Christmas Child



Thank you so much to all our amazing children, parents and carers who have been so generous and donated shoeboxes for this extremely worthy cause.

Some families donated several boxes (one family in particular donated a total of 24 boxes – you know who you are (!) and Lindsay Williams was overwhelmed by your generosity). The ladies from Christian Aid were so impressed with our whopping total of 111 boxes and the gifts inside will make a huge difference to very deserving little boys and girls all over the world this Christmas.



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# Children in Need

All the children had a fantastic day in School and we raised a whopping cash total of £243.23 on the day. ParentPay donations are yet to be confirmed. Many thanks to all our children, parents and carers who contributed.

# Staffing News

Year 5 parents will already know that Mrs Baumbach leaves us this term. We wish **Mrs Baumbach** well and know she will continue to have many successes in her new role with Totnes Town Council. We thank her for her time at Galmpton and for the hard work she has put into leading the class.

We've been incredibly lucky to secure the services of Mr Trust for the remainder of the year for Year 5. Parents with children in Key stage 2 will remember **Mr Trust!** Having seen him leave for the United Arab Emirates 2 years ago we were delighted to hear that he'd returned to Brixham. We've no doubt Mr Trust will settle in very quickly and it will be like he's never been away!

Sadly, we also say goodbye to **Mrs Crutchlow**, our Pastoral Lead. Mrs Crutchlow has worked at Galmpton supporting vulnerable children and those needing additional social and emotional support. We thank her for her significant contribution at Galmpton and know that her private work as a Counsellor will thrive as a result of her expertise and considerable knowledge. Mrs Fisher's time as Inclusion Lead will be increased in the new year. In the next newsletter we will ensure you know how the pastoral work led by Mrs Crutchlow will continue and how we will continue to prioritise the well-being of all children.

**Mrs Paskin** returns from maternity leave in January and we're looking forward to having her back in Year 1 class. Fortunately for Year 1, Mrs Maker will continue to offer teaching support and will also take on a wider role of covering planning time for some teachers too.

**Mrs Housden's** contract also comes to an end at Christmas. Mrs Housden started at Galmpton as a 'catch up tutor' but stayed on with us whilst Mrs Paskin was on leave. We're grateful for the additional capacity Mrs Housden has given the school, and particularly the support she has given to Year 6 children. **Mrs Davidson** will now take on the role of Year 6 support. Also a very sad goodbye to **Fiona Davis** from our kitchen. Fiona has been a very important part of the kitchen & Galmpton team and we will all miss her being in school.

# Governance at Galmpton



Our Governing Body meets once each half term. Governors are responsible with the Leadership Team to ensure there is clarity around school vision, ethos and school improvement. We are incredibly grateful for the voluntary work that our Governors take on and appreciate all they do to ensure Galmpton is the great school it is. Photos and information about our Governing Body can be found here:

[www.galmptonprimary.org/our-governors](http://www.galmptonprimary.org/our-governors)

Below are some recent changes to our Governing Body:

We would like to say a massive thank you to Olivia Palmer for her time as Chair of Governors. She helped the school through a very difficult time over the lockdown periods and Mrs Burns is particularly grateful to Olivia for her calm, sensitive and supportive leadership. Our new Chair of Governors, Lyn Elliott, has been on the Governing Body for some time and knows our school well. We thank Lyn for taking on this role in addition to the many other roles she undertakes with the Church and her family.

Tom Blanchard, our Safeguarding Governor has also stepped down due to work commitments. We're hopeful that Tom will re-join when his work commitments allow. Stepping into his role is Mrs Amy Withers, a Safeguarding Lead at a local secondary school, who has considerable knowledge of safeguarding issues in schools. We thank them both for their service to our school.

Also joining our team of Governor's are Mr Tim Rutherford, Deputy CEO of a large school trust in Devon and Mrs Alison Coopman, our new Parent Governor. Mrs Becky Box becomes an Associate Governor with responsibility for Special Educational Needs. We're very grateful to them for their time and support and feel that they bring considerable skills, knowledge and experience with them. We will therefore continue to have a strong and dedicated team who will ensure that school improvement work is making a difference for all our children.

## Bags to School

Thank you so much to all our parents who donated miscellaneous textiles to Bags 2 School. The total raised for the school, which is calculated on the weight of donations, was £126. Well done everyone.





# BEYOND BORDERS TOTNES & DISTRICT

31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Class 4 and teachers,

A huge thank you to all of you, who made, brought in, sold and ate cakes! Your donation to Beyond Borders is amazing.

People from other countries who have been persecuted and whose lives are in danger often have no choice but to make the desperate decision to leave everything behind, including their friends and family, and flee to safety. They don't want to do this; the alternatives are often persecution, imprisonment, or death. Some come to the UK where they apply for asylum. They are then sent to various cities across the country and in our area, some are sent to Plymouth, and some to Exeter. Often those who have fled their homes have been forced to leave their children or siblings behind or have had to make the terrible decision to leave them, because the journey itself posed too many dangers.

In Plymouth, the Red Cross runs a family reunification service, which helps people who have acquired refugee status to find their family members and apply for them to join them here. Beyond Borders has raised funds to support this service, and has helped families come together in Plymouth. This is where the money you have raised will go. It will help people like Lyla (which is not her real name) who fled persecution in her own country and who was forced to leave her four children behind in the care of a relative. Lyla found out through a cousin who risked her life to communicate with Lyla, that the relative was not treating her children well, and eventually, she was able to communicate with them on What's App, secretly, and find out what was happening to them. They wanted desperately to be with their mother in Plymouth. As soon as she got refugee status, Lyla went to the Red Cross for help. The four children needed a lot of medical tests before they could come here, not just for Covid, but also for TB. They and their mother also needed DNA tests to prove that they were from the same family. Four visas, and flights were needed and travel to the airport and the clinics where the medical tests were to take place and also overnight stays. An Interpreter was needed to ensure that all paperwork was understood and in order. The whole process was very expensive indeed, but typical of the costs involved for all families who are trying to get back together. There are always more people wanting to reunite with their families than there is money to pay for that to happen. So your fundraising is like gold dust.

Can you imagine how happy and relieved people like Lyla and her four children will be when they eventually get to this country safely, not in an inflatable boat on a dangerous sea, but in a plane. They will be met by members of the Red Cross and they will travel down to Plymouth to be with their mother after several years of being apart. The four children will not have to suffer the ill treatment at the hands of the relative any longer and will be safe.

This is just one of the family reunification stories, but there are many like this.

Your donation will give great joy and hope to people like Lyla and her four children. The money you have raised will help families to get back together. It will take children away from dangerous and frightening situations, and will provide safe passage for family members to this country.

Thank you for your efforts.

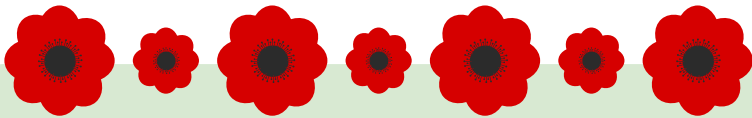
With gratitude,  
Debbie, Wendy, Jill, Lesley and Hilary, the Beyond Borders team



# YR Welcome Service



Just before half term, we held a Welcome Service for our Reception class children. All of the other classes made gifts or sang a song to the children to welcome them to our school. Cakes were also provided by our kitchen staff.



## Poppy Appeal

We have received confirmation that the total amount raised by Galmpton Primary School on behalf of The Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal was £195.75. Thanks to the Y6 children for playing a huge part in selling poppy items on the gate. A special mention to Robyn, Harry, Oliver and Amelia for baking and selling cakes to their friends and neighbours.



## Primary School Applications for September 2022

**REMINDER**

**15 Jan**

Just a reminder for any parents applying for a primary school place for September 2022. Applications must be received to the Council by midnight on 15th January 2022.



# A Message from Churston Church

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your wonderful contributions to our Flower and Craft Festival. We raised £580.40, half of which has been donated to Galmpton School funds. The artwork was really appreciated by our congregation and now it has been removed, the Church looks quite bare! Many thanks to the parents who helped at the Festival, and to the families who came to the NHS service. I am sorry it was a much longer Service than we anticipated, but the children behaved beautifully and we were, without exception, thrilled to have them join our Service.

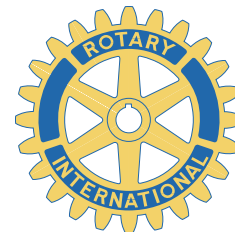
We do hope that families will join us in Church from time to time, especially on the 4th Sunday of each month when we have our 'Worship for All' Services. From January these Services will be designed to enhance and compliment the School's worship programme and will be prepared with families and children in mind. They usually last a little under an hour and children's participation will be encouraged; refreshments are served after the Service and we now have a children's corner where children can do activities relevant to the Service if they become unsettled in the pews. If the school choir would ever like to join us at this Service we would love to welcome them.

Confirmation On 13th March 2021; the Bishop of Plymouth will be coming to our Church in Churston for Confirmation. This only happens every third year, so if there is any child or adult who is considering Confirmation please contact Rev John Gay.

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## Preston Rotary Club



**Huge thanks to our friends at Preston Rotary Club for visiting us and presenting Y6 with their "Watch Out" books. No doubt they will be a valuable resource to each child.**

## Services at Churston this Christmas



**Poinsettia Festival**  
Friday 17th December

10am - 12noon and 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

Come and buy a poinsettia or cyclamen plant in memory of a loved one, write a label and leave it in the Church over Christmas.



**Carol Service at Churston**  
Sunday 19th December 6.30pm

**Crib Service and Carols**  
(outdoor event) at the Barn Chapel  
Tuesday 21st December 7.00pm

**Crib Service at Churston.**  
Friday 24th December 4.00pm

If any child would like to take part by doing a reading or saying a prayer, please email [janewashington30@gmail.com](mailto:janewashington30@gmail.com)

**Midnight Mass at Churston.**  
Friday 24th December 11.30pm

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

# **School Admission Arrangements & Education Transport Policy**

**Opens on  
1 November  
2021**



**Closes on  
7 January  
2022**

**You are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon\*\* and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2023-24**

**To view the policies, visit**

**[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)**

**or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy**

**\*\*and the following Plymouth academies: Old Priory Junior Academy, Plympton St Mary's CofE Infant School, St Edward's CofE Primary, St George's CofE Primary, St Matthew's CofE Primary & Nursery, St Peter's CofE Primary School**

**and in Torbay: All Saints, Babbacombe, CofE Primary, Brixham CofE Primary, Collaton St Mary CofE Primary, Ellacombe Academy, Galampton CofE Primary, Ilsham CofE Academy, Oldway Primary, Roselands Primary, Shiphay Learning Academy, St Marychurch CofE Primary, St Michael's CofE Academy, Upton St James CofE Primary, Warberry CofE Academy**

# Galampton Primary School

# **Calendar Dates**

# 2021- 2022

Friday 14th January  
Flu Immunisations in School

Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February  
Half term holiday

Friday 8th April- Friday 22nd April (inclusive)  
Easter Holidays

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