



Dear Families

I am sitting in my tent at Woodlands writing the newsletter this month! Thanks to over forty families who have supported this PTA event. The sun is shining at the moment and everyone is having a fabulous time. A special thank you to Sarah Smale who has organized the event again and also to Jodie Pike who has also been a great helper.

I hope that by the time you read this, that sports day will have happened. I am sad to be missing it, but am sure that all the children will enjoy competing for their teams.

Best wishes

Mrs Julyan

Trips, visits and experiences

Surfing and life-saving

Year 5 and 6 had a great time at the beach learning how to surf and also how to save lives when people get into difficulty in the water. This event was organized by Torquay Boys' Grammar School.

Vocational courses at Combe Pafford

All of our Year 5 children and some Year 6s visited Combe Pafford School this week to experience what it is like in the world of work. Some pupils enjoyed finding out more about what it is like to work in the world of animal care, whilst others learned what it is like to be a mechanic.

Year 6 London Trip

There was something different this year on the London trip, that our trip has not done before and that was to fly by aeroplane from Exeter Airport to London City Airport. Some children had never flown before and they

Upcoming Events

Transition week

All pupils will spend mornings with their new teacher for the week beginning 11th July 2016.

Meet the new teacher

During transition week, parents are welcome to pop in and meet the new teacher on the Friday morning from 8.30am. More details to follow.

20th July

Year 5 and 6 show

22nd July

Year 6 leavers' party

Church and RE

Prayer Board

Please remember to check out the prayer board at All Saints' Church where some of our children's prayers are displayed.

Eucharist

7.7.16

Important Message - PARENTPAY

Please can you try and avoid getting into school debt and ensure that any debts are cleared immediately. Thank you for your understanding about this matter.

all enjoyed this experience. The trip was a big success and the children had some amazing experiences whilst they were there such as visiting Tower Bridge, The Houses of Parliament and going on an open top bus tour. Planning, organizing and taking a big group of children on a residential trip like this is a lot of hard work and I would like to thank Mrs Crompton and all the other staff involved for giving our children such a fabulous experience.

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Thanks to those of you who came along to help us to celebrate this momentous occasion. The children were all interested to find out some facts about the Queen's history, as well as painting their commemorative plates. A big thank you to Mrs Wain for coordinating the day, the PTA for organising the cream tea for the adults and also to Donna for baking lovely muffins for the children.

Waste Audit

This half term the Eco-Warriors have been hard at work with our new project, reducing packed lunch waste at school. During a lunch time, the team collected packed lunch waste from Keystage 2 packed lunches. We made sure absolutely nothing was binned! In the afternoon, we carried out a waste audit (it was a little smelly!) and delved through the waste, sorted it into different piles and then weighed the waste. Please visit our website page for the results. We then devised an action plan to support children, parents and meal time staff to help reduce packed lunch waste at Torre. Parents were emailed a letter informing them of the results and suggestions to support a recyclable lunch. We will be carrying out the audit again right at the end of term to see if we have reduced our waste, please help to support us with this.

Paignton Zoo

Reception enjoyed a trip to Paignton Zoo this month. This provided a fantastic 'hook' to our topic 'Animals and their Habitats'. The children had a great time exploring the Zoo and seeing the different animals, especially the baby Giraffe. We did start to wonder if the giraffe's would start dancing, just like Gerald the Giraffe in our storytelling text 'Giraffes can't dance'. We learnt all about different habitats and were able to hold animal skulls, snake skins and the fur of a tiger during our visit to the education centre. All in all, it was a fantastic day!

Beach Trip

On the 24th June KS1 made their way down to Torre Abbey for a fun filled day of landscape sketching, rock pooling, sandcastle building and ice creams. Sadly, due to weather KS1 had to travel through the rain back to school. To ensure the children still had a fun day of activities, when we returned to school, the children had a picnic lunch in our classrooms with a movie. For dessert every child made their own ice cream sundae with various sauces, wafers and sprinkles! Check out the website to see the fabulous concoctions! In the afternoon, together as cohort, we played games on the field and took turns on the climbing frame. Despite the rain KS1 still had a fun filled day.

Inspiration Days for Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed visits to Spires College and also at Torquay Academy. At Spires, the children were given a maths challenge, where they had to construct a 3D model using triangles. At TA, there was a fun music activity where the children created their own rhythms using guitars and drums.

Parent/Carer Forum

A big thank you to all of those parents who attended our maths forum to find out more about how maths is being taught in school. We hope you found it useful.

Children's University Achievements

Mrs Green has informed me that the following pupils have recently been awarded certificates and badges for building up hours at Children's University:

- Darbi Faint – Silver certificate for 165 hours.
- Phoebe Kennedy – Gold certificate for 100 hours
- Maria Julyan – Gold Certificate for 200 hours

Well done girls!

Attendance

Whole school attendance since September is 96.16%. Let's see if we can get up to 97% by the end of the year. Thanks for all your support with this.

There are 35 pupils with 100% attendance since the start of this academic year in September. This time last year there were less than 25, so this is amazing! There will be a draw at the end of the year for all these children and the winner will receive a special prize! All those with 100% attendance will also receive a medal.

PE and Sport

Starfish class has enjoyed an athletics festival at Torquay Academy. Year 5 experienced something a little different at Torquay Boys' Grammar school, where they were invited to attend a golf festival. A good time was had by all.

Family Learning

We have a new group of parents/carers on our new course, which is for parents of those who are starting school in September. They are finding it a great opportunity to get to know each other better, as well as picking up some great tips on how to help to prepare their nursery age children for starting school.

Classes next year

We will be able to inform you as to which class your child will be moving into next year by the end of our transition week, which is the week beginning Monday 11th July.

Battle of the Sommes

A member of the Torre and Upton Community Partnership has written to us to let us know that three former pupils of Torre Primary School died in the first days of the Somme offensive, 100 years ago this week. Their names are included on the stone in the memorial garden in front of the original parish church on the corner of Lucius St:

- William Browning born 1897 of 25 Rosery Road, died 1/07/1916 buried at Mamet

- Thomas Richard Gooding born 1875 of 78 Ford Cottages, Union Lane, died 2/07/1916 buried at Amiens
- Albert Ernest Phillips born 1887 of 15 Princes Road West, died 4/07/1916 buried at Daours

Personal Achievements

A big well done to the following children:

- Evie Bench - achieved a Grade 2 proficiency award in gymnastics. Well done Evie!
- Ella-Jaie Cox – gained a distinction with 86 marks in her tap exam. Wow!
- Amelia Washbrook – swam 100 lengths to achieve the 1000m distance award in 30 minutes. Amazing!
- Lucas Washbrook – achieved the stage 4 swimming award, came 1st in three motos in the final in the south west regional BMX championships in Burnham-on-Sea and came 4th in the South West regional BMX championships in Bath. Fabulous!
- Lots of Torre pupils went to Exeter University for enrichment courses this month. Great!
- Amelie and Poppy Wallace-Fisher took their first Holy Communion on Sunday 19th June. Wonderful news girls!
- Ewan Morphew, Hannah Spear, Kaitlyn Jones, Kayleigh Sandeman and Millie Scully had their writing published in a Young Writer publication. We are very proud of you all.
- Isabella Stephenson – achieved a distinction in her Grade 1 tap exam. Wow!
- Harvey Lane – achieved Grade 2 in his Little Dragon's Tae-Kwon-Do. Great!
- Daniel Spear – achieved level 4 in the British Gymnastics. Super news!
- Katie Pugh - achieved a distinction in her Grade 1 tap exam. That's 3 distinctions for all 3 of her dance exams this year! Congratulations Katie!
- Tamzin Honeywill – came 1st Place in the 'best dressed child' category at Film and Comic Con Exeter. Well done Tamzin!

It would be great to hear about more personal achievements for the June edition of Torre Times. Please let Mrs Julyan or your class teacher know when you achieve something special, or post it in the box in the school reception area.

