



Dear Families

I am so pleased for us all that the summer weather has finally arrived! Let's hope it lasts while the children are off, so that they can enjoy some time outside.

I would like to say a very fond farewell to our Year 6s, who have been a fabulous class throughout the school. They have been incredibly resilient this year and have battled their way courageously through an incredibly challenging curriculum. At times this has been hard, but despite everything, they have smiled and done their best to enjoy their final year at Torre. I know that their high-lights will be all of the performances they have been part of during their time at Torre, as well as trips and visits - such as Heatree and London. I wish you lots of luck in your new schools and hope that you will keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on in your secondary schools.

We also say goodbye to Mr Scott this term, who is moving onto pastures new. Thank you for all your hard work this year.

Finally, Mrs Danbury is retiring after 23 years at Torre. We are all incredibly sad to say goodbye to her. She has a great sense of humour and is very caring towards not only the children, but also the staff. No job is too big for Mrs D and she tackles any challenge with a smile on her face. We will all miss you desperately Kelly, but wish you a happy and healthy retirement.

Have a great summer everyone!

Mrs Julyan

Upcoming Events

First day of term

All pupils start back on Monday 5th September

The office will be open from Thursday 1st September.

Church and RE

Our new vicar, Father Peter, is going to be starting in September. We look forward to welcoming him. Please come along to our first Eucharist to meet him – details below.

Prayer Board

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

Eucharist

22.9.16

Important Message

Please can you ensure that any outstanding debts on ParentPay are cleared as by 1st August 2016. All debts must be cleared for our financial year end. Thank you for your support with this.

Curriculum and assessment up-dates

Phonics Screening Check

I am delighted to inform you, that this year, 80% of pupils in Year 1 met the government's required threshold in the Phonics Screening Check. We do not yet know the national average, but last year's national average was 77%, so we hope to be at the national average this year. Last year, we only achieved 69%, so this is a huge achievement for us. The Read, Write Inc. phonics programme has had a huge impact on the standard of reading and writing in Reception and Year 1, so we are delighted with our investment in this.

Spelling

From September, we will be moving over to the Read, Write, Inc. Spelling programme across the school. Many of our pupils who did not achieve age related expectation in spelling this year, did not achieve it due to spelling errors in their writing. We hope, that by implementing this new programme, spelling will be less of a barrier next year.

Maths

Next year, we have employed an additional teacher (Mrs McClymont) to enable us to teach maths to single year groupings in Year 1/2 and in Year 3/4. We are very excited to be able to do this and believe that this will be a huge benefit to the children.

Year 6 results

We are absolutely delighted by our Year 6 results and this is down to the hard work, commitment and absolute dedication from the children and also the staff. Thank you to all of you. This is how we performed:

	Torre	Torbay average	National average
Reading (test)	71%	68%	66%
Writing (teacher assessment)	71%	68%	74%
Spelling, grammar & punctuation (test)	83%	71%	72%
Maths (test)	87%	68%	70%
Reading, Writing, Maths combined	61%	51%	53%

Attendance

Whole school attendance since September is 95.99%. Let's see if we can get up to 96% by the end of the year. Thanks for all your support with this.

There are 30 pupils with 100% attendance since the start of this academic year in September. This time last year there were less than 15, so this is amazing! There will be a draw at the end of the year for all these children and the winner will receive an Ipod Shuffle! All those with 100% attendance will also receive a medal.

A prayer for the end of the school year

Christ, Teacher and Lord,
Bless all in this school
As we seek to end our year
With the grace you so generously provide.

We give thanks for the students
And the staff, the administrators,
And all who have contributed
To this year of nurturing and growth.

We affirm all the positive moments,
Of insight, of the excitement of learning,
Of accomplishment, of creativity,
Of laughter, of a sense of community.

We recognise the times of struggle,
Of difficult work, of misunderstanding,
Even of failure--we give these
To you for transformation,
So they can become seeds
That will find fertile soil.

As we leave for the summer,
May we take with us
The knowledge that
You will keep us all
In your embrace so
We may rest and be restored
And so we can continue in
The ongoing discovery
of your Love

Personal Achievements

A big well done to the following children:

- Joss Morgan and Rhys James set up a market stall in Torquay Market for the day for their 'Fiver Challenge'. They were even in the newspaper! Well done boys ☺
- Emilia Kennedy - achieved the Duckling Grade 1 swimming award. Well done!
- Phoebe Kennedy – gained a 15m swimming badge. Wow!
- Leah Cooper – Passed trampolining proficiency level 6. Amazing!
- Kayleigh Sandeman – achieved her Grade 1 on the flute with merit. Fabulous!
- Daisy Mai Driver – Achieved her 50m swimming badge. Wonderful news!
- Charlie Driver – achieved his 10m swimming badge. We are very proud of you.
- Isabella Stephenson – achieved a distinction in her Grade 1 tap exam. Wow!
- Timothy Corbett – achieved his ASA stage 6 swimming award. Great!
- Daniel Spear – achieved his three year service badge at Boys' Brigade. Super news!
- Charlotte Birchmore – has become an official member of 2nd Babbacombe Rainbows and has already achieved several badges. She has also achieved her Level 7 gymnastics badge. Congratulations Charlotte!
- Tyler Turvey – passed his 400m swimming badge. Well done Tyler!
- Lewis Graham – passed his 100m swimming badge. Super news!
- Summer Faulkes – passed Grade 1 Ballet with the Royal Academy of Dance. Great!
- Lucas Washbrook – achieved his Stage 5 ASA swimming award and swam 102 lengths which equates to 1020 meters. Fantastic!
Lucas also came 3rd place overall at the South West BMX regional final. Well done!
- Amelia Washbrook – achieved her Stage 5 ASA swimming award. Super!