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# Torre Times – November 2017

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**Pray, Praise, Potential, Pride, Persevere**

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*“Our mission at Torre is to create an environment where God’s children have the right to grow, learn, feel safe and be happy. We respect and look after each other in the way that God has taught us.”*

*We “Live life in all its fullness.” John 10:10.*

Dear Families

So... December is upon us already! This term is certainly flying by!

Thanks to those of you who have attended and supported our stay and learn sessions this month. It is good to be able to share with you the strategies we use to support the children’s learning.

The nativities are well under way. KS1 did a fabulous job on the big stage at the Princess Theatre and we still have the EYFS nativity and KS2’s Carol Concert to look forward to.

Best wishes,

Mrs Julyan

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## **Trips, visits and experiences**

*Parliament Week*

It has been a busy half term so far for PSHE with two themed weeks! The first was Parliament week where we learned about democracy and life in modern Britain. We wanted the children to learn how to make an informed choice based on learning to debate an issue respectfully. To give them a real experience we held a school referendum to help to shape the next uniform policy. This information will feed into a wider consultation with parents and governors later in the year.

Mrs Wain

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**Torre C of E Academy**

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## **Upcoming Events**

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS Nativity

**14<sup>th</sup> December**

KS2 Carol Concert (6pm at Church)

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## Anti-bullying Week

The second event was our annual anti-bullying week. We work hard at Torre throughout the year to ensure children know exactly what bullying is, where they can get help, and to raise the profile of how we can make people feel. This year the theme was 'All different, all equal'. The children took part in lots of exciting activities and there will shortly be a display of their work in the school hall. The winner of the anti-bullying poster competition will be announced shortly. Thank you to all those who entered.

Mrs Wain

## Polar Explorer

Antony Jinman is a Polar Explorer. He came to tell us about his expeditions to the North and South Pole. He told us how he skied to the North Pole with two of his friends in the summer-time when the water at the top of the world is frozen over – Leah (Y5)

On Antony's first trip he got blisters within the first two hours of skiing. He felt as if he should give up, but he saw an arctic fox and that gave him courage.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, he is going again. To find out more about him and to follow him on his journey, he is on the website [liketobe.org](http://liketobe.org). – Zuzia (Y5)

## Allegations against adults

All children and adults have a fundamental right to be protected from harm.

The Governors of **Torre C of E Academy** have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children to create and maintain a safe learning environment (section 175 of the Education Act 2002). This school will take all reasonable steps to identify where there are child welfare concerns and will take action to address them, in partnership with other organisations where appropriate, and in accordance with the South West Child Protection Procedures (<https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/>)

The following procedure will be used in respect of all cases in which it is alleged that a member of staff or a volunteer in the school has:

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child, or may have harmed a child; or
- possibly committed a criminal offence against, or related to, a child; or
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates s/he is unsuitable to work with children.

In addition, the procedure also applies if a concern arises about a member of staff in his/her personal life which indicates that they may be unsuitable to work with children.

# PTA

## Santa Walk

The date for one of our favourite events is Sunday 3rd December. Please support this – it is great fun!

## Christmas Fayre

1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.10pm

## Christmas Discos

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

## Pantomime at the Princess Theatre

17<sup>th</sup> December

## Church and RE

The annual Christmas Tree Festival will be taking place from 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December at All Saints' Church. Please do come along and support this event.

## Prayer Board

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

## Reporting of allegations

All allegations should be reported to the Headteacher immediately, unless the allegation is about the Headteacher in which case it should be reported to the Chair of Governors or the Vice/Deputy Chair in the Chair of Governors absence.

A written, dated record must be made by the Headteacher/Chair of Governors of the allegations as soon as practicable, but within 24 hours.

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) should be informed of all the allegations that come to the Academy attention as soon as possible so that they can consult the police and Children Services colleagues as appropriate.

The LADO should also be informed of any allegations that are made directly to the police or Children Services Social Care.

The Headteacher/Chair of Governors should not investigate the allegation at this stage. However, consideration will need to be given as to whether it is appropriate to suspend the individual concerned.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS POLICY CAN BE FOUND IN FULL ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

## **Attendance**

Please note what your child's attendance means in reality:

90% attendance = half a day missed each week

90% attendance over 1 school year = 4 weeks of lessons missed

90% attendance over 5 school years = ½ a school year missed

*May I please remind you about the procedures and protocol around absence from school:*

1. If your child is going to be absent, please call the office by 9.30am to give the reason why. Please do not just say 'poorly', but specify the illness and symptoms.
2. If we do not hear from you and cannot reach you on any of the contact numbers we have, we will contact the South West Family Values 'door knocking service'. They will then call at your address to establish the reason for your child's absence.
3. If you need to request absence in advance, please use the relevant form and hand in with plenty of notice (definitely before booking and making any travel arrangements). If the request is deemed to be exceptional, this period of absence may be authorised. If it is not authorised, a fixed penalty notice may be issued.

If a holiday is taken without requesting permission for in advance, a fixed penalty notice will be issued.

The full policy can be found on the school website.

## **School Meals**

We are all very much looking forward to Donna and her team's Christmas dinner! I hope lots of our children will be getting into the Christmas spirit and booking a lunch on this day.

## **Charities**

Huge thanks to everyone for your support of the Children in Need charity. We raised £260.65 thanks to your donations.

I have arranged some exciting alternative curriculum opportunities for a small group of Year 6 pupils and I wanted to let you all know about them. The sessions will be led by a variety of visitors, all working in different industries. These include: designing and programming, engineering and marine biology. The aim of these sessions is to enable the children taking part to learn some new skills to supplement what they are currently learning in the standard curriculum. It is my hope that the children will really enjoy these sessions and that they will help them to really understand the relevance and importance of the work we are doing in other areas of the curriculum. I also hope that it might inspire some of them in terms of their future career choices. Unfortunately, we cannot offer these sessions to all our Year 6s, so have carefully selected the ones we feel will benefit most.

If any of you feel you could offer anything, please let me know. It would be great to have some tradespeople who can teach the children some of the skills of their job.

## **PE and Sport**

### **Netball News**

#### Cup Competition

Our year 6 team have had an excellent start to this year's cup competition with a bye in the first round and a win of 12 – 0 against Watcombe last week. We were runners up last year and are definitely aiming to beat that this time!

#### Y5/6 Tournament

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> we played our first tournament at PCSA against 8 other teams. We took both our A and B teams and were extremely impressed by their enthusiasm and effort throughout a lot of hard-fought matches.

**Our B team** had only one other B team to play against, followed by 7 matches against the A teams - 2 of which they managed to draw! They performed brilliantly, never giving up against older and bigger children – they will make a great team by next year; well done all of you.

From the start **our A team** performed outstandingly; with incredible shooting, passing and defending skills. This continued and improved with every match until we had beaten all of the other teams and **WON** the tournament! Overall our A team scored 44 goals during the 8 matches.

I would like to thank the parents and grandparents who helped transport the children; they were treated to some incredible netball from such young players. Thanks also go to Kayleigh, a former netballer from Torre, who has started coaching with me and took charge of the B team throughout the tournament.

Well done to you all: Kayleigh, Hannah, Maria, Millie, Ewan, James, Joe, En, Henry, Tilly, Gabriella, Rhianna, Zuzia, Phoebe and Phoebe.

Mrs Morphew (Netball Coach)

## Football News

### Boys' Team

The boys team have slowly built on their teamwork from the start of the season. From our first friendly result, losing 4-0 to Preston, we have slowly become a better and better side. Our results were 4-1 vs St. Marychurch; 3-0 against Oldway; 2-0 against Watcombe. Finally, the dream was achieved of winning our first 'A' team game against Warberry, winning 3-1 with goals from our Preston x 2 and Jack. Lucas picked up the man of the match award for this. So, going into the half term break, our record is P3 W 1 L2 Points3 in the league. Our team spirit has grown and are enjoying representing the school.

Our 'B' team have also played, winning 1-0 at St Margaret's with Jake scoring the winner!

Mr. Cowling

### Girls' Team

This term, some of the Year 5 and 6 girls have enjoyed playing in the girls' football team. It has been a new adventure for everyone involved. We're loving every minute of it! Together, we are learning how to play as a team whether we win, lose or draw and are continuing to grow with every training match and session. In order for the children to experience playing competitively, everyone (who has wanted to) has had the chance to represent Torre. The girls experienced narrow losses to St Margaret's, St Marychurch and Sherwell Valley and are still seeking their first point in the league. However, they are successfully through to the next round of the President's Cup after beating Watcombe 3.2 in extra time - both Ruby and Phoebe on the score sheet. Not bad for a team who have only just starting playing! Poppy has been named player of the match, along with Rhianna too - something that I'm sure all of the girls will achieve if they continue to persevere in the way that they have been. A massive thank you to the parents for their support and Mr Wallace-Fisher, who has been training some of the girls at the weekend. We look forward to competing again in the New Year.

Miss Irving

### **Something to think about – preparing for advent:**

**Isaiah 64:8b** *We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.*

### **Prayerful Reflection**

O Life-Shaping Potter, Come~  
Mould us into your Advent people  
as we make ready for the coming of Christ.  
Form us into empty vessels and  
let every heart prepare him room,  
let every mind clear him space,  
let every soul invite him in.  
Pour into us the  
hope, peace, joy and love  
of Jesus  
as we journey towards the celebration  
of his birth.  
Amen.

## Personal Achievements

A big well done to the following children:

- Maya: achieved Level 7 British Gymnastics Gym badge – well done!
- Ella-Jaie and Darbi: got parts in the summer show at the Babbacombe Theatre – fabulous!
- James: achieved his 25m Rainbow swimming award - amazing!
- Lauren: passed her preliminary tap exam – super achievement!
- Evie: passed her Level 8 British Gymnastics Proficiency Award – fantastic effort Evie!
- Ben and Phoebe: were both confirmed at All Saints' Torre with their brothers - congratulations!
- Phoebe: was brilliant in The Gringe for her Razzamatazz Christmas show (even though she was nervous) – amazing!
- Tyla: finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 2017 British Championships of motocross racing. He was also Kingswood Club Champion 2017. Super!
- Ivy: completed a 5km run to raise money for Children in Need. A great positive effort and when she had finished she said, "I didn't come last!" – super!
- Jessica: learnt to ride her bike properly. Great!
- Imogen: is progressing really well with her horse riding. She is walking off the lead rein and trotting with her eyes closed and arms off the horse on the lead rein. Well done Imogen!
- Thomas: invested as a Beaver Scout at Barton Sea Scouts and took part in the remembrance parade.
- Daniel: Took part in the Boys' Brigade Devon Battalion Junior Section competition and won the indoor sports, Wii competition and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the individual draughts. Well done!
- Hannah: is performing as one of the First Violins in the Concert Strings Group of the Torbay and South Devon Music Centre concert. Great Hannah!
- Katie: has a place in the Torquay pantomime and is performing as a junior dancer alongside her big sister. She also has a part in the Babbacombe Summer Show. Katie has also passed two dance exams with a high distinction – amazing!
- Harry: Can swim a whole length under water – brilliant skill Harry!
- Alfie – Passed his Level 1 at wrestling training – well done Alfie!
- Scarlett – Did a great job of playing a 'Tinker Fairy' in her ballet show; her family are very proud of her! - Great.
- Evie – Was a fabulous 'Tinker Fairy' in her dance school show. Fabulous Evie!

**Well done!**