



Brixham Church of England Primary School
and Pre-School
Life in all its Fullness



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Dear Parents / Carers,

With only a few days left before the end of term we are busy preparing for the Christmas break and reflecting on the past term. The children have been absolutely amazing and coped wonderfully with the changes that have been in place this term. As a school we are all extremely proud of all of them and would like to thank you for all of your support. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work, they have gone above and beyond to ensure our school runs smoothly. Thank you everyone.

These last few weeks our children have been thinking hard about messages of hope that they can send to those within our community who feel isolated or have found the past year extremely difficult. We have been really impressed with their heartfelt messages which will be delivered by our local church group and shared with you in the new term.

I hope that you all have a restful Christmas break and thoroughly enjoy the time with your families.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our families

Best wishes
Cristy Nelson



Back to school...

Forest School



Last week our Year 2 children spent the day up at our forest school site. What a fantastic day they had! The children made medallions, bows and arrows, cooked pancakes and explored the site. It was fantastic to see the site in full use.



Year 6 Artists



Year 6 children have been practicing their art skills using water colour to create nativity scenes this week.



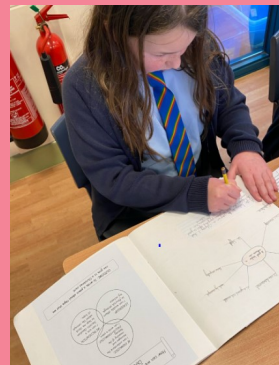
Year 5 Poets

Over the past few weeks we have been planning messages of hope to send out. Year 5 have decided to send their messages in the form of poetry. They have thought really hard about the vocabulary that they want to use and the images that they want to create in the reader's mind. Well done Year 5.



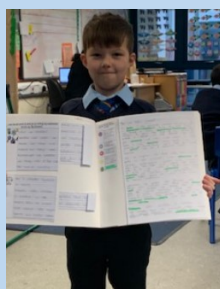
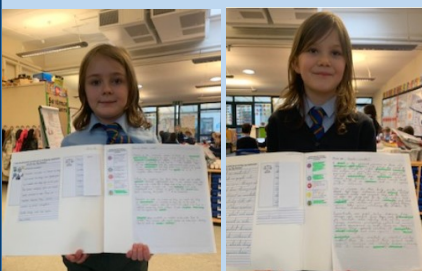
Christmas in Italy

This week Year 4 have learnt all about what Christmas is like in Italy. Veronica shared how Christmas is celebrated and even showed her friends what traditional outfits are worn. Well done Veronica, this took a great amount of courage.



Fossils Everywhere!

Year 3 have been researching Fossils over the past few weeks. They have produced some amazing pieces of writing, sharing all of their new found knowledge.



Super Spellers

Reception have been working really hard on their phonics!! They have been listening carefully to hear every sound in words and then have written them down. Well done Reception.





Notice Board



New Staff

We would like to welcome 2 new members to our staff team at Brixham. Mrs Lawrence will be working with some of our children when we return in January. She will be leading some of our PE lessons. Mrs Bloomfield will also be joining us and working as our Year 5 Class Teacher. We would like to welcome both Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Bloomfield.



Free School Meals

If any parents or carers think they may be eligible for free school meals, even if your child is in KS1, please apply using the link below. Every child on free school meals helps the school as we get extra funding for the children.

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/fsm/>

If you need a paper copy of the form, please ask the office

Safeguarding

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.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for joining us in raising money for 'Save the Children' by wearing their Christmas Jumpers! We managed to raise £125.61.



Community Packages

We still have some community care packages in school. If you would like one before the end of term please either let myself or your class teacher know via Class Dojo, or contact the school office.



For any covid-19 related issues over the Christmas holidays, please contact cristy.nelson@acexcellence.co.uk.

Please remember:
Wash Hands
Cover Face
Make Space

Attendance for weeks

30.11.20—15.12.20

Whole School	94.75%
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	86.61
1	93.98
2	96.11
3	97.20
4	98.03
5	95.24
6	95.02

Diary Dates 2020 / 2021

Thursday 17th December	- Christmas ' Big Night In'
Friday 18th December	- Last day of term / Class Christmas celebrations
Monday 4th January	- School Returns for the Spring Term
Monday 15th February	- Half term
Thursday 1st April	- End of Spring Term
Monday 19th April	- Summer Term begins
Monday 31st May	- May Half Term
Thursday 10th June	- Second half of Summer Term starts
Friday 23rd July	- End of Summer Term

Acts of Kindness

I am sure you will have all seen the letter that has been sent to all families from our School Ethos Committee.

We are asking the children to think about 'Acts of Kindness' during the Christmas Break. This is something that we know all of our children are wonderful at doing and share this with each other on a daily basis. We are hoping to extend this into the Christmas Holidays and with our families throughout the holidays. We are really looking forward to seeing what the children have been doing on Class Dojo and Tapestry, please upload any pictures and we will be celebrating this when we return to school.

