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Autumn 1- 2022- Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this half term. They have all settled extremely well into their new classes and routines. We began the new school year with our children acting as explorers in our whole school 'Marvellous Maths' learning experience in which the children investigated the relationships between numbers, creating patterns and shapes. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all that the children have been learning since returning to school. We have had children looking at our local environment and visiting the Breakwater, and classes looking further afield thinking about the world's natural resources and how we can conserve energy. Throughout all of our learning experiences this half term, our children have had a focus on Citizenship, whether it being close to home and supporting those around us, or further away showing drive to support a cause or those less fortunate than ourselves. As a whole school we have thought about Citizenship through the harvest period and collected for Brixham's Food Bank.

We are all looking forward to next half term, a busy half term, but one filled with much excitement as we head towards Christmas. We are really excited to be welcoming friends and families into school for various events such as our nativity, class led worships, parents' evenings, discos and Christmas activities. I hope that you all have a fantastic half term break next week and look forward to seeing you on Monday, 31st October.

Vision & Values

“Life in all its fullness.”

This half term our focus has been on **CITIZENSHIP**. We have been thinking about how we can make a difference within our school, community and wider world. We have thought about our Church School value of **COMPASSION** and thinking about how we show this to those around us.



Year 1 have been thinking about how to be a good friend and that good friends show compassion.



Year 4 showed compassion by making welcome posters for a ‘Day for Ukraine’ held at the Yes! Brixham centre.

Year 2 have been exploring how our fishing industry shows compassion.



Iris in Year 6 has shown great empathy and compassion when working collaboratively.



Year 3 showed compassion by expressing their emotions and listening to others describe how they are feeling.

Next half term we will be thinking about **LEADERSHIP**, we will be thinking about how we act with integrity, authenticity and determination. We will be focusing on our Church School value of **INSPIRATION** and how we inspire others around us with the choices we make.

Our Learning



Year 2 have been learning how to be cartographers.



Year 5 have been learning about tectonic plates and how their movement can cause earthquakes and volcanoes.



Pre-school have been learning how to show compassion.



Year 1 have been learning how to use technology so that they can create a poster.



Year 4 have been learning how to use an atlas so they can compare France with Brixham.



Year 3 have planned and conducted experiments to learn about rocks and fossils.



Year 6 have met and spent time with their new Reception Class Buddies. They'll be visiting regularly to share learning, read and play together.



What our children say...

This Year, in Year 6, we have met our Reception Class buddies. During this, compassion and empathy has been shown by us being role models for them. In the future, we will care and look out for them and help them understand that they can trust us, like a big sister or brother. This is what our school family is all about!

Maddie and Erin.

Pupil Voice

School Events



Well done to all of the children who received Library certificates for completing the Summer Reading Challenge.

Welcome to our Reception Children! It was wonderful to welcome you and your families to our Brixham C of E school community at our Welcome Service.



Well done to Angus from Year 1 for his amazing rubbish collecting on his way to school!

Thank you for all of your support and generosity in providing items for Brixham Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations.



Future Events & Dates for your diary

Friday 21st October	Year 6 Collective Worship
Friday 21st October	Break up for half term
Monday 31st October	School re-opens
Thursday 3rd November	PTFA Spooky Discos
Friday 4th November	Year 5 Collective Worship
Monday 7th November	Parents' evening
Wednesday 9th November	Parents' evening
Friday 11th November	Year 4 Collective Worship
Friday 18th November	Year 3 Collective Worship
Saturday 26th November	Brixham's Lantern Festival

Church School Links

The half-term has flown by, it has been great to be back doing Collective Worship, the Reception class's Welcome Assembly and Monday's Harvest Festival. All of us at church hope that you have a really restful half-term.

Coming up at church we have our usual services at All Saints and St Mary's. St Mary's Messy Church is on the 11th November straight after school, just head on over after pick-up. St Mary's also have an informal service for families at 3pm on 20th November. All are welcome"

Key messages from us all



Prefects!

This week our Year 6 children have been interviewed for the roles of the School Prefects.

The children have modelled our school values beautifully and will be wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Well done Prefects!

On Friday we will be saying goodbye to Julie Johnstone. Julie has worked at Brixham C of E for the past 11 years! This half term, Julie will be moving to Oxford to be closer to her family.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Julie for her many years of service. She has been a fantastic support to many children, families and staff members. Good luck Julie, we will miss you!

PTFA Spooky Disco

The PTFA will be holding a Spooky school disco on Thursday 3rd November. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the school office and we will pass your name on.

Further details will follow.

School Meals

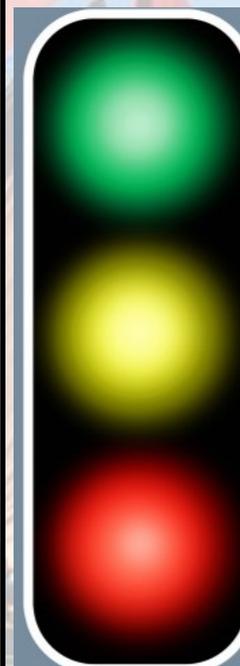
Please can we remind all families to order lunches in advance on ParentPay. This helps with reducing food waste and saves teaching time in class.

Attendance for weeks

07.09.22—14.10.22

Whole School	93.44
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	89.17
1	91.77
2	91.43
3	93.49
4	95.86
5	96.58
6	94.59

Attendance Matters



95 to 100%

Congratulations on reaching the school target! You're showing school is important.

91 to 94%

Be careful you are missing too many days of learning. This will have an effect on your progress.

Below 85%

Please try harder to come to school every day. The amount of school you have missed will have an impact on your learning and your education is very important.

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