

Dear all,

Thank you all for a fantastic half term, it has been amazing to see so many of you at Parents Evenings as well as at Paignton Parish Church and in the school hall for our Christmas Carol Service and Nativity shows. Between the three shows, we welcomed over four hundred family members and carers to come along and watch our children perform. We are extremely grateful of the turn out and support. Please keep an eye out for future events as we are always looking to strengthen our links with families and the wider community. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Mr Fitzsimmons



**School finishes at
2pm on Friday
15th December.
Children return to
school at 8:40am
on Tuesday 2nd
January**

Key Dates for Spring 1

January

Tuesday 2nd- Return to school
Monday 29th- Year 5 residential at Magdalen
Farm (all week)

February

Week beginning 5th February- School Disco
Wednesday 7th- Safer Internet Day
Friday 9th- Finish school for February Half term
HALF TERM: 12th – 16th February
Monday 19th- Return to school from February
Half term

Fundraising achievements

We have seen an incredible effort with fundraising achievements this term with the following amounts for various causes raised;

£191- Children in Need

£48- Rags2Riches

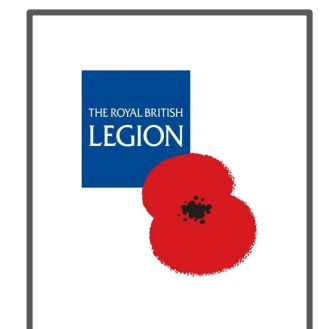
£320-Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

£80-Save The Children

£550-Macmillan Cancer Support

Over £900- Kings Ash Opportunities Fund (this subsidises our school trips, residentials and experiences to make them as affordable as possible for all families. We will also use funds raised this half term to purchase a new set of football goals for the school)

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who has donated or got involved with this, we are very proud of the whole community for these achievements



Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots

Pupils in Year 1-6 now have access to Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots. These are maths games that the children can play at home and in school to practice their maths skills. Children have the opportunity to earn points and certificates. Please click the links for more information. Class teachers will share information and logins at parents evenings.



Phase 3 Christmas Carol Service

Phase 3 children were in fine voice when they performed in the Parish Church for their Christmas Service. They had to improvise and sing 'a cappella' which sounded amazing!



Violin Concert

KAA Violin concert in school to Parents and Years 4,5,6 where everyone enjoyed the performance and played well. We had some new children who only started this term as well as others who have been playing the violin now for 3 years.



Football

Our footballers have been really busy during the past term and have achieved lots of success in both friendly fixtures and at the Central Venue Tournaments at Paignton Academy. Foxhole Community Centre have kindly offered to sponsor the teams so a new kit should be arriving in the New Year - very exciting!



Uniform reminders

Just a reminder that children can come into school in **school PE kit** on their class PE days (please note, football or other team kits are not allowed). As the colder weather approaches, children are welcome to wear their school jumper and plain black leggings/jogging bottoms on PE days.

As a school, we are happy for the basics of school uniform to be purchased from supermarket chains as they can often be cheaper. We also have stocks of second hand uniform available if you are struggling financially, just speak to the family support team.

In the current cost of living climate, we are also content with children to wear plain black trainers to school, please support us with this by not sending your child into school in any other coloured or patterned trainers.



Medicines in school

Please be reminded that if your child needs medication or medicine in school then you will need to complete the following forms before we can accept any medicines or medication in school

[Prescribed medication form](#)

[Non-prescribed medication form](#)



Smoking/Vaping on school grounds

Please be reminded that smoking and vaping are banned on the school grounds. Please support us to keep the school environment smoke free.



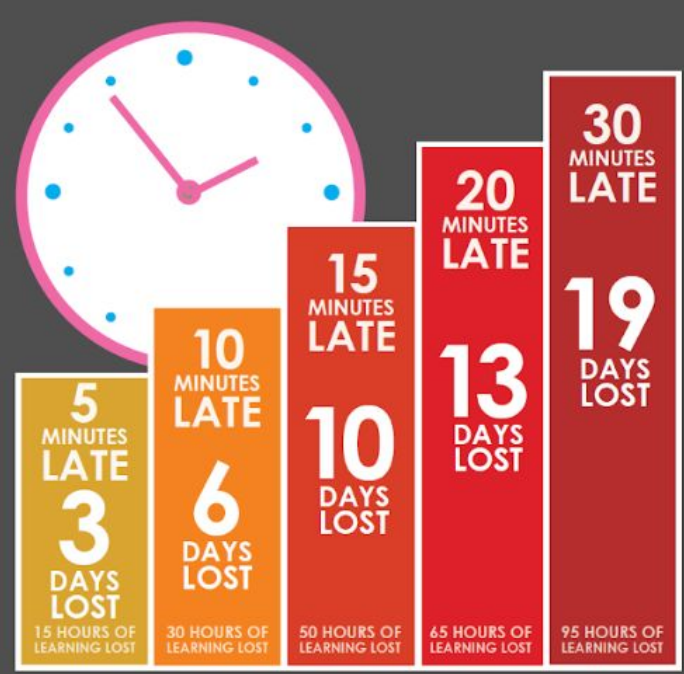
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Arriving to school on time

Please be reminded that the school day begins when registers open at 8:40am. Registration closes at 8:50am. Any children arriving after 8:50am will be marked as late as registers have closed at this point. For safeguarding purposes, children arriving late will have to be individually registered in the school entrance and parents will need to accompany them until they have been registered. This is to ensure that all children have been correctly registered into the building. In order to make this happen safely, parents will be asked to wait with their children outside of the main school entrance whilst children are registered in order of arrival.

If you are having difficulty with getting your child to school on time then please contact our family support team who will be willing to provide support and advice.

DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...



5 MINUTES LATE 3 DAYS LOST 15 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	10 MINUTES LATE 6 DAYS LOST 30 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	15 MINUTES LATE 10 DAYS LOST 50 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	20 MINUTES LATE 13 DAYS LOST 65 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST	30 MINUTES LATE 19 DAYS LOST 95 HOURS OF LEARNING LOST
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Remember - your education is important - **don't miss out!**



Liz Wilson

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WhatsApp safety guide for parents

16+

WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%

Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp



5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

- 1

Review privacy settings WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
- 2

Customise contacts Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
- 3

Talk about personal information Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
- 4

Show them where to get support If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
- 5

Check in regularly Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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The poster features a vibrant red background with various Christmas-themed illustrations including a snowman, a gingerbread man, a candy cane, a snowflake, a star, a holly leaf, a striped hat, and a gift box. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif and elegant script fonts.




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It's the First Steps that count.

What is currently available for families?

Service	Devon	Torbay
Therapy Resources	 <p>Child and Family Health childandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk</p>	
Support at home and in the community	 <p>Early Help Devon dclp.org.uk</p>	 <p>0-19 Team 01803 210 200 0to19torbay.co.uk</p>
Support at school	 <p>Devonias devonias.org.uk</p>	 <p>Sendias Torbay sendiastorbay.org.uk</p>
Workshops supporting children with different needs	 <p>Neurodive facebook.com/neurodivetraining</p>	
	 <p>Devon Education Services devoneducationservices.co.uk</p>	
	 <p>Parental Minds Parental Minds offers Skills Workshops for parent caregivers, school staff and professionals. parentalminds.org.uk</p>	
Time to talk	 <p>Tissues and Issues tissuesandissues.org/home</p>	

We've been asking lots of parents what they wish they'd known from the beginning. Turn over for an ABCD summary of what they said.

Register with First Steps Peer Support Network!

We offer a safe place for parents/caregivers to be heard and somewhere to exchange ideas, hints and tips with other parents/caregivers. We share information on Local and National mental health services.

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Register!



Watch our video!