



Upcoming Events

SUMMER TERM 2019

23/04 – BACK TO SCHOOL

23/04 – Eden Project (Yr 5)

29/04 to 03/05 –

Yr 4 Bristol Residential

07/05 - Bikeability

13/05 to 17/05 –

Yr 3 Pixies Holt Residential

24/05 – FOSV May Fair

24/05 – End of Half Term

03/06 – Back to school

07/06 – France Trip (Yr 6)

07/06 – Yr 2 Cockington Trip

24/06 to 28/06 – Yr 5

Residential (Ashbury Manor)

School Clubs

Mon:

Tues: Yr 5/6 Boy's Football
Yr 5/6 Netball Club
STEM Club

Weds: No clubs

Thurs: Homework Club (KS2)
The Lion King

Fri: Football Club

Business Manager News

The Easter Holiday is almost here and hopefully the weather will improve a little to let you all enjoy the holiday with your children. This is also the time of year when we set the school's budget and start the more detailed planning for what the school will be doing in September.

With that in mind, hopefully you have seen the information we've sent out this week about our plans for how the school nurseries will operate from September. We're planning to extend the times when nursery children can attend Sherwell Valley in September to match what school children can currently do (from 7.45am to 6pm each school day) as well as combine the management of our two nurseries (Little Valley and Big Nursery) into one provision all overseen by our excellent, experienced Nursery Teacher, Miss French.

We're holding an Open Evening during the first week back after Easter (**Thursday 25th April**) at 4pm for anyone who might be interested in their child attending the nursery from September so please come along if you're interested or pass the details on to anyone who has children who may want to start here in Nursery in September.

It was great to see Mrs Keller raising the issue of school funding on Spotlight last week - managing school finances is probably the most important part of my role and in times when funding is being reduced (in real terms) it is even more important we ensure that money we receive is spent on the things that most directly affect the children and their education.

Most, if not all schools, are in a similar position so along with the work we do ensuring we get the best possible deal from the money we spend we also work closely with other schools to learn from what they are doing. Only by doing all of this work and with the support of the wider school community can we continue to offer the excellent education we do for your children while they are here.

Thank you for all of the support you provide to the children while they are here, whether that be by volunteering to help in school or on trips, being a Governor, or just by supporting your child in their learning. It is very much appreciated but all at the school.

Mr Corline

Writer's ties

Congratulations to Luca, Ronni, Emillie (Reception), Eden, Jasper, Chloe (Year 1), Xander, Sophia, Jasmine (Year 2), Neeve, Jenna, Scarlett (Year 3), Katie, Grace, Jay (Year 4), Izzy, Isabelle, Oliver (Year 5), and Oliver, Olivia and George (Year 6).

They've all done some amazing writing this term to earn their writer's ties. Well done to you all!



Online Safety

CEOP have 2 new helpful articles for parents and carers:

Viral scare challenges

Earlier this year, you'll have been aware of stories and warnings circulating online about online scares or suicide challenges. Most have been found to be hoaxes, fake news or wildly exaggerated stories. Share our [new article with parents](#) to help them to speak their child about online scares, and how to respond if they've seen one.

What is the Internet of Things?

More families are buying internet-enabled devices such as smart speakers, toys that connect to the internet and even Bluetooth enabled toothbrushes. All of these devices are commonly referred to as the 'Internet of Things'. Share our [9 tips for parents](#) to help them use these devices with children safely in their home.

Attendance this week:

Congratulations to the classes who top the attendance charts this week:

5L - 99.4%

3J - 98.8%

3GL – 97.8%

Year 5's Tremendous Musical Extravaganza!

Last Friday, Year 5 were lucky enough to have Year 12 students (From Torquay Academy) deliver a magnificent musical workshop to them.

At the very beginning, they performed a trio song of songs for us to enjoy – two of which they created themselves! We then started playing a selection of joyful games to warm us up. After that, we broke up into four groups depending on the instrument that we chose to learn to play.

For twenty minutes, the students helped us to learn to play –we made some amazing progress.

Finally, we all came together and mastered our song: Shotgun by George Ezra. It sounded outstanding and everyone was so proud of us, but we couldn't have achieved it without the super students of TA!

Written by Jayden, Niamh, Ellie-Jayne, Christian and Issac.

Today's mufti day cause

KS2 enjoyed an assembly with Reverend Tony Fensome on Wednesday to discuss one of our chosen charities, RuraBIRD, based in Uganda, Africa.

We saw photos of the school project, the pupils at the school and we even learnt a traditional Ugandan dance! Let's hope that today's fundraiser and mufti-day raises enough money to get the roof on to the school building before the wet season.

Thanks to B&Q

6A wrote a letter to B&Q last week asking if they'd kindly consider giving 6A a gazebo to help prevent sun-stroke and sunburn in one of their classmates now that they days are warming up. Mrs Aplin met the manager who put one aside for us in the warmer months. 6A would like to say a huge thank you to B&Q Torquay for their support and will post photos soon (once the days warm up again and the sun reappears!) **Mrs Aplin**

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Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs D Gaywood, Mr M Briant and Mrs C Jones

Our Named Governor for Safeguarding: Andrew Martin