



Newsletter November 2021

As always the autumn term seems to be whizzing by very quickly, and it's hard to believe we are one week into the second half term already. All of our new children have settled in very well and we hope they along with the other children are enjoying joining in with all the different activities.

We are continuing our autumn theme this half term, but as the weather is getting colder and the nights longer we will be talking more about the weather and those animals that hibernate.

We were delighted to receive our level 2 RHS schools gardening certificate and look forward to working towards our level 3, for which we will be encouraging wildlife into our garden. As always we will be making sure that the birds that visit our garden are well fed.



At the moment we are still finalising our plans for the end of term and we will let you know as soon as we have confirmed the arrangements.

Invoices and Headcount week

Invoices will be sent out during the week commencing 15th November. Fee paying week will be the following week 22nd - 26th November. As always we appreciate prompt payment, which can be by cash, cheques made payable to: Collaton St Mary Pre-School or by BACS, details are on the bottom of your invoice. Any query regarding your invoice or payment, please see Jayne.

If you think your child will be eligible for 30 hour funding in January please make sure you apply in plenty of time and let us know the code details.

Parking

As Collaton school has now returned to normal dropping off and picking up times, the parking has once again become difficult. The parking areas behind the Parish Rooms and opposite on the right of the drive is for Parish Room users, which includes Pre-School.

We ask that if your Pre-School child has siblings at Collaton School you only use that parking on the days your child attends Pre-School.



Dates for your diary



Half Term

Term Ends

Friday 17th December

Spring Term

Term begins

Tuesday 4th January

Wellies and other clothing

Just a reminder to ensure all outdoor clothing is clearly labelled, especially as we are now putting coats and hats on and off when we go out to play in the colder weather. It is much quicker to find coats and hang them back on the correct peg if they are labelled.



Book Library



Our book library is becoming more and more popular and we now have over 20 children are borrowing books on a regular basis, with 3 receiving their 1st certificate for sharing 10 books.

We are continuing to add books to the library so hopefully there are books to suit all tastes. If your child hasn't yet joined the book library and would like to, just tell the staff member on the door the number you would like to borrow and we will get it ready for your child to take home.

COVID

An ongoing reminder, please let us know immediately if your child or someone in their immediate family has tested positive for COVID.

If your child is ill and unable to attend Pre-School with a different illness please give us a call just to let us know. In particular if they have sickness and/or diarrhoea, because if several children are affected we have to report it.



School place application Sept 2022

Applications for school places for September 2022 can now be done on line. You have until January 15th to make your application.

We will be sending out a letter with more information, which is also available online in our 'parents' area on our website along with a leaflet about the school application process from Torbay Council.

We will have a couple of printed copies available on our notice board.

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Caring for our Environment



Thank you for following our request to use less non-recyclable bags in your children's lunch bags. We have noticed the amount of plastic waste we have at lunch time has reduced.

We continue to buy eco friendly products and we have just purchased a wormery which we are going to set up as soon as our worms arrive. We are hoping to halve the food waste we have and as a bonus produce some liquid feed and vermicompost.

Our newsletters are also on our website
collatonstmarypreschool.co.uk