



5TH JANUARY 2024

WEEK 1

It's the Spring Term! It's 2024! It's already the end of the first week... well a half week at least.

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school looking bright eyed and bushy tailed! I have heard so many stories of the break, with children sharing their favourite moments. Including someone spilling their dinner all over themselves on Christmas Day!

In assembly this week, Mrs Clayton launched our push on reading with the children. We shared some of our successes already this academic year, including that in Key Stage 2 we have read 1399 books since September and a total of 11,453,784 words! We have asked each class to come up with a word of the week and we will share these in our KS2 assembly - I will even pepper them in here as well so you can see what we have been talking about! Watch this space!

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, we have aligned our phonics lessons to run first thing in the morning. I am sure you all appreciate the importance of early reading as a life skill and the need for the children to be in for these sessions on time so they don't miss out.

We have also started the term off with a bang - some great successes and reasons to celebrate during our celebration assembly. Well done to all who were celebrated this week, and to those who earned their values certificates.

Enjoy the weekend one and all and we will see you next week.

Best wishes

Mr Wallis



FIRST WEEK CARE

I asked, in assembly this week, who had struggled to get out of bed on day one of the new term. As you can expect many hands went up - including mine, and some staff members too - which some children thought was quite funny! I talked about how hard it can be to get back into the rhythm and we may find ourselves making odd mistakes. I went on to share that I had managed to get the day of the week wrong on most occasions through the short week. I asked if any of the children had also noticed themselves getting things wrong and again a few hands went up. I said well we will all have to be that extra level of kind whilst we get back into the rhythm and all agreed. I was very touched however when after the assembly I had one of our pupils come and find me to say 'Don't worry if you get things wrong Mr Wallis. It's a fresh day tomorrow and we start again and just try our best - it's all we can do!' I may have melted a little at the care shown in this moment! Definitely a great way to approach things.

WRAP AROUND CARE!!!

These have now begun and it has been lovely to see some children enjoying these provisions. Please book on via the Arbor app. We will aim to complete a bi-weekly flyer showing what the children have been up to , and sharing this with the community.



Breakfast Club

We now have a Nursery Breakfast Club alongside our existing one!

Bookings can be made on Arbor.

First come first served in terms of places.

Further information is on our website under the 'Parents' section then 'Wrap Around Care'.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

WHAT / WHEN

Nursery After School Club

Reception - Year 6
After School Club

Starting January 3rd 2024

FURTHER
INFORMATION ON
THE SCHOOL
WEBSITE

BOOK VIA THE
ARBOR APP





St.Mary's
Higher Brixham

Spring And Summer Fun 2024

For all the family

Friday 12th January 3.45 - 6.00 pm

Friday 9th February 3.45 – 6.00 pm

Friday 8th March 3.45 – 6.00 pm

Sunday 10th March is Mothering Sunday

Friday 29th March is Good Friday 10.00 am -
1.00 pm

Sunday 31st March is Easter Day

Friday 12th April 3.45 – 6.00 pm

Friday 10th May 3.45 – 6.00 pm

Friday 14th June 3.45 – 6.00 pm

Friday 12th July 3.45 – 6.00 pm

Everyone is welcome



PROSPECTIVE FOUNDATION TOURS

The deadline for primary school selection is fast approaching and we would love to meet those considering joining us in Reception next year. If you know of anyone in the area with children of school age in September, please direct them to our Facebook page and encourage them to contact us for a visit. We would love to see them and hopefully welcome them to the Eden Park family.



A welcoming school community which provides the opportunity for every child to thrive within a school with a strong, **GOOD** Ofsted.

DON'T MISS OUT!

School spaces for your child available for September 2024 Nursery spaces available now!

CALL 01803 854011 EMAIL ADMIN@EPPSA.ORG.UK



UNIFORM

We had noticed in the last term that some of the uniform was not in line with the school policy. Staff are monitoring and may have conversations with families should there be anything of note. If you have any worries or concerns regarding this please speak to a member of staff in the first instance who will be able to help. A polite reminder that as a general rule make-up and jewellery are not part of school uniform for pupils. Thank you for your ongoing support.

ATTENDANCE



As you know attendance remains a top priority for us all. Below you will find this week's attendance figures.

Class	Percentage Attendance
Ladybirds	84.1%
Grasshoppers	93.2%
Bumblebees	94.9%
Butterflies	97.4%
Caterpillars	85.9%
Dragonflies	96.4%
Pufferfish	93.7%
Seahorses	96.6%
Dolphins	84.9%
Starfish	89.9%
Sharks	90.8%
Stingrays	97.3%
Swordfish	91.1%
Lobsters	99.4%



If your child is absent, please ring the school office before 8.30am to let us know.

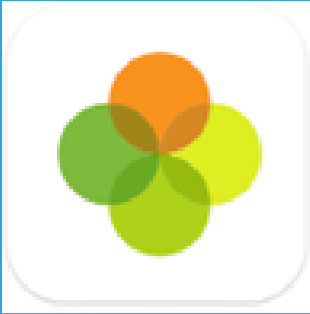
KEY DATES



Wednesday 10th January 2024	Oral Health Checks Year 1 and Reception
Tuesday 16th January 2024	Reception Hospital Trip
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Reception Fire Station Trip
Wednesday 31st January 2024 9:30-10:15	Year 4 Outcome: Music
Thursday 1st February 2024 14:40-15:05	Year 2 Geography Outcome
Tuesday 6th February 2024 14:00-14:45	Frogs Outcome
Tuesday 6th February 2024	PTA School Disco
Wednesday 7th February 2024 14:00-14:45	Tadpoles Outcome
Wednesday 7th February 2024 14:30-15:15	Year 6 Outcome: Art in Architecture
Tuesday 26th March 2024 14:15-15:30	Reception Outcome



ARBOR PARENT PORTAL



This is our main method of communication going forward. Please ensure details are correct and you are able to log in.

Please ensure you have reviewed your permissions - without these your children will not be able to be used in photographs such as our celebrations or those taken on trips - it would be a shame for them to miss out.



Familyhub
TORBAY

For any advice or support please visit:

Family Hub (torbayfamilyhub.org.uk)

There are a range of services and support avenues to explore all for free! See the website for more information. This is across the Torbay area, with many services offering local hubs right here in Brixham.