



Black Torrington

Church of England Primary School

Wow! What a half term. I have loved every minute of my first six weeks as Principal at Black Torrington. Learning about the children, staff and families and has been a pleasure and I can't wait to spend more time working alongside our fabulous community as we enter the Summer Term. Thank you to everyone that came to the meet and great event and to those who have taken the time to make me feel welcome.

Mrs Jo Luxford

I am delighted that Mrs Luxford has settled in so well and has begun, in earnest, to have a positive impact on Braford and Black Torrington Primary Schools. She brings a superb wealth of knowledge and experience which will enable the schools to go from strength to strength. I have enjoyed being back with the children, staff and parents and will continue to support as an Executive Principal but will be returning more to my duties across the Trust. Thanks as ever for your continued support.

Mrs Lisa Paton

We are turning our thoughts to the Summer Term and looking for opportunities to get the children out and about and active, both in school and as part of after school provision. Clubs for next term include Tuesday cricket with Miss Presswell, who is a qualified cricket coach, a new Thursday watersports club and a new Friday Fun club too!



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**Netball
superstars
in action!**



We plan to celebrate the end of term with an Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds. The PTFA have kindly funded the purchase of Easter Eggs for the children. The PTFA relies on as many parents as possible pitching in with fundraising. They are planning a meeting in the first weeks of Summer Term. Watch this space!

Staffing News

I am absolutely delighted to announce that following a successful application and interview process we have appointed Mrs. Mandy Allin to the post of Administrator for Black Torrington and Bradford Primary schools. She is a very familiar face around the Ruby Schools but if you have not already met her, please make time to pop in to the office and introduce yourself during her first weeks. She will take up her post after Easter and will be splitting her time between the two schools, running the administration of the other school remotely and working closely with other staff to keep things running smoothly.



Mrs. Allin has agreed to keep some of her teaching assistant hours at Black Torrington in addition to the hours required by her new Admin responsibilities. We are all over the moon with the new arrangements as we know it is going to be brilliant for our schools, children and families.



I am also writing to inform you that Mrs. Lindsey Graham, who currently teaches at Black Torrington on a Friday, has decided that now staffing is very settled at Black Torrington she wants to step away to focus on her other teaching role elsewhere in the trust. I will be taking over as class teacher on a Friday and am looking forward to starting weekly Friday cookery lessons with the class after Easter. Please join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

Attendance

All the research is very clear that high attendance in school directly correlates to future academic success. It is in your child's best interests to be in school whenever possible, unless they are very unwell or have tested positive for COVID.

This week's attendance

97.4%



Class News



Class One News

Class One have been busy learning all about the countries of the United Kingdom and using their collaging skills to create flags of Scotland and Northern Ireland. We had an exciting meeting with another Year 1 class from a school in Kent where we were able to ask them lots of questions to help us compare the geographical features of their area with our own here in Devon! The children have been getting ready for our Easter celebration, practicing their Easter songs and producing some fantastic pieces of work – especially our class poem 'Easter Excitement!'.

Miss Katie Wenmouth

Class Two News

Class 2 have worked really hard this week with their end of term assessments and we are so proud of the fabulous progress they have made. In Maths, we have been investigating mass by measuring the mass of a range of objects using different scales. We also practised converting between grams and kilograms. To build on our learning in RE about the Easter story, we have been busy rehearsing our lines and our songs for next week's Easter celebration and we are excited to share these with the school community.

Mrs Becky Drew-Hill



**Archie- Excellent work
measuring mass
in Maths**

**Stars of the
Fortnight**

**Ronia- Easter story map
Ben- Counting in 2s.**



Mini Police

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Church Links

We enjoyed an assembly with Rev. Skinner this week outdoors. We have also taken the difficult decision to move the Easter Service on the 4th of April to the school playground rather than the church due to high levels of COVID in the community. All are welcome. We are very much looking forward to sharing the work we have been doing with you.

Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it

Wildlife in Focus

Message from Sarah at Devon Wildlife Trust
It was great to meet the Wildlife Champions of Black Torrington last week!

After a tour of the grounds and a discussion about how the Champs could improve them for Wildlife, they decided to focus on insects. We talked about allowing the grass to grow long maybe around the edge of the garden area and also the children would like to build a bug hotel.



Diary Dates

4th April: Easter Service

6th April: Parent Consultations

8th April: Easter Egg Hunt &
Last day of term

25th April: First day of Summer Term

5th May: First watersports club



Reminders

Reading at home is **incredibly powerful**.
Read to your child, share books with your child or listen to your child read every day to benefit from the **incredible impact of reading**. All children need their reading diary in school **every day**, please.

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