



Black Torrington

Church of England
Primary School

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It's been a busy fortnight, starting with our open evening, which was a lovely opportunity to show off our school. We are very much looking forward to welcoming some new reception children in September. Later in the week saw the Kent's Cavern Trip, which was a massive success the children were a credit to the school and got so much learning out of the experience. See Class News for more. Finally, we had the Children in Need Coffee Morning– it was wonderful to see the school full of people once more and I have to say of all the years I have taken part in PTFA events in schools I have never experienced so many amazing cakes!



This week has been less eventful but it certainly went out with a bang– Glow in the Dark Dodgeball at Friday Fun club was a huge hit!



You may remember the generous donations of food for North Devon Foodbank you made as part of our harvest appeal this year. When we contacted them to arrange delivery the volunteers at the Holsworthy branch of the Foodbank invited us to go along and learn a bit about how the charity works. Two of our Year 6 children met the volunteers and learned how the food is weighed, checked, sorted and distributed to those who need it. I was very proud of the way they conducted themselves, asking thoughtful and polite questions and helping unpack and weigh our donation. Well done Archie and Matt.



PTFA News



Last week's PTFA coffee morning in aid of Children in Need raised a whopping £ to be split between the PTFA and Children in Need.



Our PTFA do amazing and important work raising money to support the enrichment opportunities we are able to offer the children. At the moment, Katrina and Becky shoulder the load on their own, they need your help! Please chat to one of them or to a member of staff if you are able to offer even a little bit of time.

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Christmas Market

14th December after the Carol Service

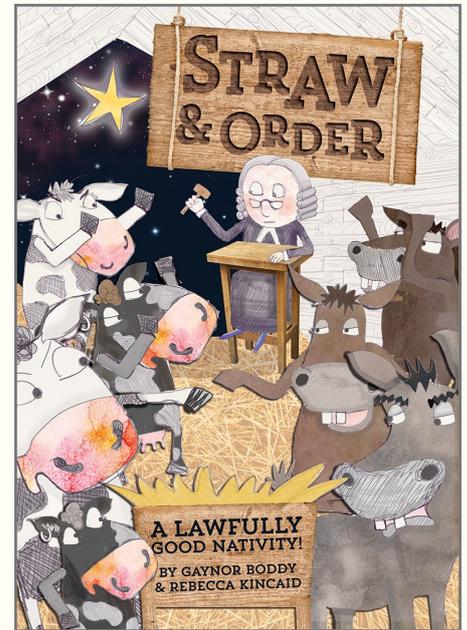
Tables available for local people and businesses

£5 per table. Please spread the word!



Christmas Production News!

You may have been lucky enough to hear the children singing some of our Christmas songs or practising their lines. We are very much looking forward to entertaining our friends, families and members of the community with our joint Christmas Performance of Straw and Order– a nativity with a twist! There will be two performances, one at Black Torrington village hall at 2pm on Tuesday 13th and one at Bradford village hall at 5pm on Thursday 15th. You are welcome to come along to either (or both) and bring as many friends and family members as you can!



Class News



We had a fabulous time on our trip to Kents' Cavern. The children really enjoyed demonstrating what they learned in our Prehistoric Britain topic and they added lots of new information to their existing knowledge. To support our Science topic about rocks, the children investigated how stalactites and stalagmites are created and looked at how rocks are formed and change over time.



In school, the children have finished their story writing and were very proud to create lovely little books to showcase their hard work. Our Geography topic this week enabled us to compare and contrast different settlements.

Jasmine Price-Carnegie

Fantastic explanations in Maths

Star Learners

Ben Andrew

Brilliant singing when practising our play songs.

Attendance

93.3%

Dealing with a sick child is tricky, but please remember to contact the school if your child is absent to keep us in the loop. When deciding whether to keep your child at home, don't feel the decision is final at 8am. If you keep your child off because they seem 'off colour' but they 'perk up' as the day goes on, please feel free to bring them in at any time throughout the day. Remember, the less lost-learning time the better!

Behaviour for Learning

Dojos

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This week has been extremely calm and focussed. We have had a lot of 'proud moments' where pupils have been so pleased with their learning they have asked to show it to Mrs Luxford. It was brilliant to talk to parents at parent consultations to share the progress the children are making as well as their next steps.

Diary Dates

13th December - Christmas Play at Black Torrington 2pm

14th December - St Lucia Day and Carol Concert

15th December - Christmas Play at Bradford 5pm

16th December - Christmas Crafts and Movie

16th December - Christmas Party

16th December - LAST DAY OF TERM

3rd January - Non Pupil Day

4th January - First Day of Spring Term

