



Black Torrington

Church of England
Primary School

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It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back after a much needed rest and recharge over the Christmas break. The children have been buzzing with everything they've done and really excited and ready for the start of a new term.

As you know, Mrs Drew-Hill's baby is due very soon. From **Monday 16th January**, **Mrs Helen Covell** will be teaching in Class 2, supported by Miss Presswell and Mrs Allin. Mrs Covell is an experienced teacher and has already really enjoyed meeting and getting to know the children. Miss Wenmouth will be moving back to Class 1, ready to welcome our newest pupils soon.

Mrs Covell has been in school all this week working alongside Mrs Drew-Hill as well as attending training with the Trust on Tuesday. She will continue to work alongside Mrs Drew-Hill next week ready to take over the class the following week.

Mrs Drew-Hill's last day is **Thursday 12th January**. We wish her all the best of luck for this new chapter in her family life.

We also have some other exciting news, **Highampton Community Primary School** are officially joining the Ruby Hub. Highampton will be the third in our family of tiny schools and I have taken over the role of Principal there as of the start of term. I will be splitting my time between the three schools and we will be welcoming staff from Highampton into our Ruby Hub team.

Happy New Year, from

Mrs Luxford





Thank you to everyone who attended out St Lucia procession and Service in the church, despite the bitter cold. Special thanks to Rev. Stephen for leading the service , to Mrs Allin for teaching the recorder club and to Mrs Richmond for teaching us some brilliant carols on the belleplates. The service was a welcome opportunity to reflect on our role in bringing light in the darkness in the middle of a very busy Christmas week.

Let your light shine before others.

Matthew 5;16



Arc Toddler Group



9.45-11.45 Friday Mornings Term Time

Heartfelt thanks to Amanda who not only runs our group every week but who also organised the fabulous Christmas Treat, enjoyed by not just our toddlers but also Bradford's Nursery Group and even our very own Class 1 children! The Little City session was wonderful, the children absolutely loved the role play opportunities and I think Miss Presswell enjoyed herself too!



Class News



We really couldn't have been prouder of our Black Torrington children when, after a few false-starts due to the weather, on the penultimate day of term, they put on not one but two stellar performances of 'Straw and Order'. Every child, from the youngest to the oldest deserves to feel very proud of how clearly they spoke, how well they remembered their lines and directions and how beautifully they sang. We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did and we'd like to say thank you for being such a superb audience.



Diary Dates

19th January - Census Day

23rd January - KS2 High Five Netball @ HCC 12.45pm - 2.45pm

6th February - KS1 Performing Arts @ HCC 1pm - 2.30pm

10th February - Last day of Spring Term 1

13th February to 17th February - Half Term

20th February - Children return to school for Spring Term 2

31st March - Last Day of Spring Term 2

3rd April to 14th April - Easter Holidays

17th April - Children return to school for first day of Summer Term

Calling all potential governors

Are you proud of your school and keen to contribute to the community?

Do you have an interest in education?

Are you active in a church community and interested in the Christian Distinctiveness of the school?

Do you have skills in a relevant area– finance, safeguarding, special needs, community, personal development including sport?

You could be our next parent or foundation governor!

Please get in touch if you're interested...

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stories
songs

Saturday Church,

in the Holsworthy Mission Community

- where no one is too young or too old -

crafts
prayers

Join us for refreshments and more from 10.00am



We celebrate the

Baptism Of Jesus

On Saturday 14th January 2023

10.00 – 11am at Bradford & Cookbury Village Hall.

***A Holy Communion follows at 11.15am
approximately - come for either or both.***

Contact for further information: Sandra 01409281128, sandraviahercules@outlook.com

***Saturday Church meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month
and is open to all, and you don't have to be a member of a church to come along.***