



January 2023





Stewardship

This half term we have been focusing on the value of Stewardship.

This week we looked at Spiritual Stewardship – how we all have a God-given gift and how we can use it to make a positive impact.

Here are some of the children's comments:

"I think my special gift is that I'm different from others, but I can use that to show others that that is okay."

"I have the gift of being kind to others and I can make people feel better."

I have been so impressed with the children's thoughtful reflections. - Mrs Corline



Term Dates

Spring Term 2023

- Start: 3 January 2023
- Half term: 13 February – 17 February 2023
- Last day: 31 March 2023

Summer Term 2023

- Start 17 April 2023
- Bank Holiday: 1 May 2023
- Bank Holiday – for Coronation: 8 May 2023
- Half term: 29 May – 2 June 2023
- Non pupil days 5 June – 9 June 2023
- Last day: 25 July 2023





Teacher Strikes

We recently informed you of the looming industrial action by one of the teaching unions – NEU.

Teachers do not have to inform us if they wish to take industrial action. However, we have been very lucky that some of our teachers have let us know what their intentions are, so that we could plan and minimise impact on your child. I am sure you join me in thanking them.

As some teachers have informed me of their intentions, I have set out below what this currently means for the opening of school.

• **At least one teacher will be taking industrial action. We have tried to cover if we can, but the following class will be closed: EYFS (Little Bears)**



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Teacher Strikes

All parents will need to consider that teachers reserve the right to change their mind and may decide to tell us on the morning of the strike. I would urge you to have a plan for the proposed strike days in the event of your child's teacher exercising their right to inform us of strike action on the day, rather than in advance. We will text you by 8am on the morning of the strike if your child's class is affected but I would suggest that you make alternative arrangements as a precaution.

You may wish to take a note of the dates of proposed action and consider a plan if opening was disrupted:

- ? 1 February (whole country strike)**
- ? 2 March (London, South East, South West)**
- ? 15 March (whole country strike)**
- ? 16 March (whole country strike)**





Ordering School Lunches

A reminder to those of you who order school lunches. Please ensure that these are ordered via the My Child at School app. Lunches should not be ordered in school, as it causes our kitchen and office staff a lot of additional work.





NSPCC Number Day



On **Friday 3rd February**, we are taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. On this day we are asking all children to come to school dressed in clothes that link to maths (for example a number, a shape, a number pattern, TTRS character or Numbots bot) and bring a small donation towards the NSPCC charity. We cannot wait to see all your creative outfits!





We're proud to be supporting @Place2Be's #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek (6-12 February).

Join us in helping to shine a light on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

We will be taking part in activities through the week, including some puzzle solving set by Taskmaster Alex Horne! For more information click here:

www.taskmaster.tv/taskmaster-education

On Friday 10th February we will be recognising Children's Mental Health Week by participating in 'Wear your scarf to school day'! Children (and adults) are invited to wear a scarf in support.

Find out more and get involved: www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org





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World Book Day 2023

We are super excited to announce that World Book Day is back with a bang at the beginning of March! World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. To share our love and excitement for reading we are asking that all children bring in a book (or books) to exchange in a book swap. This will mean that your child will receive a special new book to take home. These books need to be handed to your child's class teacher by **Friday 24th February**. We will also be doing other activities/events to celebrate this special day, so keep your eyes peeled over the coming weeks for more information. We can't wait!



Torquay Library



This year classes will be visiting the local library. The children will be able to browse the library and borrow a book of their own choice.

If your child does not already have a library membership, we are setting a home learning task to join the library by Monday January 30th. It is free to join and no ID is required; however, an adult will need to sign for their child's membership. You can join by popping into the library: Torquay Library, Lymington Road, Torquay TQ1 3DT

Library opening hours

Mon	09:30 - 18:00
Tue	09:30 - 13:00
Wed	09:30 - 18:00
Thu	09:30 - 13:00
Fri	09:30 - 18:00
Sat	09:30 - 16:00



Come and find us at
Torquay Library

Libraries Unlimited



Costume Library



Our costume Library will be back from
10th February just in time for
World Book Day 2nd March, 2023

There is no charge for borrowing a costume, however a
donation to our charity would be welcomed.

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity 1170092.
To donate, please visit librariesunlimited.org.uk

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PTFA

It is with regret that for the time being we are having to suspend our PTFA.

Unfortunately we just don't have enough volunteers to be able to run it successfully. But we do hope that in the future our PTFA will be reinstated.

Thank you for your support in the past.





Join us at

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This wonderful opportunity is open to all children from years 3 to 6 and is subsidised by the Music Hub.

Children are able to borrow an instrument whilst they are there and they don't need to be having lessons. They just need to bring their enthusiasm for music making!





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