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Comments from the Head Teacher: Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school for the Spring term. It has been wonderful to see you all again after the Christmas break.

Attendance and Absence

Well done—our attendance for the Autumn term was 96.8% and our target for the year is 96.5%. All attendance is monitored half termly by the Education Welfare Officer and letters are sent for any attendance under 93%. If your child is unwell please phone the school on a daily basis. If your child is unwell for a school week (5 days) then evidence of a medical appointment will be required.

After School Club

If your child is going to the after school provision for childcare, please make sure that their teacher is informed in the morning.

Reception Class School

Admissions for September 2017

The Devon County Council online admissions is now open and will close on the **15th January 2017**.
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Tavistock Parents' Running Group

The Wednesday running group has started again. It is open to everybody and is especially designed to welcome and support beginners. The 'couch to 5K' project supports everyone to get more active and take up a healthy pastime. Come and join (by the bike shed after drop off).

School Car Park

Members of staff are continuing to have difficulty finding a car parking space when they arrive for work during the day. Please do not park in the school car park unless you are displaying a visitor's pink permit. If dropping off for Breakfast Club please do not block staff spaces.

Healthy Eating

This is a great time of year to be thinking about food choices. Nationally our children are eating too much sugar, saturated fat and salt. Our everyday food and drink can contain surprisingly high amounts, meaning most of us are eating more than we realise. While children may seem fine on the outside, too much sugar and saturated fat can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside, which can cause serious disease in the future.



School dinners are nutritionally balanced to Government guidelines and are good value for money at only £2 for Key Stage 2 children.

If you choose to provide packed lunches, then there are some simple swaps you can make:



- Sausage roll = sandwich
- Fruit yoghurt = low fat, low sugar yoghurt
- Fruit bar = fruit
- Juice drink = water

School packed lunches should not contain chocolate bars or sweets.

See the enclosed pack to download the 'Be Food Smart' app and encourage children to try the 'guessing' game.



Eat Well for Less?

The BBC prime time series is currently looking for families who would like to save some money and eat more healthily. Get in touch to apply or find out more:
0117 970 7698
eatwell@rdftv.com
Facebook: EatWellForLess
Twitter: @EatWellForLess

Diary Dates

Family Assemblies in the Hall at 9.15

Friday 27th Jan—Year 3
Friday 3rd February—Year 6
Friday 24th February—Year 4
Friday 3rd March—Year 1
Friday 10th March—Year 5
Friday 17th March—Year 2
Friday 24th March—Year Reception
End of Term Assembly—date tbc

Curriculum Sharing

Nursery and Reception—Workshops
Reading/Writing—Tuesday 10th Jan
Maths—Thursday 19th Jan 9.15am

Year 1—3rd March after assembly
Year 2—17th March after assembly
Year 3—21st March 2-3pm
Year 4—16th March 2-3pm
Year 5—10th March after assembly
Year 6—31st Jan 1.45-2.45pm

January Dates

Monday 16th January—Year 4 Dance
Tuesday 17th Jan—Youth Speaks
Wednesday 18th January—Sportshall
Athletics West Devon Finals
28th Jan—Chinese New Year
Monday 30th January—Year 5 Angel
Heart Theatre Performance re Vikings

Term Dates

Spring Half Term—13th to 17th Feb
Easter Holiday—3rd to 17th April
Half Term—29th May to 2nd June
Non Pupil day—Monday 5th June
End of Year—Friday 21st July

Next Year

2017-18 Term dates will be shared once they are agreed by Governors.

