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Message from the Head Teacher:

Sadly I am currently away from school unwell but hope to return very soon. I have a very dedicated and experienced team who can ensure that the school continues to run smoothly in my absence. Mrs Handel will stand in as acting Headteacher and Mrs Smith has been released from class to support her, C2 will be covered by Mrs Heale.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our families and friends for supporting our first service of the year and for so generously providing food items, these have been given to the Foodbank to support local Tavistock families.

Thanks you to Reverend Chris for making us feel so welcome.

Librarians

Following letters of application and interviews the following children have been selected as School Librarians.

Jenna Mabey, Phoebe Venning
Ben Glover, Connor Kerswill
Eliza Kumar, Louis West
Phoebe Bettinson, Oscar Slater

SEN Teaching Assistants/Meal Time Assistant

We have vacancies for new members of staff to join our excellent teams. Further details from the School Office.

Sportsmark Gold

I am delighted to report that Tavistock Primary has achieved a 'Gold' award for the range and depth of sport offered. Thank you to Mr Beatty for his hard work as PE Coordinator.

Foundation Class Move

Our new Reception classrooms (C2&C3) are almost ready and children will be moving across on Thursday 13th October. Nursery staff will then prepare their new classrooms ready for children to use after half-term. Thank you for your patience during the delayed building works. There will be no Toddler Group on Wednesday 19th October.

Bag 2 School

Thank you for all kind donations, we raised £108.00.



Absence

Annual absence letters will be issued today to all parents/carers. The purpose of the letter is to ensure that everyone has been informed in advance of any holiday or avoidable absence. It explains the procedures and penalties that may apply.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to the HSA who organised such a yummy coffee morning. They raised £117.60 for this worthy cause.

Social Media

Following a trial period we are increasing our use of Facebook and Twitter. Facebook has two pages, the one named 'Tavi Primary' is a closed page for parents only and Tavistock Community Primary & Nursery School is an open page with no restrictions on access. There may be some duplication across the two pages.

Goose Fair

Please remember that the school is closed on Wednesday 12th October for Tavistock's annual Goose Fair. The HSA provide parking facilities for visitors as part of their annual fundraising. Last year they raised just under £1,500 for the school. The HSA need help between 1-3.00pm and again between 4-6.00pm, if you can spare a few hours on this day please let the office know.

Winter Weather

Please can I remind parents that children should now be bringing a coat into school everyday. Coats and uniform should be clearly named. Also children should not be bringing lip-balms into school.

Rotary Club Young Photographer

The Rotary Club have launched a competition titled 'Reflection' with a junior age category of 7-10 years. If your child is interested in submitting an entry please ask the office for an information pack. The closing date for entries is the 6th January 2017.

Diary Dates

Family Assemblies in the Hall @9.10

Friday 7th October—Year 6
Friday 14th October—Year 1
Friday 21st October—Year 2
Friday 4th November—Year 3
Friday 11th November—Year 4
Friday 18th November—Year 5
Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December
Nativity by Nursery and Reception

Events this Half Term

Every Wednesday 9.10 Couch to 5K
Fri 7th Oct—Multi Skills Y2
Thurs 13th Oct—Internet Safety
Parents' Meeting 6pm (no children)
Thurs 13th Oct—Reception move to new classrooms
Fri 14th Oct—Multi Skills Y3
Mon 17th Oct—Internet Safety workshops Y5 and Y6
Mon 17th Oct and Tues 18th Oct—Parents' Evenings
Tues 18th Oct—Tri Golf event
Thurs 20th Oct—Children's University Gold Graduation @ Plymouth University

Term Dates

Non Pupil day—Wednesday 12th Oct
Half Term—24th to 28th Oct
End of Term—Friday 16th December
Spring Term—Tuesday 3rd January
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

