Tavistock Community Primary & Nursery School



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Message from the Headteacher:

We have seen a significant decrease in 'persistent absence' (attendance of 90% or less). This is monitored by the school and reported to the Department of Education. The latest rate is now 3.2% compared to the National of 8.7%. Well done to everyone for coming to school more regularly.

Spring Disco

A Spring Disco will be held on Thursday 22nd February after half term.

5-6pm for Years R to 2 6.15-7.15pm for Years 3 to 6. £1 entry includes drink and snack.

<u>Change 4 Life—Family snack</u> <u>Challenge</u>

Please remember to continue with the healthy snacking during the half term break, it is as easy as:

- When you're choosing packaged snacks for your children, 2 a day max!
- Pack a snack—take a healthier snack along with you for children to eat when you're out.
- Remember, fruit and vegetables are always the best snacks but keep fruit and vegetable juice, smoothies and dried fruit to meal times only.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday we held an assembly to highlight safer internet day on the theme, 'Create, connect and share respect.' We will be teaching the children that safer internet starts with them.

Cyclo Cross Competition

Some of our children took part in this competition last Friday. It was really tough going with all the rain we had recently but the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Tavistock Scrapstore

Tavistock Scrapstore will be holding a World Book Day costume clinic at Tavistock library on Saturday 10th Feb 10am to 2pm £2 each.

Incredible Years Parenting Course

A 14 week course for parents/carers of children aged between 3 and 5 years. Starting Friday 9th March 9.30am to 11.30am, to be held at Tavistock Community Primary School. Unfortunately we are unable to provide a crèche but drinks and snacks will be provided for free. If you are interested please contact Jenny Almond or Tina Brock on 01822 614210 or 07889603774

westdevonchildrenscentre@actionforchildren.org.uk

Messy Church @ St Eustachius Tavistock

Spring term Messy Church dates: Wed 7th Mar—Lent & Mothers' Day Wed 4th April—Easter Drop in from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the

Big Battery Hunt

Many thanks to you all for bringing in your old batteries, we have collected 2159 so far and we are still collecting. We will be entered into a draw to see if we can win prizes for the school.

church. All family members are welcome.

Netball Match

Yesterday our team played against Horrabridge Primary. They were a tough opposition but our children thoroughly enjoyed the matches.

HSA Bags 2 School Collection

Bags have been distributed this week so over the half term please fill the bags and return them to school for collection on the morning of **Monday 26th February**.

Term dates 2018/19

At the full Governors' board meeting on Tuesday the term dates for 2018/19 were agreed, these are on the back of this newsletter. Please note that children are back to school on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

Congratulations

To Alanna Hopkins in Year 6 who has been picked by the British Judo Association to train with the regional England development squad. A fantastic achievement, Alanna!

Outstanding bills

Please can any outstanding monies for school dinners, breakfast and after school club, be made via parentmail or at the school office prior to the end of this week.

Diary Dates

Extra Curricular clubs start again straight after half term and will run for 4 weeks the last week being 12th March.

Events in February

Thur 22nd Feb—Spring disco
Thur 22nd Feb—Youth Speaks Area
Mon 26th Feb—Bags 2 school collection
Wed 28th Feb—2nd Cross country race

Advance Warning!

Friday 2nd March—World Book Day

Family Assemblies School Hall 9.15am

Tomorrow —Year R Fri 23rd Feb—Year 5

Fri 2nd Mar—Year 1

Fri 9th Mar—Year 6

Fri 16th Mar—Year 4

Fri 23rd Mar—Year 2

Tues 27th Mar—End of term assembly St Eustachius' Church 9.45am

Term Dates

Spring Half Term—12th to 16th Feb Easter Holiday—30th Mar to 13th Apr Half Term—28th May—1st June Non Pupil day— Monday 4th June End of Year—Tuesday 24th July Back to school—Tuesday 4th Sept