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Message from the Head Teacher:

We are delighted to have received a GOLD Sportsmark for our work in PE and Games—well done to everyone who supports fitness and activity in our school.

Extra Curricular Clubs

All clubs start next week. They are all oversubscribed and Mrs Arundel has tried very hard to give everyone their first choice. Registers will be kept and children are responsible for regular attendance.

Harvest—4th October

Please have a look in your cupboards for items to donate.

Facebook

All parents are reminded that the age for Facebook use is 13 years old and no primary school pupil should have a personal account. We are offering a parent information session (no children) on Thursday 13th October at 6pm to support internet safety.

Football 'friendlies'

We have played a couple of 'warm up' matches against Horrabridge and Whitchurch. Unfortunately we lost both matches but Mr Holt remains positive about the talented pupils for this season and will be selecting his top team for the next game. Come on Tavi!

Librarians/House Captains

Selections will be made this week and announced in Monday's assembly.

Tavistock College SEND Open Evening

Monday 26th September 5-7pm—open to all parents.

Meal Time Assistant/Catering Assistant

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

Bag 2 School

Please note the collection date—**Friday 30th September**. Bags containing used clothing (no bedding) should be brought to the KS2 roundabout by 9am.



Homework Policy

We have run a structured homework policy for some years and believe that it supports children's learning in the following ways:

- It raises your children's achievement
- It consolidates and extends the work they have done in school
- It helps to inform you about your children's school work and gives you the opportunity to support this work
- It is a valuable life skill and develops good work habits for secondary school and future employment.

Homework is given out in Years 1-6 on Fridays and is due to be completed by Wednesday. Any queries should be raised with the class teacher before Wednesday so support can be given.

Junior Life Skills

Our Year 6 pupils took part in this annual event yesterday. They were able to experience and respond to real life scenarios in order to prepare them for acting safely in different situations.

Netball Tournament

Our netball team took part at St Joseph's yesterday and represented us very well.

Attendance Monitoring

This week our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Jaye MacDonald visited for her half termly monitoring visit. There is a direct link between attendance and attainment and it is vital that excellent attendance is a priority for all children. Last year we achieved 96.23% and our target this year is **96.5%**.

Nursery Clothing

Please name all items of clothing. The Nursery have 2 large bags of lost property from last term—please come and look!

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
Wed 28th Sept—Alter Ego Theatre Y4
Thurs 29th Sept—Photographs (individual) for all pupils
Fri 30th Sept—Bag 2 School collection
Tues 4th Oct—Harvest @ St Eustachius Church 9.45am
Tues 4th Oct—Football Tournament
Fri 7th Oct—Multi Skills Y2
Thurs 13th Oct—Internet Safety
Parents' Meeting 6pm (no children)
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

