



Tavistock
Primary

Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 15th November

Skill for Success this half term — SELF BELIEF ‘I know I can do it!’

OFSTED INSPECTION

Following a phone call on Monday lunchtime, we had a 2 day/3 inspectors Ofsted inspection this week. Although the Governors and Leadership team have had some verbal feedback, we cannot discuss the outcome until the report is released. The report is due within 25 working days so should be with us before the Christmas break. As ever, our children and every member of our school team represented our school positively and I am sure that all our hard work and achievements will be recognized. Thank you—Mrs Selbie

STARTING SCHOOL

RECEPTION YEAR SEPTEMBER 2020

Applications for starting school are now open and need to be in before 15th January 2020. Our new Foundation Stage Building will be fully open and available to Nursery and Reception children.

We encourage all prospective parents, families and friends to visit our school and have a tour during normal school hours.

We know that this is a vital decision for any family and we prefer to offer personal appointments to individual families.

Please phone the school office on 01822 616044 to arrange a time with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.

School Priorities for this year

- Staff wellbeing and workload—review our practices and procedures.
- Curriculum—evaluate what we include in our curriculum, how we teach it and how much the children remember and learn.
- Reading—promoting ways to increase ‘the skill’ (being able to read) and ‘the will’ (wanting to read regularly) for all children.
- Vocabulary—ensuring that children have a wide vocabulary in order to communicate their knowledge, skills and understanding.

Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L Selbie

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REMEMBRANCE

Last Friday our Y6 children led a moving assembly. We were privileged to have Sgt Terence L. Phillips talk about his military experiences with our children. As a young soldier Sgt Phillips was in the 22nd Independent Paratroop Company and was part of the D Day landings in Normandy. We were honoured that he was able to join our assembly. On Monday 11th November at 11am KS1 and KS2 children respectfully observed the 2 minute silence.

**CHILDREN IN NEED**

Today's 'mufti' day is in support of Children in Need. We'll let you know next week how much money we raised for this national charity for children.



DIARY DATES— calendar available on our website www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk

November

Sat 16th—Christmas Lights in Tavistock
5.45pm in Bedford Square
Mon 18th—Waste Assembly 10am
Fri 22nd —9.15am Family Assembly Y3
Mon 25th—Class progress meetings for KS2
Thurs 28th—Steve Manning Storyteller KS1
Fri 29th—Home School Association AGM

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION—AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the HSA will be held on Friday 29th November at 9am in the school. As a registered charity it is a requirement to annually report on the achievements of the year and discuss the aims and finances. We will also be electing a committee for the next year and it would be wonderful to recruit some more members. Please come along if you can—you'll be made very welcome!

CELEBRATIONS**HARVEST COLLECTION**

Thank you for your gifts. We are delivering 15 bags of donations to the Tavistock Food Bank today. Please contact our school office if your family need a voucher at any time.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB STAFF VACANCIES

This thriving club is in need of 2 staff members to supervise, play with and feed our children. Working hours are 3.15-5pm and 3pm to 6pm. Please speak to the school office for further details.

**ASK YOUR CHILD**

Who is your favourite author?
Why?

**HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Top prize is a family ticket (worth £150) to see 'Cinderella' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth on Saturday 18th January.
Raffle tickets £1 per ticket/£5 per book—please ask if you need anymore.



We are lucky to have lots of other donated prizes:

- *Family ticket to Buckland Abbey
- *2 tickets to Devon County Show
- *2 entries to River Dart Country Park

- *Gift Hamper from 'It makes Scentz'
- *Candle & diffuser from Ravins
- *Family swim at Meadowlands and many more ...

Bag 2 School

Bags will be coming home today. Our collection day is Tuesday 3rd December. Bring any bags to the outdoor classroom in the KS2 playground in the morning.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY****Friday 20th December**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on the last day of term. We will be collecting donations for the NSPCC.

This does not have to be a bought jumper—Tavistock Scrapstore are running ‘decorate a jumper’ events on the following dates:
Wednesday 20th November 3.30pm
Saturday 7th December 11am
£3, bring your own jumper at The Printworks.

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December

Mon 2nd—Class progress meetings for KS1
Tues 3rd—Bag2School Collection
Tues 3rd—6pm Governing Board
Wed 4th—Athletics Tavistock College
Thurs 5th—Healthy Eating Workshop Y3
Fri 6th—KS1 to ‘The Elves and the Shoemaker’ at Theatre Royal, Plymouth
Fri 6th—Dickensian Evening, Tavistock
Mon 9th—Foundation Stage Nativity 2pm in the School Hall (doors open 1.50pm)
Tues 10th—Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am in the School Hall
Wed 11th—Y6 to Exeter Museum for WW2
Thurs 12th—‘The Littlest Elf’ show C2 and C3
Thurs 12th—Christmas Dinner
Tues 17th—Eye Tests for C2 and C3
Tues 17th—Storyteller C2 and C3
Fri 20th—Christmas Jumper Day

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENT

Every year children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The information collected helps the Public Health team to plan services to support families and children. The information is not shared with our school but parents are confidentially informed and offered support if your child is outside the healthy weight range.

If you don’t want your child to take part, please complete the online form at <http://devon.cc/ncmp> by 1st December.

MISSING SCOOTERS

A 3 wheeled LED light up scooter and a blue and silver Razor scooter have gone missing from our bike shed at the end of the day. We have a couple of upset young children. If you have taken the wrong one home, please return it to school—Thank you

POSTPONED YEAR 5 FAMILY ASSEMBLY

Due to our Ofsted inspection visit, it was difficult to give the Year 5 classes enough preparation time for their assembly last week. We value this sharing of the children’s work and always try to ensure a high quality of performance.

The new date for this assembly is

Thursday 28th November at 2.30pm.

The BOOK PEOPLE #BigBookBoost

Every time you place an order online for over £10, the company donates £1 to us to spend on books. Make sure you select Tavistock Community Primary and Nursery School
thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost

HEARD IN CLASS 2

Child 1: “I want to write ‘shop’”

Child 2: “I know the ‘sh’ phoneme, you do it like this”