



Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 20th September

Skill for Success—RESILIENCE ‘keeping going even when it’s hard’

PARENTAL PREFERENCES

Last term results from our communication survey were as follows:

1. Text 2. Parentmail 3. Newsletter 4. Email

We will be trying to keep you informed of events, dates and letters through these preferred methods.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The paper copy sent home on Wednesday is the illustrated version of your child’s photograph. If you wish to see a higher quality version before you decide whether to buy, please go to www.tempest-orders.co.uk

THEATRE ALIBI

On Monday all children from Yrs 1-6 enjoyed the magical performance of ‘I believe in unicorns’. Children and adults reported that it was a beautiful performance treat to start the week. Thank you to our HSA for funding this theatre experience. If you can, please sign up for an hour of carparking duties on Goose Fair Day so that we can continue to have these opportuni-

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

Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L Handel

School Business Manager: Mrs S Gawman

Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator: Mrs C Smith

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GOVERNING BOARD

Our Governing Board have a schedule of monitoring that they complete throughout the year. This is to ensure that they have first hand knowledge of the school and are able to hold leaders to account for required improvements and celebrate achievements.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

All clubs will start next week and run for 4 weeks before the half term holiday and 4 weeks afterwards. Parents have been notified by text about their first application for clubs and will hear about the second round today.

‘CATALYST’ LUNCHTIME CLUB

Trained youth workers from Catalyst will be working on Tuesday lunchtimes fortnightly. These sessions will take place in the Garden area of KS2 playground and will support their transition to secondary education.

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

Tues 24th—Y3/4 teams to Tag Rugby festival
Wed 25th—KS1 Garden Day and Meadows
Wed 25th—Junior Life Skills Y6
Mon 30th—Bikeability Y5 for the week
Mon 30th—Education Welfare Officer monitoring attendance

October

Wed 2nd—Football Tournament
Mon 7th and Tues 8th—Parents’ Evenings 3.30—6pm
Wed 9th—Goose Fair, school closed
Thurs 10th—Y3 Multi skills at Lamerton
Mon 14th—Flu Vaccination Yr R—6
Thurs 17th—Girls’ Football Tournament
Fri 18th—C5, C6, C7 Family Assembly

CELEBRATIONS

House Captains 2019-20
Following excellent speeches to an audience of Year 5 and 6 pupils and teaching teams, the following pupils have been selected:
Blue House—Daniel, Phoebe and Gracie
Red House—Sharmaine, Jack and Miley
Yellow House—Logan, Danielle and Dylan
Green House—Courtney, Willow and Erin

FOOTBALL MATCH

Our girls’ team played against Horrabridge on Tuesday. They lost 4-0 but Mr Holt was very pleased with their sporting resilience. Both girls and boys have been invited by letter to ‘squad training’ with Mr Holt on Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm.

HEARD IN THE DINING ROOM

Sophie Y6 dining room helper reported to me that Enya had used really polite manners.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

All funds raised will be spent on children at Tavistock Primary. This year we are asking all parents to give **just 1 hour** of their time to support the school.

Option 1. Goose Fair Car Parking—
Wednesday 9th October—sign up for 1 hour car park attendant—High vis jackets and walkie/talkie will be provided. This year we are trying to raise £2000 in just 1 day!

Option 2. Christmas Cards—
29th October—come and help to sort through orders ready for the printers.

Option 3. Christmas Raffle—
To be drawn on 20th December—ask your employer/business to donate a prize. Sell raffle tickets to family and friends.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION

In the last week we have been notified of a number of incidents from concerned members of the public and police officers in the local community. Some children from this school have been involved in unsafe behaviour during the evening and this has created problems for them and others.

Decisions about when children can go out without supervision are up to individual parents but please remember:

- Are they mature enough to be out on their own?

And always:

- Know where your child is
- Who they are with
- What they should do if there are problems
- What time they should be home

SICKNESS ABSENCE

We are always very keen to promote excellent attendance and monitor the absence of every child. But, if your child has been sick caused by an infection, they need to stay away from school for 48 hours.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS and PUPIL REMIUM

If your child is entitled to 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Additionally, you will get a 50% discount on future residential trips for your child. More information from the school office.

PIANO LESSONS

Mrs Phelpstead has a few spaces for paid lessons within the school day. If you are interested, please contact her directly.
Tel:810635.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Passports from the Children's University are able for FREE from the school office. All children are able to take part in out of school learning—school clubs, guides, scouts, swimming, gymnastics, theatre group, library activities, visiting historic houses and park. All the hours count towards certificates and badges—bronze, silver and gold. Gold award recipients are invited to a special graduation at Plymouth University.

SCHOOL LEAFLETS

Our new leaflets promoting our school have been distributed to the sales offices of the new housing sites and estate agents of the town. Copies are available at the school office.

ASK YOUR CHILD

What was the show about on Monday?
Did you enjoy it? Why?

ROTARY CLUB**YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION**

You are invited to submit 3 photographs based on the theme 'Through My Eyes'. They can be digital or print and in colour or black/white, any size up to A4. The age group for our school is 7-10 years based upon age as at 31.8.19
Start taking your photographs and entry forms are now available from the school office.

JUNIOR TAVISTOCK HOCKEY CLUB

Y2 upwards
Thursdays 6-7pm
Mount Kelly Astro, Parkwood Road
Free taster sessions
Kit: gum shields and shin pads. (Spare sticks are available for taster sessions)
Cost: £90 per season Sept—March
www.tavistockhockeyclub.co.uk