

26th November 2021

# Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

November is nearly over and we are beginning to look forward to our Christmas events, here at school. Teachers are booking their Christmas parties and Mrs Warnett, our cook, is planning the party food menu. The keen singers in KS2 have been having extra practice with Mrs Base, ready to sing out on the stage at Dickensian evening and bring some Christmas cheer to our wider community. We hope as many of you as possible will come to see us sing (Dec 3rd at 6:00pm in Bedford Square). The reception children are busy learning the songs and rehearsing their nativity performance, 'Everyone Loves a Baby', which we are all looking forward to watching. All the children have been busy learning a new song for our Christmas assembly in the church, on the 14th December, as well as practicing some old favourites. We are especially grateful to two of our musical parents, Mrs Sophie Roberts and Mrs Tracy Harding, who have been helping us with the new songs we are learning.

This is my favourite time of year in school and I look forward to sharing these events with all our families. However, I am also aware that Christmas is a very expensive time and many families are having financial worries, following the difficulties the pandemic has brought; making Christmas harder to look forward to. We have food vouchers available to give to families in need. Please ask at the office, your child's teacher or simply send an email or make a call if you would like us to issue you with a voucher for the Tavistock food bank.

**Laura Handel**  
Headteacher



Christmas Jumper Day is on 10th December. Please bring in £1 on this day.

## Paignton Zoo

This week Year 3 were lucky enough to visit Paignton Zoo. They were on their best behaviour for the whole trip and were rewarded with some exotic animals being brave enough to come up close.



Tavistock Primary and Nursery School  
has raised:

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

**POPPY APPEAL**  
**£321.26**

**Reminder**  
The school will be closed  
on Friday 22nd July due  
to the Queens Jubilee.



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### Dates for Your Diary

- > AGM Meeting 30th November
- > **Thursday 2nd December Year 3 Garden Day**
- > Friday 3rd December Year 1 Trip to Theatre Royal
- > Year 6 visitors from St Eustachius Church
- > **Tuesday 7th December Year 4 Garden Day**
- > Tuesday 7th December and Wednesday 8th December Nativity performance
- > Thursday 9th December Christmas Dinner
- > December 10th Christmas Jumper Day
- > Tuesday 14th December Church Christmas Service. 9.45 at St Eustachius Church
- > Tuesday 14th December Flu Spray Vaccinations
- > Friday 17th December Y2 Trip to Theatre Royal
- > December 17th Last day of autumn term
- > 5th January First day of Spring Term
- > Week commencing 28th March Y4 residential trip to Dartmoor
- > Week commencing 9th May Y5 residential trip to London
- > Week commencing 27th June Y6 residential trip to Porthpean
- > Friday July 22nd School Closed

## Playground Reminder

Our playground is becoming increasingly busy before and after school. With rising covid rates across the local area and because I have received several complaints from parents about the language and behaviour of Tavistock College children waiting on our playground, please can I remind parents of the following rules which I have reinstated in our risk assessment:

- Please can parents arrive NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES before school starts
- Please can only one parent drop off or pick up
- Please can parents leave immediately after they have dropped off or picked up
- The play equipment is out of bounds before and after school
- If you have asked an older sibling from the college to collect your child, please remind them they must come ALONE and not bring a group of friends.
- Please do not ask college children to meet you in our playground.

Many thanks,

**Mrs L Handel** (Headteacher)

Bag2School is a free fundraising scheme for anybody wanting to raise funds using a resource everyone has got in their wardrobe...**unwanted clothes!** They operate throughout the UK; collecting and selling your unwanted textiles to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. All of this is to benefit Circular Economy.

**B2S has paid over £36 Million to schools and other organisations SO FAR!**

**Our school Bag2School collection on Wed 8th December.**



## Year 6 Computing

Year 6 have been learning to make films. They have filmed each other in the school playground and will be spending time working on editing their recordings into a finished piece. Spielberg would be proud!



## Calling all Wreath Makers!

We hope you are looking forward to our HSA's Wreath Making Workshop as much as we are! Please could all attendees come with a pair of secateurs, or strong scissors.

We want to ensure all attendees remain safe, so we strongly encourage all to wear a face covering unless medically exempt.

We have a very small number of spaces remaining; don't miss out! ----->

## Reading Volunteers

We are welcoming volunteers back into school now that some Covid restrictions have been eased. Volunteers make a real difference to children in our school.

If you would like to volunteer, an application form can be found on our website.



TREAT YOUR DOOR THIS YEAR for only **£20**



Wesnesday 8th December | Tavistock Primary and Nursery School  
6pm-8pm | Limited spaces | Book with school office  
£10 deposit required | Remaining £10 to pay upon arrival

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Proceeds go to  
TAVISTOCK PRIMARY AND NURSERY HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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Refreshments included | Mulled Wine | Tea/Coffee | Mince Pie  
Telephone: (01822) 616044 | [admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk)

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Simply open Amazon Smile and search for **Tavistock Community Primary Home School Association** or search for us by our registered charity number **1108467** to select our school as your chosen charity.

**What is the donated money used for?** To advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: (1) developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school; (2) engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.



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## Covid 19

### Covid Symptoms

YOU MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL if you have any symptoms of Covid 19. The legal rules for 10 day self isolation and testing continue to apply. If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid 19 you should also self isolate, unless you are under 18 or have had both vaccines. You should test regularly throughout the 10 days, if you have been a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid 19. Please inform us if your child tests positive for Covid 19.

We are continuing with the recommended good hygiene regimes:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Our updated Covid 19 risk assessment is available on the school website.

**Please note, in light of rising cases of Covid 19 nationally, we have implemented some changes to our risk assessment to mitigate spread of infection.**

**-Adults will be wearing masks in all shared areas.**

**-We have reintroduced 'bubbles' at play-times and lunchtimes.**

**-Clubs have enhanced rules.**

### REMINDER

If anybody in your household tests positive for Covid-19, please inform the school via email [admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk)

### Attention Year 4 Parents

You are invited to attend a meeting with Miss Bullock and Mrs Lake on Tuesday 7th December at 3.20—4.20.

This meeting will provide you with all the information you will need prior to the Dartmoor Residential trip.



## Join our Home School Association

We are looking for parents to join our Home School Association to help with fundraising for our school and event planning.

- Support the school and your children
  - Gain new connections
  - Use your skills
  - Make memories

For more information or to join, please contact us:  
[admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk) 01822 616044

## Do you have a typewriter?

We would really like to get some old fashioned typewriters in our classes so that the children can have a go at writing using a different form of technology. If you have one at home gathering dust, please consider letting our children experience an interesting new form of writing.



Tavistock Primary and Nurseries School Home  
School Association Present

# Christmas Disco

Thursday 2nd  
December

YR/KS1 (C)

5pm—5:45pm

All children must be signed in by an adult at the end.  
Entry fee includes drink and...

**CANCELLED**

Due to a national increase (particularly in the South West) in Covid cases, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Christmas Disco. Your children's safety comes first. We are aiming to postpone for a Valentines Day Disco.

### Parking

Please be safe and respectful when parking.

### The school car park is for staff only.

Parking passes for Meadowlands car park are available from Main Reception.

### Don't forget!

The Home School Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 9.45 on Tuesday 30th November. This is a great opportunity for you to voice your opinions and take part in fundraising for your child's school. **All parents are very welcome!**

## Year 6 Garden Day

For Garden Day Year 6 have been working on a theme of 'Signalling and Communicating'.

The children learned about International Distress Signals for communicating land to air, semaphore and leaving signs.

They also completed an orienteering game building on their geographical knowledge.





Hello! We are Jade and Portia your new Family Support Practitioners. We are both Occupational Therapists working in this new role across primary schools in West-Devon.

Jade has worked in children's mental health and learning disability services as well as residential, special needs and mainstream schools and adult mental health services.

Portia has previously completed a degree in Psychology and recently graduated from the Occupational Therapy program. This afforded her the opportunity to complete her final placement within the Family Support Service building an interest in this role. Previous placement experience was within pain management and mental health rehabilitation.

We are able to support you to access services, understand your child's social, emotional, mental health needs and behaviour, and support with strategies to help support them; but this list is not exhaustive.

If you, or you know of a family who may want some help or advice, please call us on 01822616044 or email [familysupport@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk). We are based at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School.

## Family Support



Children at Tavistock Primary School have been taking part in an art enrichment day this week and are starting to make decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival which will be held at St Eustachius church next Friday.

Can you guess what our theme is?

Please remember to vote for the tree when the festival opens!



### Year 2 Garden Day

This week it was the turn of Year 2 to have their Garden Day. They explored the Environmental Garden, made dens, climbed trees, made 'leaf kebabs' and searched for unusual leaves and sticks to make fairy tale characters.

The children got crafty and made mixed up fairy tale characters from cardboard boxes as well as making Christmas mice for the Christmas Tree festival at St Eustachius Church next week.





**HIGH 5 CHRISTMAS CRACKER CAMP**

**20<sup>TH</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2021**  
**@MOUNT KELLY PREP SCHOOL**

This December come and join us for an action packed few days of sports, activity, art and fun. In celebration of **Christmas** we have a **cracker** of a theme!

**Arts & Crafts Weekly Theme: Crimbo Crafts**

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>Box Forts &amp; Nerf Wars</b> Build up the forts, then compete, what could possibly be more fun than having soft battles using the forts as your bases. The concept is for the day one!	<b>Snowball Zorb Races &amp; Games</b> A festive twist on the recently popular Zorb games, teams will compete over from races but their Zorbs will be filled with snow. It's a bit like being a snowman in there!	<b>Christmas Crazy Cricket Competition</b> A team competition which we know the kids will all love. Introducing a variety of fast and entertaining variations of cricket and baseball. This team event will be exciting, funny and great to be involved with.	<b>Yeti Snowball Attack Dodgeball</b> It seems we can't make it through a day without dodgeball needing to be played at camp. So if the kids love it, we are going to give them what they want! This snow-themed dodgeball competition will be an epic way to end the season.
<b>Top Bounce Tennis Masterclass</b> With some incredibly experienced and well respected tennis coaches, the kids will have the chance to enjoy some classic tennis games and drills and even take part in a Christmas-themed tennis tournament.	<b>Circus Skills &amp; Christmas Cracker Talent Show</b> Compete with your friends to perform their talents with an evening of juggling and circus performance to follow. The kids will have the chance to perform in front of the 4 Christmas Cracker Judges, Santa Claus, Rudolf the Reindeer and the Elf.	<b>Save Santa: Team Problem Solving Challenges</b> Can the High 5 Campers help save Christmas by working together to solve a set of problems and help Santa get back on the North Pole?	<b>High 5's Christmas Disco</b> We can't wait to bring the disco down back up to you, which is guaranteed to make this a Christmas Party you won't forget. With all the best party games and some really old school disco routines to be learnt we think the parents would have as much fun as the kids in this active and entertaining dance and play activity.

**Arts & Crafts Weekly Theme: Crimbo Crafts**



This week three Year 6 children went to the Climbing Barn in Milton Abbot this morning.

Despite initial nerves, the children managed to overcome their fears and reach new heights! A fantastic time was had by all.



Did you know our school has a lottery? Tickets are only £1 and there is a grand prize of **£25,000!**

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/tavistock-primary-and-nursery-school>

The Christmas prizes are pretty good!



- Huge Festive Food Hamper
- Luxury Artificial Christmas Tree
- Christmas Stockings
- Door Wreath
- Tree Decorations
- Table Decorations
- Lights and Candles