

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Only two weeks into term! The children have settled so well into their new classes and year groups; it feels like we've been back for much longer. Year 6 children have been busy writing their speeches for House Captain interviews, which will happen next week. I am looking forward to hearing their ideas for the role. Look out for the names of our new House Captains in next week's news.



The Outside Classroom

As you know, we are liaising with the insurance company to obtain the funds to rebuild our vandalised outside classroom. The three trees, planted as a memorial to the Dunblane tragedy, have been examined this week and we are awaiting a report to ascertain whether or not they can be saved.

We are very grateful to Tavistock Police and Fire Station for their prompt action when alerted to the fire; to our neighbours for reporting it and apprehending suspects and to the wider community for the many kind messages and offers of support.

We would like to single out Mr Barrie Matthews and Arco Plymouth for a very big THANK YOU. Mr Matthews has secured a £500 grant from Arco's community grant fund for our school. Mr Matthews is a former pupil of our school, and his three children also attended here. We are very grateful for this generous gift.

Photo Day

TAVISTOCK
COMMUNITY
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TUESDAY
21ST SEPTEMBER



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Dates for Your Diary

- > 25th-29th October half term
- > December 17th Last day of autumn term
- > 5th January First day of Spring Term
- > Mon 4th and Weds 6th October Parent consultation meetings
- > Week commencing 4th October Bikability for Y5
- > 13th October INSET day & Goose Fair
- > 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

Garden Days

Classes 2 and 3
Friday 22nd October

Classes 4 and 5
Wednesday 20th October

Classes 6 and 7
Friday 1st October

Classes 8 and 9
Monday 20th September

Classes 10 and 11
Tuesday 19th October

Classes 12 and 13
Friday 8th October

Class 14
Thursday 7th October

Class 15
Wednesday 6th October

Nativity performance and Christmas end of term assembly dates to follow

Homework will start for all children, with the exception of our reception classes, from next week. Below is a message from the Yr 5/6 team. Homework in upper key stage 2 is more open ended to encourage independence and responsibility for home learning in preparation for KS3.



A note from Mrs Base (KS2 Leader)

Year 5 and 6 homework will be in the form of knowledge organisers - these are an engaging and exciting way of encouraging more choice and enjoyment in home learning. Knowledge organisers give you all of the key information and learning that your child needs to cover for approximately 4-6 weeks. They can cover English, Spelling, Maths, Science and either Geography or History. Each knowledge organiser will include a list of suggested activities and you and your child get to choose what homework to complete each week (or come up with your own ideas - we encourage creativity). They have to cover two subjects and ensure that they work for approximately 20-40 minutes each week.

More information and a further explanation of the expectations will be e-mailed to you in the form of a power point presentation.

The Daily Mile Track

You might have noticed that over the summer holidays a purpose built sports track has appeared on our field. This track is to support our PE curriculum, in particular the completion of the mile run. The children all agree that it is a great addition to our outdoor space!



Our newest and youngest children: Cali, Maggie and Henry, giving the new track their approval.

“The HANDi app has been incredibly beneficial for me since becoming a mum.”

“Hi, my name is Gemma, I live in Plymouth and I am a full-time Mum of three children aged 4, 6 and 11 years old. When my children were slightly younger, I got myself into a routine of regularly ringing the doctors whenever any of them started to show any unusual health-related symptoms – from a high temperature to skin conditions and everything in-between. I always want to make sure I am treating symptoms correctly and not mistaking them

for something more serious. It was not until my friend recommended that I download the HANDi App, that I realised how easy it is to get the professional medical advice I need and as a result, educate myself at the same time to improve my medical know-how. To any parents who do want to learn how to check and treat their children's symptoms when they are unsure, I definitely recommend downloading the HANDi App to put your mind at ease.”



Download the HANDi app on your Apple or Android smart-phone or tablet.



Rotary Young Artist Competition

We know that our school is full of potential Picassos and optimistic Oldenburgs and this competition is perfect for them!

The Rotary Club is offering all budding young artists between the ages of 7 and 17 the opportunity to take part in their annual competition and enter their very own masterpiece!

All entrants will receive a certificate regardless of where they are placed.

This year's theme is 'Colours of Nature'. Entrants are tasked with creating a 2D, unframed piece of artwork using any medium. This piece must be accompanied by a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme.

Keep an eye on your emails for more information over the coming days.

Good luck!



rotarygbi.org



Tavistock College Transition Visit

Next week, the Associate Principle of Tavistock College, Mr T. Muller-Forster, will be visiting our school to meet with parents and pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. He will be giving information about the college, their facilities and achievements. The session will be followed with an informal question and answer session.

This will run at **5pm on Monday 20th September**. Please check your emails for more information.

Refreshments will be available.



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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.



MAKE YOUR MARK WE'RE IN. JOIN US.

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 23rd September



To book a place at one of our open events please contact Chantelle Cocker at
c.cocker@tavistockcollege.org
or via phone on 01822 614231 ext. 214

Due to recent updated COVID-19 safety measures our open evening will now run over 4 sessions:

5.00pm, 5.30pm, 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

Spaces will be limited to one Year 6 parent and their Year 6 child(ren).

Places are limited and booking is essential.

OPEN MORNINGS

- Thursday 30th September
- Thursday 7th October
- Thursday 21st October

Open morning appointments start at 9.15am prompt

- Sessions are run by our qualified Nursery teachers.
- Get to know the teachers before your child starts at Nursery.
- Babies and toddlers welcome.
- Drinks and healthy snacks provided.



Email: admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk
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for more information.
Each session will cost £2

First session:

Wednesday
22nd September

Parent and Toddler Group

Wednesday 1:45 - 2:45

Move to music

Play outside and inside

Storytime

Messy play

Singing

