



Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 18th October

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

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing half term. Please don't forget that the clocks go back on Sunday 27th October, the day before we come back to school. This means that it will be increasingly dark on the way to and from school—please consider wearing some bright clothing and ensure that bicycles have lights.

YEAR 6 PARENTS—very important! - SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Deadline—Thursday 31st October. Please note that Tavistock College has been over subscribed for the past 2 years and you may not get a place if you are late! www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

FLU VACCINATIONS

Some children did not have their flu vaccination this week although their parents believed that had given permission. This was due to parents not clicking on the virgincare link and although Parentmail said ‘form submitted’ this meant to Parentmail and not to virgincare. I am sorry for this confusion and will try to find a better way next year. Currently, vaccinations are only available through GPs for children with health conditions or at Plymouth clinics: Tel: virgincare 0300 247 0082 to book

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

Email: admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk Telephone: 01822 616044

PARENT GOVERNOR

We have 1 vacancy for a parent of a child at this school to join our Governing Board. If you would like more information, please have a look at our website or speak to the school office to arrange a chat with an existing school governor.

<https://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk/website/governors/296415>

GOVERNING BOARD

This week the Governors received the Inspection Data Summary Report from Ofsted. It gives information about our school in context when compared to national data. This helps the school and Ofsted to focus on areas which may need further investigation. Governors will be discussing this at their next meeting on Tuesday 12th November.

ASK YOUR CHILD IN C2 and C3

What happened when the Doctors came?

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

Tues 29th—HSA Christmas card orders back to school

Tues 29th—Fire Service to visit Y2 and Y6

Wed 30th—Education Welfare Officer monitoring visit

Wed 30th—Netball @ Tavistock College

Wed 30th—Year 5 rearranged trip to Escot

Thurs 31st—Y3 trip to Paignton Zoo

Thurs 31st—Interviews for Kitchen Manager

Thurs 31st—Deadline for Secondary School applications

November

Fri 1st—Family Assembly Y4

Wed 6th –Futsal

Fri 8th—9.15am Family Assembly Y6

Fri 8th—Y6 to St Eustachius Remembrance

CELEBRATIONS

Last weekend Erin in Y6 represented our school in judo and competed against older, Y7 students. Erin won all her matches was crowned the Western Area Schools' Champion for her age. In March she will compete in the British Schools' Championships. Well done Erin!

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

2 teams from Years 5 and 6 represented us yesterday at a local tournament. The girls played extremely well and achieved 6th and 3rd places out of 24 teams. Mr Holt was very proud of their sporting attitudes and was complimented by teachers from other schools.

HEARD IN THE OFFICE

"Thank you for the help" - parent to Mrs White.

HARVEST COLLECTION

We are collecting for our local Food Bank. They are currently short of coffee, long life fruit juice, sugar, washing up liquid, washing powder and toilet rolls. Please bring any donations in to school and they will be taken to the Tavistock Food Bank which is used by local families in need.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**HSA 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.

HSA CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please send your orders and the correct money in by Tuesday 29th October. Any help to sort the orders would be appreciated—please sign up at the school office.

PEN LICENCES

All children at our school learn a cursive script from Foundation Stage and this makes the 'joining' of writing easier to achieve. Why bother? - it is well researched that children who write fluently can use their working memory to create and compose their writing rather than concentrate on what the writing looks like.



In Year 3, when children's handwriting is fluent and joined they will receive their 'pen licence'. Pens should remain at school. Mrs Selbie will be beginning to check Y3 the first week we are back. Children then need to maintain a high standard throughout key stage 2 in order to keep it.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

10am to 4pm £15 cash/£16 cheque
 Monday 21st
 Football and Goalkeeping 5-9 yrs
 Tuesday 22nd
 Just Play Football 7-11 yrs old
 Wednesday 23rd
 Cricket, Tennis, Hockey & Frisbee 5-9 yrs
 Mark Wickett Soccer School—615995/07975
 832249

The BOOK PEOPLE #BigBookBoost

Every time you place an order online for over £10, the company donates £1 to us to spend on books.

thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost

**PUMPKIN RECYCLING**

This year we have linked with the organisation Andigestion in order to recycle pumpkins. There will be a special bin available from the w/c 28th October. There are also 2 competitions for Key Stage 1 and 2 and entries are emailed with this newsletter or you can collect a form from the school office. winners will receive a £15 book token. Entries need to be back at school by Tuesday 5th November.

PCSO Kevin Williams

Yesterday our local PCSO came to speak to the Year 5 and 6 pupils about their actions and responsibilities. He talked about 'hate crime', anti social behaviour—bullying, abuse and intimidation. He emphasised to all the children that the legal criminal age of responsibility is 10 years old and from this age they can be charged and have a criminal record which would affect their future work and life chances.

Tavistock Methodist Church

LIGHT PARTY
 A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

Craft, games, stories, disco, dancing and a party tea!
 Celebrate the light!

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Ages 0 - 4 years 1pm - 2.30pm @ Tavistock Methodist Church (Parents must accompany children.)	School Years Reception - Year 6 4.30pm - 6.30pm @ Tavistock Methodist Church (Parents must accompany children under the age of 8. All older children stay unaccompanied.)
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WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHING
 No Halloween costumes please.

For more information contact deborah@tmc.me.uk or ilona@tmc.me.uk
 LIGHT Party is a TMC Family Work Project Event www.tmc.me.uk/children

£2 each