

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter



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Welcome back!

This is my first newsletter to you as Headteacher of Tavistock Primary and I am really excited about the year ahead. I am looking forward to working with Mrs Alexander, in her new role as Deputy Headteacher, and to welcoming back existing staff and new people.



Please catch me on the playground with any thoughts or concerns or just to say hello.

Mrs Laura Handel

Start and Finish Times

Please arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before your child's start time. Doors will be open from 8.55 and your child should make their way in through the allocated entrance.



The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher will be available on the playground and a member of staff from each team will be available at the entrances. Please pass on any essential information or messages to these people.

At the end of the day your child's class teacher will bring the class to the playground to hand your child over to you.

Nursery and Reception children 9:00-15:00

Year One to Year Six: 8:55-15:15

Uniform and Equipment Reminders

School Uniform: Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. We have lots of second hand uniform available for a small donation. Visit our [website](#) or ask at the school office for suppliers of logoed uniform and uniform expectations. Please label all clothing items your child wears to school.

School shoes: It is really important that children wear **sturdy black school shoes**. We often exercise without changing into PE kit, particularly our youngest children, and children are very active at playtimes. Children need shoes they can run in!

Water bottle and snack: We are a healthy school and only allow water in children's bottles for regular drinking throughout the day. Children in Nursery and Reception do not need to bring a water bottle as water and milk are available for them at all times. Children from Nursery to Y2 are provided with a piece of fruit/vegetable each day for snack through the government scheme. Children in KS2 are welcome to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for a snack during morning break. No other snack food is allowed.



Equipment: Children do not need to bring any additional equipment to school. They will have a book for reading, which should go back and forth between home and school and a diary/journal for comments on their reading. We have limited space for storage in classrooms and cannot promise to keep precious items safe. Please leave toys and special objects at home.

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

A Gift from Mrs Selbie



During the holiday these beautiful illustrations of the book spines from some of Mrs Selbie's favorite children's books arrived. They are her parting gift to Tavistock Primary and Nursery School. Mr Montgomery, our Caretaker, has fixed them to the walls, either side of our library door. They have livened up the corridor and make a fabulous welcome to the library.

Thank you Mrs Selbie!

Well done Emilia!

Emilia in Year 4 has cut 15 inches from her hair and donated it to 'The Little Princess Trust' - a UK charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people up to the age of 24 who have lost their hair as a result of a cancer treatment or other illness. So far, she has received almost £800 for the charity, on top of her hair donation. We are very proud of her!

If you would like to donate, please use this link:

https://www.facebook.com/donate/992611828198087/?fundraiser_source=external_url



Extracurricular Clubs

Our clubs will run for 8 weeks. 4 weeks either side of the half term break. Club days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays—the expectation to this will be a homework club on Fridays after school. The office will soon be sending out the clubs on offer and the information on how to register for a club. Watch this space....

-Breakfast and After School Club is now in the **Extended Services Building**, opposite the new Reception classes in the Reception Play-ground.

-**Breakfast club opens at 8:00am** and staff take children to class for 8:55am. The cost is £3.00 per session.

-**After School Club opens at 3:00pm** for Foundation Stage and 3:15pm for years 1 to 6 and runs until **6:00pm**. The cost is £4.00 per hour. There is a charge of £10 for late collection after 6:00pm.

-If you would like a **regular place** for your child at either of these clubs, it helps with our forward planning if the office know the days and times you will regularly use. However, there is no requirement to book. You can let your child and the class teacher know on the day, if you would like your child to go to ASC and you can turn up on the day for breakfast club.

-**Contact numbers and passwords** must be updated regularly. If you are not sure if your details are up to date, please check with the office.

-Many of the toys and games are looking tired or broken. Any **donations** of good quality board games, jigsaws, toys and soft furnishings would be very gratefully received.



Welcome to all New and Returning Staff

Mrs J. Ruth We are delighted to welcome Mrs Ruth back from maternity leave! She will be teaching in our Nursery alongside Mrs Jones.



Miss G. Wilson Welcome to the teaching team. Miss Wilson is an experienced Year 5 teacher and will be teaching Year 5 in Class 13.



Miss K. Bennet and Mr H. Dwelly Miss Bennet and Mr Dwelly will be joining the Foundation Stage team this year as Apprentice Early Years Assistants.



Mrs E. Hall, Miss L. Hart, Miss K. Ormandy, Miss A. Piper, Mrs H. Summers, Miss A. Turnock Welcome to our SEND team. These new members of staff will be working across the school as part of our team of SEND teaching assistants.



Miss A. Langsford Miss Langsford will be joining the KSI team this year as an apprentice teaching assistant.



The Outside Classroom

We were very upset to see the burnt out Outside Classroom on our return to school. A senseless and destructive work of vandalism that has had a detrimental impact on our children, particularly on our Garden Days. We have been very touched by the large number of messages and offers for funding that we have received from local businesses, community groups and past and present parents. The insurance claim is ongoing and as soon as all assessments are complete the building will be removed and a new one will be put in its place.

Miss S. Fuller Miss Fuller will be joining our team as the new Marketing and Communications Officer.



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 will be available on the school website from Monday.



TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT DISCIPLINE SPORTSMANSHIP

TIME TO BE PART OF THE NEW TEAM

fun and safe
be part of a team

TAVISTOCK JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB
Sandy Park, Trelawny Road, Tavistock PL19 0JL

Registration is Open Every Sunday from 10-12am

Tavistock Rugby Club are looking for new players of all ages.

We offer rugby for Boys and Girls aged 5-16 in a fun, safe and friendly

COME AND HAVE A GO!

at a great club
with great friends

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Tavyside Badminton Family OPEN DAY

When: Saturday 18th September
Where: Tavistock College Sports Hall
Time: 10am to 2pm

As part of Badminton England's "The BIG Hit" week, Tavyside Badminton will be holding a "Family Open Day" for players of all ages to come and experience the sport of badminton.

The Tavyside Badminton Coaching Team will be on hand to give guidance and introduce you all to badminton through fun games and activities.

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BADMINTON ENGLAND

Children at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School have contributed items for the **Time Capsule**. The Time Capsule is due to be buried at an Event on Saturday 18th September 2pm, outside the Guildhall in Tavistock. All families are invited to attend this event. There will also be skittles, quoits and the opportunity to make spinning tops.