

15th October 2021

# Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We are changing the reading culture at Tavistock Primary. Here is some information to help you understand the changes we are making:

- Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (years 1 & 2), will read books that contain only words that can be read using the letter sounds (phonics) they have learnt so far.
- By the end of year one, children will have been taught all the sounds in the English language, all the alternative ways these sounds are spelt (e.g. 'ai' in rain, 'ay' in play 'a-e' in cake) and all the alternative pronunciations for the same sounds (e.g. 'ow' in snow and 'ow' in cow).
- It takes time for this knowledge to be secure and children embed this knowledge at different rates. Once children are secure in recognising and using phonic knowledge in their reading, they will be able to choose any book from the selection of books in the classroom or library.
- Children's book choice will be carefully monitored by their class teacher to ensure they are able to read their chosen books successfully.
- There will no longer be an expectation for children to read a certain 'colour band'. Books with colour band stickers will still be in our book stock, but these stickers will not be relevant to children's book choices.

If this raises further question, or you would like to have any more information, please talk to your child's class teacher or one of the senior leaders.

**Laura Handel**  
Headteacher



It's that time of year again, the leaves have turned golden brown and it's starting to get chilly outside!

This year our **Harvest Festival** will be on **22nd October 2021** at **St Eustachius Church**.

Service starts at **9.45am**.

Please bring a tin of food or any dry 'food cupboard' goods into your class teacher

from Monday 18th Oct. All donations received will be given to the local food bank.

## Job Vacancy

Mealtime Assistant: 1.25 hours Mon-Fri.

Follow this link for an application form which should be emailed to [admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk)

<https://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk/website/employment/296419>



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## Dates for Your Diary

- > **22nd October Harvest Festival at St Eustachius Church**
- > **25th-29th October half term**
- > **Thursday 2nd December Christmas Disco**
- > **Tuesday 14th December Church Christmas Service. 9.45 at St Eustachius Church**
- > **Tuesday 14th December Flu Spray Vaccinations**
- > **December 17th Last day of autumn term**
- > **Nativity performance date to TBC**
- > **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**

## Garden Days

**Classes 4 and 5**

**Wednesday 20th October**

**Classes 10 and 11**

**Tuesday 19th October**



## Dartmoor Rescue

The Reception children had a very informative visit from Dartmoor Rescue...Mrs Wake even got 'rescued'! They found out what kit is carried in the van and bags, tips on staying safe on the moors and information about how the rescue process takes place.



## FREE gardening equipment for your school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.



## Garden Days

We've had some fantastic Garden Days over the past couple of weeks. The children have explored the outdoors and some brilliant, creative outcomes have been achieved!

## 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.



Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Home  
School Association Presents...

# Christmas Disco

Thursday 2nd  
December 2021



YR/KS1 (C2-C7)	KS2 (C8-C15)
5pm—5:45pm	6pm-7pm

All children must be signed in, and collected  
by an adult at the end.  
Entry £1 includes drink and snack.



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

# WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 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)

## Football Tournament

On Tuesday, boys from years 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament at Crowndale football pitches. We took two teams, both entering separate competitions. Both teams did really well throughout the day and we're really proud of all the boys who participated. In a really competitive competition, the A team finished in 4th place, only losing out to 3rd place by a 2 goal difference. The B team won all of their games in their competitions and deservedly picked up the winners' medals for their efforts.



**Does anybody have the time? Two watches have been handed into reception. If you have lost yours and are able to describe them, please pop in and collect.**



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- Primary and Nursery school for 2-11 year olds
- Extended hours provision - open from 8.00am-6.00pm
- Rich and varied experiences through excellent facilities inside and out.

We're on Instagram!

Make sure you head over and follow us to stay up to date with news from the school.



**@tavistockprimary**



## 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.

### Girls Football Tournament

This week a team of Year 6 girls competed in a football tournament at Gulworthy.

The girls played really well and came third. They were superb ambassadors for our school, their level of competitiveness and sportsmanship was outstanding. The girls did the school proud!



Something is a bit fishy....Our supplier is having issues getting fish fingers at the moment, so next week we will have a substitute fish on the menu.

**Tavistock Methodist Church**

**LIGHT PARTY**  
A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

Craft, games, stories, disco, dancing.  
Celebrate the light!

**SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER**  
3.00pm - 5.00pm  
@Tavistock Methodist Church

Suitable for children aged 5- 11 years

**WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHING!**  
No Halloween costumes please.

For more information or to register your child  
contact [deborah@tmc.me.uk](mailto:deborah@tmc.me.uk) or [ilona@tmc.me.uk](mailto:ilona@tmc.me.uk)

LIGHT Party is a TMC Family Work Project Event [www.tmc.me.uk/children](http://www.tmc.me.uk/children)

£2.50 each