



Tavistock
Primary

Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Date: 13th March

Skill for Success—Understanding Yourself
“I know how I feel”

THEATRE CLUB
PERFORMANCE OF THE ‘BFG’
Mallender Theatre Company



@Marjon
Arts Theatre



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

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As you are all very aware from media reports, the situation with Covid 19 is constantly changing. As a school, we are following all the advice from Public Health and this is currently to continue with good hand hygiene.

If this changes we will take the required procedures and inform our school community using our usual communication methods.

Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline

Last Monday the DfE launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

HAND WASHING

All the children have been reminded to wash their hands more often than usual.

They have also been encouraged to sing 'Happy birthday to me' twice through to ensure they wet, soap and rinse for a longer period of time.



For some years we have provided hand sanitiser at the entrance to classrooms and our children are well practised in its use.

TAVY 13— Sunday 29th March

12 miles can be completed at school during the daily school mile and then the 13th mile is run through the town. Entry forms are available from the School Office.

TAVISTOCK TOWN TOURS

On Tuesday afternoon Years 3 and 5 went for a Heritage walk around Tavistock. The tours were organised, planned and guided by Year 7 and 9 students from Tavistock College. The students were responsible and knowledgeable and it was a pleasure to see so many ex pupils.

HEARD AT MARJONS ARTS THEATRE

"All the children performed fantastically, which allowed their individuality to shine through their roles" Tom (Mallender Theatre Company)

ASK YOUR CHILD

Shall we share a story? I'll read a bit, you read a bit ...

Duck Race—Thursday 26th March 3.30pm

Ducks will be on sale in the playground all week - **£1 to enter.**

Home decorated ducks are also very welcome to enter. Mrs Selbie has been given a special duck and is hoping for her first winner in 10 years!



Please donate any Easter eggs (for prizes) if you are able to the school office—thank you!

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The current committee members are keen to continue but really need some MORE SUPPORT! -Please get in touch

BEHAVIOUR 'Good to be Green'

Last week: **RED = 10 cards**

Red Cards were up again last week and this seems to be that some children are forgetting that an AMBER is a warning—you need to change your behaviour or it will turn **RED!**

CELEBRATIONS**West Devon Swimming Gala**

We were delighted to come 4th in the West Devon competition at Okehampton last week. Well done to our swimming squad!

Cyclo Cross

Well done to our team of 8 who came third at yesterday's competition. The children battled hard against strong winds and in muddy conditions.

World Book Day Prizes

These will be awarded in assembly next Tuesday—guess what the prizes are? Yes, you're right—BOOKS!

**Young Writers**

66 children from KS1 received invitations to be published in a poetry anthology. It is vital that parents ensure that the required permissions are given or their child will not be included.

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

14th Youth Speaks Final (postponed)
 16th Y4 trip to Bellever Woods
 16th Virtual Reality workshop Y5 and Y6
 19th Theatre Royal trip Y5 and Y6 'Holes'
 20th Key Stage 1 Family Assembly
 20th Cross Country (2)—Whitchurch
 23rd KS1 children to Pennywell Farm
 23rd Dartmoor Residential Y4
 C10 Mon-Wed, C11 Wed– Fri
 23rd Y5 Information about London C12 3.30
 26th End of Term Assembly 9.45am
 26th Cross Country (3) Yelverton
 26th Duck Race in the Meadows
 27th Reception Trip to Aquarium
 27th Last day of term

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 30th March to Monday 13th April
BACK TO SCHOOL—Tuesday 14th April

GOVERNING BOARD

This week governors visited the school to monitor the progress of the School Improvement Plan and to assess the actions of the Headteacher towards her appraisal targets for the year.

The Governing Board will meet on Tuesday 24th March to discuss and agree the school budget plan for 2020-2021.

YEAR 5 LONDON RESIDENTIAL

Parents and Y5 children are invited to attend an information session on Monday 23rd March at 3.30pm in C12. Please note that there are no extra places available—if you have not secured your place with payments then your child is not able to go. Additionally, if you have outstanding debts to the school (dinner money, breakfast or after school club), then these must be cleared before the trip. Please contact Mrs Gawman, our School Business Manager if you require advice and support.

NURSERY MOVE IN!

We will be moving the furniture and resources from the Reception classrooms in the last 2 days of term—Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March if you are able to offer any help.

GARDEN DAYS

Please wear layers of warm clothes and bring wellies if you have them. We would be grateful for any spare wellies which your children may have grown out of—thank you.

Tuesday 17th March—Class 15
 Wednesday 18th March—Class 14
 Friday 20th March—Classes 12 and 13
 Monday 23rd March Class 11
 Tuesday 24th March—Key Stage 1
 Thursday 26th March—Class 2 and 3
 Thursday 26th March—C10