



Tavistock
Primary

Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 22nd November

Skill for Success this half term — SELF BELIEF ‘I know I can do it!’

STARTING SCHOOL

RECEPTION YEAR SEPTEMBER 2020

Applications for starting school are now open and need to be in before 15th January 2020. Our new Foundation Stage Building will be fully open by then and available to all Nursery and Reception children.

We encourage all prospective parents, families and friends to visit our school and have a tour during normal school hours.

We know that this is a vital decision for any family and we prefer to offer personal appointments to individual families.

Please phone the school office on 01822 616044 to arrange a time with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.

REGISTER TO VOTE—GENERAL ELECTION

At primary school we teach British Values and these include democracy. As adults we are role models for our children and need to demonstrate this to them. Whatever your political allegiance, one way to ensure that all adults are active citizens is to vote.

You must register by 11.59pm on Tuesday 26th November.

[gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

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

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CHILDREN IN NEED

Last week we raised £274.30 for this national charity for children.



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

November

Fri 22nd —9.15am Family Assembly Y3
 Mon 25th—Class progress meetings for KS2
 Thurs 28th—2.30pm Family Assembly Y5
 Thurs 28th—Steve Manning Storyteller KS1
 Fri 29th—Home School Association AGM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB STAFF VACANCIES

This thriving club is in need of 2 staff members to supervise, play with and feed our children. Working hours are 3.15-5pm and 3pm to 6pm. Please speak to the school office for further details.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION—AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the HSA will be held next Friday 29th November at 9am in the school. As a registered charity it is a requirement to annually report on the achievements of the year and discuss the aims and finances. We will also be electing a committee for the next year and it would be wonderful to recruit some more members. Please come along if you can—you'll be made very welcome!

EASY FUNDRAISING

If you sign up with 'easyfundraising', every purchase from over 4,000 retailers provides a donation to our school. Please use for your Christmas shopping—Thank you.
<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tavistockprimary/>

ASK YOUR CHILD

Did you drink lots of water today?

CELEBRATIONS

A selected team of children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in some exciting sporting activities this week—fencing, archery, boccia and curling. They all represented the school very well and were awarded certificates for their 'personal best'. Mr Beatty was very pleased with their enthusiasm and sporting behaviour.

ANDIGESTION PUMPKIN RECYCLING

We have received a £25 book voucher for our excellent pumpkin recycling last month. Also, Cooper won a £15 book token for the completion of the word search—well done!

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENT

Every year children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked. If you don't want your child to take part, please complete the online form at part, please complete the online form at <http://devon.cc/ncmp> by 1st December.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 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.



We are lucky to have lots of other donated prizes:

- *Family ticket to Buckland Abbey
- *2 tickets to Devon County Show
- *2 entries to River Dart Country Park

- *Voucher to Trethorne
- *Candle & diffuser from Ravins
- *Family swim at Meadowlands and many more ...

Bag 2 School

Bags have been sent home.
Our collection day is
Tuesday 3rd December.
Bring any bags to the out
door classroom in the KS2
playground in the morning.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY****Friday 20th December**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on the last day of term instead of their school top—other normal uniform should be worn. We will be collecting donations for the NSPCC.

This does not have to be a bought jumper—Tavistock Scrapstore are running ‘decorate a jumper’ events on the following dates:
Saturday 7th December 11am
£3, bring your own jumper at The Printworks.

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December

Mon 2nd—Class progress meetings for KS1
Tues 3rd—Bag2School Collection
Tues 3rd—6pm Governing Board
Wed 4th—Athletics Tavistock College
Thurs 5th—Healthy Eating Workshop Y3
Fri 6th—KS1 to ‘The Elves and the Shoemaker’ at Theatre Royal, Plymouth
Fri 6th—Dickensian Evening, Tavistock
Mon 9th—Foundation Stage Nativity 2pm in the School Hall (doors open 1.50pm)
Tues 10th—Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am in the School Hall
Wed 11th—Y6 to Exeter Museum for WW2
Thurs 12th—‘The Littlest Elf’ show C2 and C3
Thurs 12th—Christmas Dinner
Tues 17th—Eye Tests for C2 and C3
Tues 17th—Storyteller C2 and C3
Fri 20th—Christmas Jumper Day

DRINKS BOTTLES

It is school policy for all bottles to contain **WATER**.

The reason for this is that other squash or juice contains sugar and if this is constantly sipped, it is very damaging to teeth. We have increasing numbers of children who are in pain or need to have teeth extracted due to decay. In our experience, many children who do not drink water at home will drink it at school and we will encourage them to do this regularly.

**BOTTLES IN THE NURSERY**

In order to support the drinking of water and milk we have made changes for our youngest children

- We will provide jugs of milk and water and cups
- Children will be encouraged to drink throughout the day
- There is not need to provide a drink bottle for any child

SANTA FUNRUN

The 5th Annual fun run will take place in the Meadows on Sunday 1st December at 3pm. Entry forms for adults £10, children £5 each are available from the school office (entry includes a santa suit and a mince pie). You are encouraged to be sponsored and raise even more and all money will be donated to CHICKS—raising funds for vulnerable children.

The BOOK PEOPLE #BigBookBoost

Every time you place an order online for over £10, the company donates £1 to us to spend on books. Select Tavistock Community Primary and Nursery School thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost

HEARD IN YEAR 6

Teacher: Has anyone got the wrong shoes?
Pupil: Oh I thought these were a bit tight.
Teacher: They're 2 sizes too small!