

1st October 2021

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very sad to announce that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Sue Gawman, our School Business Manager, at the end

of the month. Mrs Gawman joined our school almost a decade ago and she leaves it a very different place in two weeks time. This is thanks, in a large part, to her energy and hard work. Mrs Gawman has been instrumental in securing the money for our new EYFS building, the upgrading of our 1930's building, the innovation of our kitchen and premises management and much, much more besides.

She leaves us to take up a new and exciting role, where she will continue to use her considerable skills, but for fewer hours each week. Allowing her time to enjoy her other new role as a Grandmother!

We will miss her very much and I would like to use this public forum to thank her whole heartedly for the enormous difference she has made to Tavistock Primary and Nursery School during her time as School Business Manager.

Thank you Sue, and Good Luck!

Mrs L. Handel
Headteacher

Reminder we are a
NUT FREE school.
No nuts in packed
lunches including
Nutella, Peanut
Butter.



REMEMBER

Although Tavistock Goose Fair has been cancelled this year, the school will remain closed to children on Wednesday 13th October.



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Dates for Your Diary

- > Week commencing 4th October Birkability for Y5
- > Mon 4th and Weds 6th October Parent consultation meetings
- > 13th October INSET day
- > 22nd October Harvest Festival at St Eustatius Church.
- > 25th-29th October half term
- > December 17th Last day of autumn term
- > 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 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

Toddler and Baby Group

The Toddler and Baby Group is continuing to be a huge success!



This week's theme was **Autumn and Owl babies**. We had jelly to touch, split peas and lentils to scoop. We had cinnamon, orange scented playdough and some Autumn themed crafts.



We even managed to find a break in the rain and get outside to see the Autumn colours.

REMEMBER there will be no session next week due to Inset Day.



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.



Year 5 Bikability

This week has been 'Bikability' week for Year 5.

The children have learnt about road safety as well as practical cycling skills. They have all put in a lot of hard work and we have some fantastic cyclists!

Well done Year 5!





Multi-Skills Sports Day

The Year 3 Children have visited St Peters Junior School for their annual Multi Skills Sports Day. They had a really lovely time and enjoyed running, badminton, throwing & catching, basketball, football and fencing.



WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE HSA?



It's flexible to work around you and your schedule. You can put in as much or as little time as you want!

It's a lot of fun! Meet with other like minded parents to discuss, plan and run exciting events!

Use your skills everybody has something different to offer, use your own skill set to add your individual flare!

Gain connections and make new friends from the school community.

Support the school and children by having your say. Be a part of events organisation and enriching your child's learning experience.

Make memories that last. Children remember fun events held at school, be a part of the fundraising that makes them possible.



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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.

Year 2 Garden Day

This week Year 2 have had their turn at Garden Day. The children explored the environment, built dens, found treasure, built towers out of sticks and made some art-work inspired by the Autumnal colours.





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Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Open Mornings

Please contact the office on 01822 616044 to book your private tour with Mrs Handel (Headteacher) or Mrs Alexander (Deputy Headteacher)



October Holiday Camps

Mon 25th—Weds 27th

Monday: Football & GK

Tuesday: Just Play Football

Wednesday: Cricket, Frisbee, Hockey & Tennis

Mark Wickett: mark@markwickettsoccerschool.co.uk

5-11 years old

£15 cash or £16 cheque per child per day.

More information will be coming home with your child.



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.

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

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