

# Weekly Newsletter

**Autumn Term 2019**

**Date: 13th September**

**Skill for Success—RESILIENCE ‘keeping going even when it’s hard’**

## FOUNDATION STAGE BUILDING

In the summer term our Reception children decorated blocks which have been placed within the foundations.

We had great excitement yesterday when a large crane moved on to the site and began to lower the materials ready to build the roof.



## 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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**GOVERNING BOARD**

At Tuesday's meeting, Mrs Caroline Down was re-elected as the Chair of the Governing Board and Mr Darren Newland as Vice Chair.

Contact with the board can be made through the school office or direct email to [cdown@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](mailto:cdown@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk)

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor, please speak to the office if you would like more information.

**ENTRY AND EXIT**

We have a new entry and exit system at the school office. All staff and visitors use the signing in system in order to monitor the security of our school.

Additionally, the few children who are arriving after the start of school or who need to leave at any time will be recorded here.

**FIRE DRILL PRACTICE**

Last week we were pleased to evacuate 54 adults and 342 children in under 4 minutes. This was the first practice for our youngest children and they were very calm.

**DIARY DATES**— calendar available on our website [www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](http://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk)

**September**

Fri 13th—Sports' Leader training Yrs 5 and 6

Mon 16th—Theatre Alibi Yrs 1—6

Wed 18th—Tempest Photography—individual and siblings

Thurs 19th—Advisor from Devon Council

Wed 25th—Junior Life Skills Y6

Mon 30th—Bikeability Y5 for the week

Mon 30th—Education Welfare Officer monitoring attendance

**October**

Wed 2nd—Football Tournament

Mon 7th and Tues 8th—Parents' Evenings 3.30—6pm

Wed 9th—Goose Fair, school closed

Thurs 10th—Y3 Multi skills at Lamerton

Mon 14th—Flu Vaccination Yr R—6

Thurs 17th—Girls' Football Tournament

Fri 18th—C5, C6, C7 Family Assembly

**CELEBRATIONS**

This week the following children received awards from the Children's University.

Rosie—Silver

Dylan—Bronze, Silver and Gold

Jack—Bronze, Silver and Gold

**FOOTBALL MATCH**

Yesterday our newly selected football team played a friendly match against Horrabridge and they won 5-0. Mr Holt was most impressed with the sporting behaviours displayed by every member of the team—encouraging each other, high fiving when they were substituted and the all important shaking of hands at the end.

Our girls' team will play next Tuesday.

**HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

All funds raised will be spent on children at Tavistock Primary. This year we are asking all parents to give **just 1 hour** of their time to support the school.

Option 1. Goose Fair Car Parking—

Wednesday 9th October—sign up for 1 hour car park attendant—High vis jackets and walkie/talkie will be provided. This year we are trying to raise £2000 in just 1 day!

Option 2. Christmas Cards—

29th October—come and help to sort through orders ready for the printers.

Option 3. Christmas Raffle—

To be drawn on 20th December—ask your employer/business to donate a prize. Sell raffle tickets to family and friends.

**HOMEWORK**

Weekly homework will be given out today to Years 1– 6. Every child is expected to read everyday and return their written work by Wednesday. All KS2 children are welcome to join the homework club in C14 on Fridays 3.15-4pm. If parents have any queries about their child's work, please talk to their class teacher.

**YEAR 6 HOMEWORK**

Y6 children complete their homework in a more independent and personalised way. They receive information about the knowledge they need to learn in the next 3/4 weeks but then have a choice about how they demonstrate this.

Following last evening's meeting, a presentation has been emailed to all parents and also available on our website:

[www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](http://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk)

**HEARD IN THE PLAYGROUND**

"My child has never been happier" - parent of a new pupil.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS**

Information about after school clubs will be sent home early next week via Parentmail. It is important that after children sign up for clubs, they attend regularly with the correct kit. Registers are kept and teachers will be expecting children to arrive on time.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS and PUPIL PREMIUM**

If your child is entitled to 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Additionally, you will get a 50% discount on future residential trips for your child.

**PIANO LESSONS**

Mrs Phelpstead has a few spaces for paid lessons within the school day. If you are interested, please contact her directly. Tel:810635.

We also have a second hand piano available if you are interested please speak to the school office.

**CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY**

Passports from the Children's University are available for FREE from the school office. All children are able to take part in out of school learning—school clubs, guides, scouts, swimming, gymnastics, theatre group, library activities, visiting historic houses and parks. All the hours count towards certificates and badges—bronze, silver and gold. Gold award recipients are invited to a special graduation ceremony at Plymouth University.

**RECYCLING**

We are collecting and recycling:

Batteries

Toothpaste tubes and mouthwash bottles

Felt pens and writing pens

**ASK YOUR CHILD**

Who composed the music we are playing in assembly?

**ROTARY CLUB****YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION**

You are invited to submit 3 photographs based on the theme 'Through My Eyes'. They can be digital or print and in colour or black/white, any size up to A4.

The age group for our school is 7-10 years based upon age as at 31.8.19

Start taking your photographs and entry forms will be available from the school office in the next couple of weeks.

**JUNIOR TAVISTOCK HOCKEY CLUB**

Y2 upwards

Thursdays 6-7pm

Mount Kelly Astro, Parkwood Road

Free taster sessions

Kit: gum shields and shin pads. (Spare sticks are available for taster sessions)

Cost: £90 per season Sept—March

[www.tavistockhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.tavistockhockeyclub.co.uk)



## Apply for your child's secondary school place



You can now apply for your child's secondary school place (from 1 September 2019 to 31 October 2019). [It is quick and easy to do online.](#)

Please note that the system is only available for those families that reside within Devon, so please ensure you are applying to the correct local authority before using the system. [Check your home local authority.](#)

### Tavistock College Open Events

Thursday 26th Sept at 5.00-7.30pm or Thursday 26th Sept, 3rd, 10th or 17th October at 9.30am

**TIME TO BE PART OF  
A NEW TEAM**



**Tavistock Junior  
Rugby Club**  
Sandy Park, Trelawny Road, Tavistock PL19 0JL

**Registration**  
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 environment, where every child gets the chance to play and develop.  
Registration starts the first Sunday in September and is open every Sunday throughout September from 10-12am at the club.



**COME  
AND  
HAVE  
A GO**

**EVERY SUNDAY FROM THE START OF SEPTEMBER AT 10AM**

For more information please contact:  
Simon Fuller 07846 7225507 or Claire Bettinson 07510 016431

TEAMWORK RESPECT ENJOYMENT DISCIPLINE SPORTSMANSHIP

### GIVE GOLF A TRY!

Golf Access junior sessions are scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm and costs £7.50 per person and this includes a drink in the clubhouse afterwards.

Contact the Tavistock Golf Shop on 01822 612316 if you know any non-golfers who would like to take part in the Golf Access scheme.

Dates for Golf Access at Tavistock Golf Club  
Sunday 15th September 2019  
Sunday 6th October 2019  
Sunday 20th October 2019

Tavistock Golf Club has had fantastic success with the launch of the Golf Access programme over the summer!

32 junior and adult beginners have been introduced to the golf course and have begun their journeys progressing through the system.