

Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Date: 28th February

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

NEW FOUNDATION STAGE BUILDING

We are delighted to have received the keys to our new building this week and have been able to show prospective and existing families around. The Foundation Stage children (and staff) are very excited about their new learning environment and the older children are fascinated by the size of the toilets!

Our moving plan is scheduled to have the Nursery children installed by the end of next week and the Reception classes to in their rooms from Tuesday 14th April.

We would be very grateful for adult help to move and clean furniture and resources on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March, and also on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March. There are no precise timings and all hands will be welcome!



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.

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TAPESTRY INFORMATION

Yesterday morning family members joined Mrs Ruth to hear about our new online communication for Nursery and Reception. Information and access to passwords was sent out last night. Please let us know if you are having difficulties and we would welcome feedback on your experience.

TAVY 13— Sunday 29th March

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

KIVA

We heard last week that we have been accepted for a research project led by Exeter University based on a successful anti bullying programme developed in Finland. Parents in Y3, Y4 and Y5 will receive more details by email with the option to withhold your child's data.

COVID 19 (Coronavirus)

The advice from Public Health Authority is evolving daily and the latest advice can be found here:

<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/coronavirus-advice-from-public-health-england/>

SKILLS FOR SUCCESS AWARDS

—'Responsibility' 'Think about how the things you do affect others!'

C2—Bania

C3—Charlotte

C5—Martha

C14—Ayanna

C6—Rosie

C15—Liam

C7—Tilly

C8—Iris

C9—Morgan

C10—Hala

C11—Jack

C12—Tiana

C13—Sylvie

GOOD TO BE GREEN—demonstrating a positive learning attitude EVERY DAY!

Winners of a £5 book token
Foundation Stage—Charlotte
Key Stage 1—Mickey
Lower Key Stage 2—Beau
Upper Key Stage 2—Faye

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Only 22 of our children were not represented at the parents' evenings. If you have not arranged an appointment yet, please make contact with the class teacher for a mutually convenient time.

HEARD IN OUR NEW FOUNDATION BUILDING

"The toilets are soooo cute!" - Y4 child

BEHAVIOUR 'Good to be Green'

The week before half term: **RED = 8 cards**
Not such a good week as a number of children forgot their kind words, kind hands and kind feet. This week has already been much improved.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

For the last couple of years it has been increasingly difficult to persuade enough parents to support our fundraising events: Harvest Collection, Bag 2 School, Christmas Cards, Goose Fair Parking, Discos, Duck Race, Easter Bunny, Summer Fair ...

Most of our families enjoy attending these events and funds raised are used for the benefit of all children at this school. We have been reliant on a very small number of dedicated, hardworking volunteers who have signed up as committee members to organise these social occasions.

However, we are making an APPEAL for more parents to help us!

A meeting will be held on **Monday 2nd March at 2.30pm** to share your views about the future of this charitable organisation—Please come (or register your interest at the School Office) THANK YOU!

Chatterbooks at Tavistock Library

We're re-launching 'Chatterbooks' at Tavistock Library; the free Reading Agency scheme, designed to encourage young people to read for pleasure. Meetings are an informal group discussion of a particular book, along with an activity, a drink and snack and general discussion of what participants think is 'good' reading. We are aiming it at young people with a reading age of about 9-12. It's for those who enjoy reading, but also to encourage more reluctant bookworms! Meetings will run from 4-5pm on the first Tuesday of each month, starting on Tuesday 3rd March.

Register your child's interest by phoning the Library on 01822 612218 or come along and see what's happening on any first Tuesday.

ASK YOUR CHILD

What book character do you want to be on Thursday?

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

March

2nd Home School Association meeting—ALL welcome 2.30pm
 3rd Nursery Trip to the Aquarium
 3rd Governing Board meeting
 4th Book Stop—POP UP shop in school
 5th World Book Day
 9th Cross Country (2)
 10th Y3 and Y5 Tavistock town tour
 10th Theatre Club performance at Marjons
 12th Ilona Assembly KS2
 13th Family Assembly Year 5
 14th Youth Speaks Final, Saltash
 16th Virtual Reality workshop Y5 and Y6
 19th Theatre Royal trip Y5 and Y6 'Holes'
 20th Key Stage 1 Family Assembly
 23rd Dartmoor Residential Y4
 24th End of Term Assembly 9.45am
 26th Cross Country (3)
 27th Reception Trip to Aquarium

WORLD BOOK DAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 4th March—our local book shop BOOK STOP are running a 'book fair' in our school hall, including after school. If you want to pre-order a particular title, please contact BookStop on 617244 or email bookstoptavistock@gmail.com

Children can bring spending money in on the day and, can use their World Book Day tokens to make purchases.

Thursday 5th March—all children are welcome to come to school as characters from their favourite books. We will be running book competitions in school with prizes of BOOKS to be won.

COLGATE RECYCLING

Unfortunately Colgate are no longer able to collect from us at this time. We are trying to source an alternative disposal but please do not bring toothpaste tubes/mouthwash bottles at the moment.

GARDEN DAYS

Please wear layers of warm clothes and bring wellies if you have them. We would be grateful for any spare wellies—thank you.

Monday 2nd March—Nursery
 Friday 13th March—Classes 8 and 9
 Tuesday 17th March—Class 15
 Wednesday 18th March—Class 14
 Friday 20th March—Classes 12 and 13
 Thursday 26th March—Classes 2 and 3
 Monday 23rd March Class 11
 Tuesday 24th March—Key Stage 1
 Thursday 26th March—Class 2 and 3
 Thursday 26th March—C10
 Reception- Thursday 26th March

Foundation Stage**Literacy and Maths Workshops**

We were pleased to welcome parents to our Literacy workshop. Their feedback was very positive about the information. Please join us for Maths next Friday 6th March 9-10am.