

19th November 2021

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The changes we have made to our Risk Assessment have successfully reduced Covid numbers in our school. There are a few additional measures we have introduced this week; further details are laid out in this Newsletter.

Well done Year 5's! Year 5 went out this week to support our local community by picking litter in The Meadows. They were accompanied by Matt Young; the Police Officer who has been working with them this term on the 'Mini Police'. Mini Police is a programme split over 6 weeks that intends to promote policing in the community by engaging children.

Today is Children In Need. Our children have made a superb effort dressing in spots, painting their faces and wearing Pudsey ears.

We are thrilled to have raised a whopping: **£310!**

Laura Handel
Headteacher



Reminder
The school will be closed
on Friday 22nd July due
to the Queens Jubilee.



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Dates for Your Diary

- > **Friday 19th November Reception Garden Day**
- > **Friday 19th November Children in Need (Wear spots!)**
- > **Wednesday 24th November Y1 Garden Day**
- > **Thursday 25th November Y2 Garden Day**
- > **Thursday 25th November Y3 trip to Paignton Zoo**
- > **Friday 26th November Y5 Garden Day**
- > **AGM Meeting 30th November**
- > **Thursday 2nd December Year 3 Garden Day**
- > **Friday 3rd December Year 1 Trip to Theatre Royal**
- > **Year 6 visitors from St Eustachius Church**
- > **Tuesday 7th December Year 4 Garden Day**
- > **Tuesday 7th December and Wednesday 8th December Nativity performance**
- > **Thursday 9th December Christmas Dinner**
- > **Tuesday 14th December Church Christmas Service. 9.45 at St Eustachius Church**
- > **Tuesday 14th December Flu Spray Vaccinations**
- > **Friday 17th December Y2 Trip to Theatre Royal**
- > **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**
- > **Friday July 22nd School Closed**

Playground Reminder

Our playground is becoming increasingly busy before and after school. With rising covid rates across the local area and because I have received several complaints from parents about the language and behaviour of Tavistock College children waiting on our playground, please can I remind parents of the following rules which I have reinstated in our risk assessment:

- Please can parents arrive NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES before school starts
- Please can only one parent drop off or pick up
- Please can parents leave immediately after they have dropped off or picked up
- The play equipment is out of bounds before and after school
- If you have asked an older sibling from the college to collect your child, please remind them they must come ALONE and not bring a group of friends.
- Please do not ask college children to meet you in our playground.

Many thanks,

Mrs L Handel (Headteacher)

Bag2School is a free fundraising scheme for anybody wanting to raise funds using a resource everyone has got in their wardrobe...unwanted clothes! They operate throughout the UK; collecting and selling your unwanted textiles to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. All of this is to benefit Circular Economy.

B2S has paid over £36 Million to schools and other organisations SO FAR!

Our school Bag2School collection on Wed 8th December.



Netball

A squad of 7 of our children went to St Peter's Primary School this week to compete in a netball tournament. The children played superbly well, considering some had never played netball before. Their behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplary. They listened to their teachers advice on court and did their best to put it into practice. It was also commented on by both umpires that our team improved game on game. It was a pleasure for Mr Holt and Miss Steer to take them. **Well done!**



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.

Calling all Wreath Makers!

We hope you are looking forward to our HSA's Wreath Making Workshop as much as we are! Please could all attendees come with a pair of secateurs, or strong scissors.

We want to ensure all attendees remain safe, so we strongly encourage all to wear a face covering unless medically exempt.

We have a very small number of spaces remaining; don't miss out! ----->

Job Vacancy

SEN Teaching Assistant and SEN Meal Time Assistant to work with a Key Stage 2 pupil, required to cover maternity leave with an expected start date of December 2021.

More details including application form can be found on our website.

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



TREAT YOUR DOOR THIS YEAR for only **£20**



Wesnesday 8th December | Tavistock Primary and Nursery School
6pm-8pm | Limited spaces | Book with school office
£10 deposit required | Remaining £10 to pay upon arrival

Proceeds go to
TAVISTOCK PRIMARY AND NURSERY HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Refreshments included | Mulled Wine | Tea/Coffee | Mince Pie
Telephone: (01822) 616044 | admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk

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Simply open Amazon Smile and search for **Tavistock Community Primary Home School Association** or search for us by our registered charity number **1108467** to select our school as your chosen charity.

What is the donated money used for? To advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: (1) developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school; (2) engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.



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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.

Please note, in light of rising cases of Covid 19 nationally, we have implemented some changes to our risk assessment to mitigate spread of infection.

-Adults will be wearing masks in all shared areas.

-We have reintroduced 'bubbles' at play-times and lunchtimes.

-Clubs have enhanced rules.

REMINDER

If anybody in your household tests positive for Covid-19, please inform the school via email admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk

Attention Year 4 Parents

You are invited to attend a meeting with Miss Bullock and Mrs Lake on Tuesday 7th December at 3.20—4.20.

This meeting will provide you with all the information you will need prior to the Dartmoor Residential trip.



Join our Home School Association

We are looking for parents to join our Home School Association to help with fundraising for our school and event planning.

- Support the school and your children
 - Gain new connections
 - Use your skills
 - Make memories

For more information or to join, please contact us:
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Mini Police

Mini Police is a programme split over 6 weeks that intends to promote policing in the community by engaging children. This week Year 5 went out this week to support our local community by picking litter in The Meadows. Matt Young is a local Police Officer who supported the children during the activity and led discussions around the importance of community engagement.



Tavistock Primary and Nurseries School Home
School Association Present

Christmas Disco

Thursday 2nd
December

CANCELLED

Due to a national increase (particularly in the South West) in Covid cases, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Christmas Disco.

Your children's safety comes first.

We are aiming to postpone for a Valentines Day Disco.

YR/KS1 (C...)
5pm—5:45pm

All children must be signed by an adult at the end.
Entry fee includes drink and...

Parking

Please be safe and respectful when parking.

The school car park is for staff only.

Parking passes for Meadowlands car park are available from Main Reception.

Don't forget!

The Home School Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 9.45 on Tuesday 30th November. This is a great opportunity for you to voice your opinions and take part in fundraising for your child's school.

All parents are very welcome!

TC2 Theatre

TAVISTOCK CHILDREN'S THEATRE CLUB PRESENTS

WEST END WONDERS

SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
2.30PM & 6.30PM

THE WHARF THEATRE,
TAVISTOCK
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