

# Weekly Newsletter

**Spring Term 2020**

**Date: 17th January**

**Skill for Success—Responsibility**

**“Think about how the things you do affect others”**



## **Water Bottle Hygiene**

From today children must take their empty water bottles home from school everyday.

At home water bottles need to be:

- taken apart
- washed with warm soapy water
- rinsed
- left to dry upside down

This needs to happen everyday in order to prevent bacteria building up within the the lid or bottle. With training or supervision, this is a job that Most children could do for themselves and would contribute to their ‘responsibility’ skill for success.

At this school we follow strict health and safety rules and guideline in order to ensure safe drinking water is available but it is vital that bottles are kept clean as well and this is a responsibility of parents.

## **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**

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**HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Our next event will be a school disco on Thursday 6th February.

5-6pm Reception and Key Stage 1

6.15– 7.15pm Key stage 2

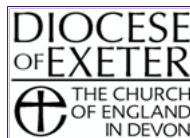
**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS**

This term clubs will only be for Key Stage 2 children. All clubs are run voluntarily and many of our staff members have additional roles and responsibilities within our school which mean they are not always able to commit to an after school club.

**SWIMMING SQUAD**

Trials for Years 4, 5 and 6 were held on Wednesday afternoon and the training squad will be announced on Monday.

Children will then have time to improve their performances by the Swimming Gala on Friday 28th February.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER****ST.EUSTACHIUS' CHURCH**

**0.4 FTE 16 hours per week for 37 weeks per year (including 4 weeks paid leave) starting Easter 2020**

**Contract: Fixed Term initially for 2 years**

Closing date for applications: 12 Noon on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Interview date: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
To register your interest and receive full details of the post please send an email to [parishoffice@tavistockparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@tavistockparishchurch.org.uk)

For an informal discussion, please send your details to the above address with a telephone contact and someone will call you.

**HEARD IN MRS SELBIE'S OFFICE**

Y3 child—I've really learnt to concentrate and improve my work

Mrs Selbie—Yes, I can see you have!

**CELEBRATIONS**

All children can take part in the Children's University. Learning hours can be recorded in a passport and these total to achieve certificates, badges and ultimately, a graduation ceremony at Plymouth University.

**GARDEN DAYS this half term—wellies, layers of old clothes ESSENTIAL!**

Nursery—Thursday 30th January

Reception—Friday 14th February

Key Stage 1—Friday 7th February

Year 3—Friday 24th January (tbc)

Year 4—Thursday 6th February

Year 5—Friday 31st January

Year 6—Wednesday 22nd January

Year 6—Thursday 23rd January

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

Tues 21st—Y5 Art Project (3 days)

Wed 22nd—Health and Safety Audit

Thurs 23rd—Ilona Assembly KS2

Thurs 23rd—Youth Speaks Competition

Friday 31st—Y6 Family Assembly

**February**

Tues 4th—Governing Board meeting

Wed 5th Y4 Dance festival

Thurs 6th—Disco 5-6pm YR and KS1

Thurs 6th—Disco 6.15-7.15pm KS2

Fri 7th—YR Family Assembly

Mon 10th—Parents' Eves 3.30-6pm

Tues 11th—Theatre group visiting Y6

Wed 12th—Parents' Eves 3.30-6pm

Wed 12th—Cross Country (1—Meadows)

Fri 14th—Y4 Family Assembly

**ASK YOUR CHILD**

What challenges in your learning did you have this week?

**GOVERNING BOARD**

This half term our dedicated Governors are providing support and challenge in the following areas:

Curriculum—Geography, Design Technology, History and Art  
 Reading in Key Stage 2  
 Pupil Premium Strategy  
 Behaviour Review  
 Attendance  
 Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC)  
 Online Safety  
 Induction of new governors  
 Training for teachers and teaching assistants  
 Safeguarding action plan  
 Headteacher appraisal  
 Introduction of Tapestry to Foundation Stage  
 Foundation Stage move to new building  
 PE Strategy 2019-20  
 Wellbeing and workload audit and actions  
 Finance and budget for 2020-2021

**SCHOOL DATES**

2019—2020

Half Term

Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb

Easter Holidays

Monday 30th March to Monday 13th April  
 Start of Term

Tuesday 14th April

Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May

Half Term

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May and  
 INSET Day—Monday 1st June

Start of Term for children

Tuesday 2nd June

End of Term for children

Friday 17th July

INSET Days—Mon 20th and Tues 21st July

2020—2021

INSET Days Thurs 3rd and Fri 4th Sept

Children back to school **Monday 7th Sept**

**ATTENDANCE**

This week we reviewed our attendance with our Education Welfare Officer (EWO), Sandra Nightingale. The school is held to account for every child with absence of less than 96%. Following the meeting, these actions will be taken:

5 children 'on watch' for 6 weeks

9 parents receiving letters from school

4 parents receiving letters from EWO

1 parent receiving a legal warning

1 x information sent to Devon for unauthorised holidays (may result in a penalty)

**PERSISTENT ABSENCE**

The Department for Education define any child with attendance of less than 90% as a 'persistent absentee' and prioritises this group due to the damage caused to their educational opportunities.

In whole school assembly last week, we looked at the learning 90% means you miss: 1/2 day a week, 4 school weeks a year, 1/2 a school year across Key Stage 2.

**BEHAVIOUR**

'Good to be Green'

Last week children were reminded of our scheme—rewards and sanctions, and will be refreshing their 'class rules' this week. Last week across the whole school:

**RED = 5 cards**

This half term we are carrying out a review of our behaviour policy and procedures. Mrs Selbie is leading this review and will be involving all groups of staff members, parents and children. Governors will support and challenge this process through observing, questioning and analysing the findings.

On Monday evening teachers reviewed the current policy and made suggestions to highlight any difficulties and improve consistency across the school day.