Tavistock Community Primary & Nursery School



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Message from the Headteacher:

Skill for Success this half term—

Responsibility



Advance notice—World Book Day is on <u>Thursday 7th March</u>. We will be inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character and holding a family reading competition—more details will follow after half term.

Governing Board

We are pleased to be able to recruit another Parent Governor to our board. This dedicated group of volunteers ensure that the school is well supported and challenged to improve. If you wish to discuss the role then Mrs Caroline Down, Chair of Governors will be delighted to answer your questions. Contact her via the school office or email cdown@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk

Primary PE Performer Award

We were delighted to hear that Phoebe was the winner of this award from Tavistock College last Thursday evening. Well done Phoebe!

Year 6 Dissection Visit

On Tuesday Year 6 went to the Science laboratories at Tavistock College to watch a dissection. Responses ranged from "fantastic!" to "gruesome!" but all agreed that it was interesting and they had learned more about organs.

Mobile Numbers

Please ensure that you have shared your up-to-date number with the school office. We use these numbers to text useful messages and essentially, to get hold of you if necessary.

Trailblazers Youth Club

This club is for all KS2 children held at Tavistock Methodist Church. It includes many games, activities and crafts.

Fridays 6.30—7.45pm Contact—<u>chris@tmc.me.uk</u>

Foundation Stage New Build

The demolition company completed their work this week and have moved off site. The next stage of drilling and surveying the ground will now commence.

Swimming Squad

The following children have been selected for the squad this year: Reuben, Archie, Joe, Jenson, Jenna, Niamh, Katie, Miley, Henry, Riley, Tobias, Louis, Phoebe, Katie, Josie and Amelia. We wish them well for their training and the forthcoming swimming gala.

Youth Speaks Competition

3 teams of Year 6 children have been busy preparing for this public speaking event this evening. Good Luck to our team members—Amalie, Autumn and Theo; Ben, Isobel and Matilda; Jenna, Olivia and Sophie.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our Nursery runs a Snack Cafe for the children every morning from 10-11am. We really need some help with this and are looking for parent volunteers (just 1 day would be great!) to prepare food and assist our youngest children. Please talk to the Nursery staff for more information.

Kale in the Library Event

Tuesday 29th January 2-4.30pm Tavistock Library

- Yummy smoothies
- Storytelling
- Recipes

FREE drop in, all welcome.

Advance Notice—Bag to School Thursday 7th March

If you are having a Spring clear out, please keep items for our collection in March. The 'blue bags' will come out with children after half term.

Tavy13 Primary Schools Challenge

Sunday 24th March 2018—£8 entry The main challenge is to try and reach an overall total of 12 running miles by 24th March. On the Sunday you will complete your 13th mile at the Tavy 13 Half Marathon event and be awarded your TAVY13 t-shirt and medal. Tavy13 Club will start at this school next Wednesday 30th January 3.15-4.15pm and more details will be sent out this week.

Diary Dates

Events in January

Wednesday afternoons—swimming Continues for squad and selected KS2 pupils Tonight—Youth Speaks competition

Events in February

Mon 4th, Tues 6th, Thurs 7th —Y5 Art Project Mon 4th—Parents' Eve 3.30-5.30pm Tues 5th — Internet Safety Day Tues 5th — Governors' Board Wed 6th — EWO Monitoring visit Wed 6th — Parents' Eve 4-6pm Thurs 7th — Chris Harding Assembly Tues 12th — Cross Country

Family Assemblies

Friday 1st Feb—Year 6 Friday 15th Feb—Year 4 Friday 1st March—Years 1 and 2 Friday 8th March—Year 5 Friday 15th March—Year 3 Friday 29th March—Year Reception

Term Dates

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb Half Term Fri 5th April Last day of term Tues 23rd April First day of term Mon 27th to Mon 3rd June Half term Fri 19th July Last day of term

Tuesday 3rd Sept—First day of term