

5th November 2021

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter



Tavistock
Primary & Nursery School

Excellence for all

www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk | 01822 616044
Find us on social media | f t

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break and an extra warm welcome back to Mrs Richards, returning from maternity leave to teach Class 6.

We have also been delighted to welcome 4 new guinea pigs to our school. Thanks go to Mrs Holden for finding them, collecting them and setting them up in our internal courtyard. The children have been busy thinking of names for them this week. The house captains will be making a short list of the suggestions today and we will take a vote next week.

If you are a parent of a reception child, please try and make time to come to our parent workshops and coffee mornings, detailed in today's newsletter. The teachers have prepared lots of useful advice and information for you and the Home School Association will be providing refreshments.

I hope you all had some fantastic family time at Half Term and have come back refreshed and ready to begin the second half of the Autumn Term.

I would like to share my congratulations to the following children who have been awarded medals for **Resilience**; our Skill for Success last half term.

YR: Jake and Albie
Y1: Teeyah and Alfie
Y2: Lilli-Grace and Marianne
Y3: Reegan and Fred
Y4: Bethany and Elliott
Y5: Keira and Lukas
Y6: Tristan and Kourtney

Winners of the Good to be Green Lottery (prize - £5 book token for Bookstop):

Foundation Stage: Florence
Key Stage 1: Leo
Year 3: Emily
Year 4: Alexis
Upper Key Stage 2: Phoebe

Well done to all!



This half term's skill for success is **Self-Belief**



School Lottery

Did you know our school has a lottery? Tickets are only £1 and there is a grand prize of **£25,000!**

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/tavistock-primary-and-nursery-school>

WINNER—This week's winner was Mrs A who won £16.50!

Dates for Your Diary

- > Friday 12th November Year 5 Trip to Escott
- > Friday 19th November Reception Garden Day
- > Friday 19th November Children in Need (Wear spots!)
- > AGM Meeting 30th November
- > Thursday 2nd December Year 3 Garden Day
- > Thursday 2nd December Christmas Disco
- > Friday 3rd December Year 1 Trip to Theatre Royal
- > 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
- > 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



It is November and that means a new Musician of the Month! This month's musician is a British composer, **Ethel Smyth**, who was prominent in the early 1900s. Her compositions include songs, works for piano, chamber music, orchestral pieces, choral pieces and operas. Smyth was a Suffragette who devoted herself to women's rights campaigning and also worked as a radiographer during WWI. She was the first female composer to be awarded a Damehood. Her Opera, "The Wreckers" (about Cornish villagers luring ships onto the rugged coastline on stormy nights, so that they could steal from them!), was highly acclaimed and is still performed today.



FREE gardening equipment for your school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.



Children In Need

The bear is back! Children in Need is fast approaching, so make sure your child wears something spotty to school on **19th November 2021**.



Please bring £1 to school on this day and give to your class teacher.

Let's help support this brilliant cause!

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.

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Home
School Association Presents...

Christmas Disco

Thursday 2nd
December 2021



YR/KS1 (C2-C7)

5pm—5:45pm

KS2 (C8—C15)

6pm-7pm

All children must be signed in, and collected
by an adult at the end.

Entry £1 includes drink and snack.



TREAT
YOUR DOOR
THIS YEAR
for only
£20

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 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

amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support our school every time you shop, by donating 0.5% of the cost of your purchase, at no extra cost to you.

AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

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.



Tavistock
Primary & Nursery School

Excellence for all

www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk
01822 616044
Find us on social media [f](#) [t](#)



Primary and Nursery
school for 2-11 year olds

Extended hours
provision - open from
8.00am-6.00pm

Rich and varied experiences
through excellent facilities
inside and out.

We're on Instagram!

Make sure you head
over and follow us to
stay up to date with
news from the school.



@tavistockprimary

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.



Welcome back to Mrs Richards who has returned to work after her maternity leave, we're pleased to have you back with us. She has had a beautiful baby girl. **Congratulations!**



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:
admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk 01822 616044

REMINDER

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

Poppies and other items will be available from next week for a donation.



Available from Main Reception.

Tavistock College are offering an exciting opportunity for local children to take part in basketball with professional athletes from Plymouth City Patriots.



They are proud to be the host site to the latest junior basketball league team, The Tavistock Timberwolves.

More information on how to register and join can be found on the PCPclass4kids website using the link below and scrolling down to the Tavistock Timberwolves booking section: <https://plymouthcitypatriots.class4kids.co.uk>

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!



THE LIONS CLUB OF TAVISTOCK

GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY



Saturday 6th November

Tavistock Football Club

(by kind permission of Tavistock Community Football Club)

Gates open at 6.15pm

Display starts at 7.00pm (prompt)

ADMISSION

TICKETS IN ADVANCE

from Ron's Pets, Tavistock Pet Emporium, Visitor Information Centre, Shield's DIY & Fairway Furniture

Adults.....£5
Under 16s.....£1.50

TICKETS ON THE GATE

Adults.....£6
Under 16s.....£2
Family ticket
(2 Adults + 2 U16s).....£15

Come early and enjoy the LIONS' BARBECUE

PLEASE leave your own fireworks at home, including SPARKLERS
NOTE: Entrance from Tavistock Football Club and the Brook Lane to Crowndale Road cycle track (Parking available at Tavistock College)

For further details call 0345 8334807 or visit www.tavistocklions.org.uk

Kindly sponsored by

FAIRWAY
FURNITURE
MAKING YOUR HOUSE
FEEL LIKE HOME

www.fairwayfurniture.co.uk

Foundation Stage Workshops

There are three workshops planned for your Reception children over the next few weeks. Please see dates below:



**-Thursday 11th November (9am–9.45) –
Introduction to Reception Workshop**

-Thursday 18th November (9am–9.45) –Maths Workshop

-Thursday 25th November (9am–9.45) –Phonics Workshop

Parents of Reception children are very welcome to come along and stay to chat after the workshops. There will be a lot of useful information and advice that our expert teachers have put together for you.

Please adhere to Covid Safety guidelines.

Refreshments provided by HSA.

Baby and Toddler Group

Another fantastic session at our Baby and Toddler group this week with Mrs Jones.

The children painted fireworks, explored sensory play-doh, drew fireworks with chalk and played with glitter!

We have a limited number of spaces left for our sessions, which run every Wednesday (Term Time) at 1.45. Contact reception for more information or to sign up.

