

Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Date: 7th February

Skill for Success—Responsibility

“Think about how the things you do affect others”

Safer Internet Day—‘Together for a Better Internet’

Tuesday 11 th February

All children in our school will share a Safer Internet Day Assembly led by our Computing Lead, Mr Holt. Children will then complete safer internet activities back in their classes.

As it is a few weeks into the new year, now is a good time to review your digital use at home.

Parents:

- Regularly talk to your children about what they are viewing, their interests and contacts they are making
- Agree time limits for screen use
- Turn off all ‘blue light screens’ 1 hour before bedtime
- Require all overnight charging to be done out of the bedroom
- Role model the use you want your children to follow

Year 6 children have been told to leave their phones away from their bedrooms at night—please encourage them to do this in order to promote better sleep habits.

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

Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator: Mrs C Smith

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CELEBRATIONS

Well done to Bluebell, Adam and Zoe for their Children's University certificates this week.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Premier Foods for their donation of £250. We are putting this towards resources for our Garden Days.

HEARD IN THE DISCO

"Wow—look at your moves, Mr Holt!"

FUNDRAISING FOR MIND

In January Mrs Barnes inspired a number of staff members to be physically active everyday. She also led an aerobics session for staff after school and provided a fruit platter for everyone to enjoy. In total, Mrs Barnes raised £100 for the MIND charity.

BEHAVIOUR

'Good to be Green'

Last week: **RED = 4 cards**

SAFETY NEAR OUR SCHOOL

There is a 30 mph speed limit on Plymouth Road and all drivers need to drive with additional care near our school due to young children and families near the road.

**PARKING IN OR NEAR OUR SCHOOL**

There is no parking for parents in our school car park and as it is private land, you are liable for any damage to vehicles. Please be warned that if you stop in the bus bay to drop/collect children, you are stopping illegally and may be fined. Thanks to the Town Council, FREE passes for the Meadowlands car park continue to be available from the School Office.

DISCO

We had a great time last night—101 YR and KS 1 children and 142 KS2! Thank you to everyone who helped—we raised £240.

REMINDER—PARENTS' EVENINGS

Please use Parentmail to book your appointment time.

TAPESTRY INFORMATION

All Reception and Nursery parents are invited to a 1/2 hour presentation about the new assessment record 'Tapestry'.
Thursday 13th February 9-9.30am in the Hall

YEAR 4 DANCE

Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed a morning of different dance sessions at the college on Wednesday. They experienced country, charleston, break dancing and movement to the lion king music.

GOVERNING BOARD

On Tuesday evening the Governors discussed:

- School report from Mrs Selbie
- Business report from Mrs Gawman
- Performance tables of local schools
- Safeguarding
- Ratification of policies

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

Mon 10th—Parents' Eves 3.30-6pm
Tues 11th—Parents' Eve 3.30-6pm (C12 only)
Tues 11th—Theatre group visiting Y6
Wed 12th—Parents' Eves 3.30-6pm
Wed 12th—Cross Country (1—Meadows)
Wed 12th—Youth Speaks, Callington
Thurs 13th—Parents of Reception and Nursery meeting about 'Tapestry'
Thurs 13th—Parents' Eve 3.30-6pm for C13 Mrs Lake and C15 Mrs Base only
Fri 14th—Garden Day for C2 and C3
Fri 14th—Y4 Family Assembly
Thurs 27th—Education Welfare Officer monitoring visit
Fri 28th—Y3 Family Assembly
Fri 28th—Swimming Gala @ Meadowlands

ASK YOUR CHILD

How are you feeling?
(Children's Mental Health Week)

EASYFUNDRAISING



UK's biggest charity shopping website.

Our HSA is registered as Tavistock Community Primary and Nursery School.

Thousands of companies are available through the web page. If you buy through the page, it costs you nothing but raises funds for our school.

We have already raised £625.

ROALD DAHL'S THE BFG

Adapted by David Wood

Performed by Tavistock Primary & Nursery School's Theatre Club

Tuesday 10th March 2020

Marjon Arts Centre

7pm

Adult tickets £2 | Children go free

Available from the school office



Mark Wickett Holiday Camps

There is some availability for the half term multi skills provision.

Please contact:

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Move to our new Foundation Stage building

We hope to be handed the keys to our new building just after half-term.

During the 1st week we will open the building up for parents and the public to view at set times, more details to follow next week.

We have set up a moving in plan and would appreciate some additional help on either Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 26th or Friday 27th March to move resources.

If you can spare anytime on these days please let the office know.

Nursery children will move in on Wednesday 4th March.

Reception children will move in on Tuesday 14th April.



Whitchurch Scout Group currently has availability for girls and boys aged from 10 years old.

The scouts meet every Monday evening at 7.30 till 9.00 during term time and take part in activities such as mountain biking, hiking, den building, rafting and playing outdoor games. There is also the opportunity to take part in various camps throughout the year including a district camp that sees nearly 1000 scouts, cubs and beavers enjoy a week-end of fun.

Scouting helps children develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. They are able to try new things, provide service to others and build self-confidence.