



Tavistock
Primary

Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 20th December

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Dear Children, Staff Members and Families of Tavistock Primary,

As we come to the end of a busy Autumn Term, we can look back on the time we have spent together and this term we have much to celebrate—the quality of our curriculum and the standards our children achieve, our high attendance, sporting participation, range of after school clubs, family assemblies, garden days and many other successes.

All these achievements were recognised in our Ofsted report which validated our school as GOOD in all areas. However, we are never complacent and will continue to review our work and seek improvements in order to provide the best educational opportunities for our children.

As a school community we share our worries, frustrations, hopes and fears, mistakes and successes but, most importantly—we do this together. It is vital that every child and adult in our school community has someone to turn to—to say ‘well done—you did it!’ or to say ‘don’t worry—I’ll help you.’ Let’s all make sure that we share some kindness this festive season.

Mrs Selbie

Merry Christmas to Everyone—have a safe and happy holiday!

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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STARTING SCHOOL

RECEPTION YEAR SEPTEMBER 2020

Applications for starting school are now open and need to be in before 15th January 2020.

Our new Foundation Stage Building will be fully open by then and available to all Nursery and Reception children.

We encourage all prospective parents, families and friends to visit our school and have a tour during normal school hours.

We know that this is a vital decision for any family and we prefer to offer personal appointments to individual families.

Please phone the school office on 01822 616044 to arrange a time with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.

HEARD IN HOMEWORK CLUB

A big 'thank you' to Freyja, Riley and Lily in Y7 at Tavistock College for supporting and explaining lots of activities to children in years 3-6. Your commitment is very appreciated.

SKILLS FOR SUCCESS—'Self Belief' 'I know I can do it!'

C2—Harvey	C9—Jack
C3—Emily	C10—Oscar
C5—Tommy	C11—Jacob
C6—Sebbie	C12—Isaac
C7—Layla	C13—Ruby
C8—Noah	C14—Oliver
	C15—Liam

SANTA CLAUS VISIT

We were very lucky to have a visit from Santa Claus on Wednesday ably assisted by his elves from the Tavistock Lions' Club. Santa brought presents for every class in our school and we sang together and thanked him.

ST EUSTACHIUS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Hooray! - We won the school's trophy.

GOOD TO BE GREEN—demonstrating a positive learning attitude EVERY DAY!

Winners of a £5 book token

Foundation Stage— Sebastian

Key Stage 1— Dude

Lower Key Stage 2—Lottie

Upper Key Stage 2—Cerys

CUP WINNERS for AUTUMN TERM 2019

Amey Cup for Endeavour—Scarlett

Striplin Cup for Expressive Arts—Alexander

Meal Time Assistant Award—Felix

Sporting Attitude—Courtney

KS1 Brown's Cup for Effort and Enthusiasm—Emilia

KS2 Brown's Cup for Effort and Enthusiasm—Connor

Jade Stoke's Shining Star—Hollie

Swimming—Keira Lee

Well done to you all for your achievements.

ASK YOUR CHILD

Did you enjoy your party?

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

Monday 6th 8.55am Back to School



Tues 7th—Governors' Meeting 6pm

Wed 8th—Education Welfare Office monitoring visit

Tues 14th—Catalyst Youth workers

Fri 17th—HSA meeting

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