



Monday 28th June 2021
Good Morning Everyone

COVID SYMPTOMS

Devon County Council has advised schools of an increase in rates of infection in the 0-19 and 20-39 age group. Let's keep following the rules and guidance.

YOU MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL if you or a member of your household has any symptoms of Covid 19. The Government rules for 10 days self isolation and testing continue to apply to everyone .

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

NHS guidelines for testing

Get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are different tests you can get to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19). The test you need depends on why you're getting tested.

The 2 main tests are:

- PCR tests – for people with symptoms, they're sent to a lab to be checked
- rapid lateral flow tests – only for people who do not have symptoms, they give a result in 30 minutes

SPORTS' DAYS

We were lucky enough to have fine weather on our Sports' afternoons last week. All children were impeccably behaved, demonstrating sporting behaviour through their competitive participation and, very importantly, by cheering and supporting their class mates. The children had a great time finishing the afternoon with a traditional ice-lolly treat. It was different without a family audience and we thank the vast majority of parents who were respectful of the safety restrictions we put in place.

SUMMER FAIR – RAFFLE

The raffle took place on Friday afternoon in front of a group of children, two staff members and the Chair of the Home School Association (HSA). 31 prizes were awarded and we will be in contact with the lucky winners.

AMAZINGLY in these very unusual times, we raised the most money we have ever done for the raffle – **OVER £1000!!** Thank you for showing your support in this way. The money will be spent directly on the children of this school.

SCHOOLS' LOTTERY

Every week, a winner from this school wins about £20 while also raising money for our school. In recent weeks a couple of winners have also donated their prize back to school and we thank them for their generosity. We are on track to raise £1300 for the year. There are currently 66 tickets entered every week so the chances are good. Please use this link to sign up to enter for just £1 per ticket:

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ENTRANTS

This week our new Reception children will start visiting their new classes for short periods.

ATTENDANCE

We continue to have the highest rate of attendance of schools in the local area. Coming to school regularly and on time is an essential part of education and enables children to access all the learning opportunities available to them. This morning I gave 34 praise letters to children who had improved their previous low attendance.

HOLIDAYS

Please note that holidays, extended weekends or birthday celebrations will not be authorized by this school. However, please do not try to hide the reason for your child's absence; a relationship built on honesty between home and school is the best way to support your child's education.

GARDEN DAYS

Friday 2nd July - Year 5

Thursday 8th July - Year 4

Friday 9th July - Reception

Thursday 15th July - Year 1

Friday 16th July - Year 3

Wednesday 21st July – Year 2

DATES FOR EVENTS

Activities week for all Y6 children - Monday 28th to Friday 2nd July (uniform is not required)

Bag 2 School – Wednesday 7th July (collection from outdoor classroom)

Move On Up Day – Wednesday 7th July – all children

Meet the Teacher Wednesday 7th July – letter home with children

Annual reports home – Thursday 8th July

Parents' Evenings – Monday 12th July – telephone appointments will be made available

Y6 Leavers' Shows – Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 6-7pm

End of Year Assembly – Thursday 22nd July, 9.30am (location tbc)

Y6 TRANSITION

Tavistock College has advised us that, due to revised Covid guidance for secondary schools, they will not be offering the 3 day taster visits in on 6th, 7th, 8th July. Therefore, our Y6 children should attend this school in the usual way for those dates.

Best wishes, Lynnette Selbie