



Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 4th October

Skill for Success—RESILIENCE ‘keeping going even when it’s hard’

PARENT GOVERNOR

We have 1 vacancy for a parent of a child at this school to join our Governing Board.

The Board meet once a month to plan, discuss and review the school’s progress across all areas of school life. If you would like more information please contact the school office or look on our website.

<https://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk/website/governors/296415>

GOVERNING BOARD

On Tuesday the Governors met to agree their responsibilities. This year they are working in teams to monitor the areas—quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, leadership and management, personal development, early years education. They do this by reading school documents, analysing outcomes, interviewing staff and pupils, listening to parent feedback, class, playground and assembly visits.

In this way they are well informed about the policies and practices and can challenge and support the school to build on the educational provision for all children.

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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OPENING OF GOOSE FAIR

Tuesday 8th October 6pm

The opening of Goose Fair will again take place by the dodgems in the Bedford Car Park. Rowlands' Fair is offering free rides to all primary aged children between 6-7pm on this evening. School is closed to children on Wednesday 9th October due to this annual local event.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

The very popular Theatre Club has 5 spaces available (£5 weekly/£40 term for 1 1/2 hours). Next week parts will be given out for the performance of the 'BFG' at Marjons Theatre.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—feedback

We are aware that some of you were not satisfied by the quality or range of photographs this year. We used a different company this year and will not be using their services again next year. Please can any orders be handed in by Tuesday 8th October.

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

October

Mon 7th and Tues 8th—Parents' Evenings 3.30—6pm

Wed 9th—Goose Fair, school closed

Thurs 10th—Y3 Multi skills at Lamerton

Thurs 10th—Parents' Evening for Nursery only 3.30pm-6.00pm

Mon 14th—Flu Vaccination Yr R—6

Tues 15th—Catalyst Youth Games with Y6

Thurs 17th—Girls' Football Tournament

Fri 18th—C5, C6, C7 Family Assembly

Tues 29th—HSA Christmas card orders back to school

Wed 30th—Education Welfare Officer monitoring visit

Wed 30th—Netball @ Tavistock College

November

Fri 1st—Family Assembly Y4

Wed 6th—Futsal

CELEBRATIONS

Football—The 'A' and 'B' teams got through to the semi and quarter finals in the Large Schools' Tournament on Wednesday. Mr Holt was again very proud of how our teams conducted themselves, displaying impeccably manners and behaviour.

YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

Despite some challenging weather this week our children have performed very well on their bicycles. 4 children learnt to ride during the week and others were developing their skills. Children who completed the course were awarded a Level 1 or Level 2 award. Tony Walters, lead trainer said "All the children worked very hard and were a pleasure to teach."

HEARD IN THE MEADOWS

As Class 11 were leaving the swimming pool, they saw ducks in the canal, "C'est un canard" - language skills in context following their French lesson the same afternoon.

WE STILL HAVE A FEW TIMES TO BE FILLED FOR GOOSE FAIR CARPARKING**HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

All funds raised will be spent on children at Tavistock Primary. This year we are asking all parents to give **just 1 hour** of their time to support the school.

Goose Fair Car Parking

Wednesday 9th October—sign up for 1 hour car park attendant—High vis jackets and walkie/talkie will be provided. This year we are trying to raise £2000 in just 1 day!

HSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

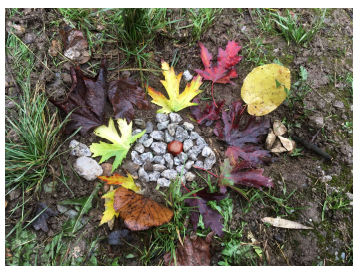
The HSA bring you some advance exciting news—the top prize in this year's Christmas raffle is a family ticket (worth £150) to **'Cinderella' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth on Saturday 18th January.**

What a fantastic donation!

Raffle tickets will be on sale after half term.

GARDEN DAYS

Our first 'Garden Days' for different year groups have been very successful and it was wonderful to see and hear children and staff members work, learn, play and laugh in our outdoor spaces. We will talk to the children and review before next half term but would also welcome your parental feedback.

**HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

This half term we will not be going to St Eustachius Church for our assembly. This festival will still be recognised in school and through a collection for the local Food Bank. We will continue to go to our parish church for the two major Christian celebrations at Christmas and Easter.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Monday 7th October 3.30-6pm

Tuesday 8th October 3.30-6pm

Thursday 10th October—Nursery only

These days and times are for all children in all classes. Our teachers value the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you and we want to see 100% of children represented on these evenings. This term we are offering time slots on our electronic system, ParentMail. Please contact the school office if you need help with your appointment.

EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER

Following a monitoring visit on Tuesday, there will be 'improvement required' and 'praise' letters given out in the next week. There is a direct link between good attendance and children's progress. Please make contact with Mrs Selbie or Mrs Handel if you have any concerns or need support.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Passports from the Children's University are available for FREE from the school office. All children are able to take part in out of school learning—school clubs, guides, scouts, swimming, gymnastics, theatre group, library activities, visiting historic houses and park. All the hours count towards certificates and badges—bronze, silver and gold. Gold award recipients are invited to a special graduation at Plymouth University.

ASK YOUR CHILD

What does
'kind hands, kind feet, kind words' mean in school?

NURSERY HELP

Nursery would appreciate any volunteer helpers to assist with their daily snack café, between 10.00-11.30am, if you feel you could spare some time please see the office to arrange a DBS check, thank you.

MARK WICKETT HOLIDAY CAMPS

Mark Wickett is once again offering some sporting sessions over half-term, for more details contact the school office.

SJS ARTS

SJS Arts is a young people's performing arts company that develops skills in acting, devising drama, music theatre and movement through workshops, weekly sessions and performances.

We work with 7-18yr olds and are always happy to welcome new students.

SJS Arts Juniors (7-11yrs)-Fridays 3.45pm-5pm at Kingdon House, Tavistock.

We are working towards some exciting projects this term including performing at Dickensian Evening and a small end of term production based on The Snow Queen.

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