



Tavistock
Primary

Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 11th October

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

PARENTS’ EVENINGS

It was really good to see so many of you this week to discuss your child’s progress so far this year— 96% attendance with only 16 children not yet represented. The verbal feedback from parents about the electronic booking system for appointments was very positive and we will use this again for the next time.

Please contact your child’s teacher if you still need to make an appointment.

Research collated by the Education Endowment Fund states: *“Parents play a crucial role in supporting their children’s learning, and levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with children’s academic outcomes”*

However, our partnership with you is about so much more than ‘academic outcomes’. When we work together, children receive consistent messages from adults who care about them, who want the best for them and they thrive from this support.

We have a genuine ‘open door’ policy. All teachers are available on the playground before the start of school for a quick message, or after school for a longer discussion- please arrange a time through the school office. Either Mrs Handel or myself are available everyday to support our children and families.

Mrs Selbie

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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HOMEWORK CLUB

This club has been made available for all Key Stage 2 children and has proved even more popular this term. Thank you to Y7 students Riley, Freyja and Lily who have volunteered to help at the club—it is really appreciated! We are delighted that 37 children have chosen to stay on a Friday afternoon and work hard to do their homework. However, please can parents note that this is not just a free childcare provision and if your child does not want to be there and disturbs others, you will need to make alternative arrangements.

ELMER and ST LUKE'S HOSPICE

At Wednesday's auction, the 40 full size Elmers raised £323,750 for St Luke's Hospice. What a superb amount for such an important service. Our Elmer is coming home! This weekend we are fetching our Elmer the Elephant, decorated and renamed 'Tavy' from Mount Edgcumbe. Look out for him around the school next week.

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

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
 Fri 18th—HSA Christmas cards home
 Tues 29th—HSA Christmas card orders back to school
 Tues 29th—Fire Service to visit Y2 and Y6
 Wed 30th—Education Welfare Officer monitoring visit
 Wed 30th—Netball @ Tavistock College
 Wed 30th—Year 5 rearranged trip to Escot
 Thurs 31st—Y3 trip to Paignton Zoo
 Thurs 31st—Interviews for Kitchen Manager

November

Fri 1st—Family Assembly Y4
 Wed 6th—Futsal
 Fri 8th—Family Assembly Y6

SKILLS FOR SUCCESS—RESILIENCE

A child will be selected from every class next week to receive a resilience medal which will be presented in assembly on Monday 28th October. The 'Good to be Green' raffle will also be drawn with £5 book tokens for 4 children across the school.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

All Y6 children need to have applied for their secondary school by Thursday 31st October. Please note that Tavistock College has been over subscribed for the past 2 years.

HEARD IN THE CORRIDOR

"When I'm in Year 6, I'm going to be 'top standard' too" - Year 2 child

ASK YOUR CHILD

What's your favourite subject?
 Why?
 What are you learning in it?

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

All funds raised will be spent on children at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School.

GOOSE FAIR CAR PARKING

A special thank you to the few parents and grandparents who were able to give some time as car park attendants. We raised ~~£1195~~, slightly more than last year but not as much as the year before!

HSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Top prize is a family ticket (worth £150) to see 'Cinderella' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth on Saturday 18th January.

Raffle tickets are coming home today £1 per ticket/£5 per book—please ask if you need anymore.

HSA CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children will be bringing home their designs before half term. Please send your orders and the correct money in by Tuesday 29th.

SCHOOL DINNERS 'The Primary Diner' Menu

Our new menu from after half term is available on our website or via 'live kitchen'. All meals are made on the premises, following and complying to the highest nutritional and hygiene standards. The ingredients are sourced as locally as possible:
 J&S Downing, Tavistock—meat
 Tamar Fruiterers, Saltash—fruit and veg
 MJ Baker, Newton Abbot—dry goods

All children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 are entitled to FREE school meals and should be having this meal everyday. This is a brilliant way to get children to try a variety of foods—you'd be surprised at what they will eat with their friends but NEVER eat at home! We can always cater for food intolerances and allergies if you let us know.
 Key Stage 2 children—a choice of 2 courses which includes pudding and fruit salad—Really good value at just £2.20!

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

10am to 4pm £15 cash/£16 cheque
 Monday 21st
 Football and Goalkeeping 5-9 yrs
 Tuesday 22nd
 Just Play Football 7-11 yrs old
 Wednesday 23rd
 Cricket, Tennis, Hockey & Frisbee 5-9 yrs
 Mark Wickett Soccer School—615995/07975 832249

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Every time you place an order online for over £10, the company donates £1 to us to spend on books.

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**RESIDENTIAL VISITS FOR YEARS 4, 5 and 6
RESERVE YOUR PLACE QUICKLY!**

For many years we have organised successful residential visits for children in Key Stage 2. This is due to our belief in the valuable experiences they provide, shared by the staff members who volunteer to accompany.

For 2019-20 our trips are:

Year 4—2 nights/3 days at the Dartmoor Residential Centre

Year 5—3 nights /4 days staying at St Paul's Youth Hostel, London

Year 6—4 nights/5 days camping at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre, Cornwall

It is very important that children and families discuss these opportunities and quickly decide if you wish to take part. We know that these trips are a lot of money—there are 50% discounts for children entitled to free school meals, and there are always payment plans which can spread the cost—come and see us!

Tavistock Methodist Church

LIGHT PARTY
A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

Craft, games, stories, disco, dancing and a party tea!
 Celebrate the light!

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Ages 0-4 years 1pm-2.30pm
 School Years Reception-Year 6 4.30pm-6.30pm

@ Tavistock Methodist Church (Parents must accompany children.)
 @ Tavistock Methodist Church (Parents must accompany children under the age of 5. All older children stay unaccompanied.)

£2 each

WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHING
 No Halloween costumes please.

For more information contact deborah@tmc.me.uk or ilona@tmc.me.uk
 LIGHT Party is a TMC Family Work Project Event www.tmc.me.uk/children