



Tavistock
Primary

Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Date: 10th January

Skill for Success—Responsibility

“Think about how the things you do affect others”

**Happy
New Year!**

Welcome back to a new term, year and decade at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School!

In 2020 we are so looking forward to opening our new Foundation Stage building.

We continue to review and evaluate our work and this term:

- We will finalise our curriculum in all subjects and publish on our website
- We will be implementing some agreed actions to ensure that the workload of staff members is efficient and supports their wellbeing
- We will be starting a teaching and learning vocabulary project throughout the school
- We will be using our revised reading curriculum and reading booklists

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

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HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**Christmas Raffle**

A total of £333 was raised through the sale of raffle tickets. This money will be used to support all the children at our school. There were 25+ prizes awarded and the top prize of pantomime tickets will be enjoyed next Saturday afternoon. Our winning family have children in Year 2 and 5 and are looking forward to this family treat.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Meeting Friday 17th January 9am in school

Our next event will be a school disco on Thursday 6th February.

5-6pm Reception and Key Stage 1

6.15– 7.15pm Key stage 2

HEARD IN THE DINING ROOM

“Welcome to Tavistock Primary, Mrs Warnett”

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Our school clubs are run voluntarily by staff members and enrich the curriculum we offer to our children.

Our clubs are over-subscribed and we keep registers to monitor the number of children attending each week. We expect all children to attend regularly, on time and with the correct kit. If a child is not able to attend for a week, it is polite for them to inform the club leader.

Information about clubs will be sent home at the beginning of next week and you need to ‘sign up’ on Parentmail.

Homework Club Friday 3.15-4pm starts this evening and runs every week in C14.

All children from Key Stage 2 are welcome and most children in Years 3-5 are able to complete their work within this time. Year 6 children will need to put more time at home in order to complete the expected quantity.

CELEBRATIONS

Blue 1061

Red 969

Yellow 959

The winners of the most house points last term were the Green House with 1155. Children from this house enjoyed 10 minutes of extra play this week.

GARDEN DAYS this half term

Nursery—Thursday 30th January

Reception—Friday 14th February

Key Stage 1—Friday 7th February

Year 3—Friday 24th January

Year 4—Thursday 6th February

Year 5—Friday 31st January

Year 6—Wednesday 22nd January

Year 6—Thursday 23rd January

ASK YOUR CHILD

How are you showing ‘responsibility this week?’

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

Tues 14th—Catalyst Youth workers

Wed 15th—Swimming Squad trials (Y4, 5,6)

Fri 17th—HSA meeting 9am

Fri 17th—Holocaust workshop Y6

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

February

Tues 4th—Governing Board meeting

Wed 5th Y4 Dance festival

Thurs 6th—Disco 5-6pm YR and KS1

Thurs 6th—Disco 6.15-7.15pm KS2

Fri 7th—YR Family Assembly

Mon 10th—Parents’ Eves 3.30-6pm

Tues 11th—Theatre group visiting Y6

Wed 12th—Parents’ Eves 3.30-6pm

Wed 12th—Cross Country (1—Meadows)

Fri 14th—Y4 Family Assembly

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Please note the payment deadlines for all residential visits. We have to book places for children in advance and we are then bound by the terms and conditions of booking, to pay for these places. If you wish your child to go on any of the residentials, please make sure you have paid your deposit. Our Business Manager, Mrs Gawman will be pleased to answer any queries.

GOVERNING BOARD

Our governors met on Tuesday evening and shared information from the previous term. They also set their monitoring schedule for this term in the areas of:

Quality of education
Personal development
Behaviour and attitudes
Early Years
Leadership and Management
Finance, Personnel, Health & Safety

SCHOOL DATES

2019—2020

Half Term

Monday 17th Feb to Friday 21st Feb

Easter Holidays

Monday 30th March to Monday 13th April
Start of Term

Tuesday 14th April

Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May

Half Term

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May and
INSET Day—Monday 1st June

Start of Term for children

Tuesday 2nd June

End of Term for children

Friday 17th July

INSET Days—Mon 20th and Tues 21st July

2020—2021

INSET Days Thurs 3rd and Fri 4th Sept

Children back to school **Monday 7th Sept**

BEHAVIOUR—'Good to be Green'

Our system is used to help all of our children make positive social and learning choices whilst they are at school and beyond.

Every child starts each day on green. If they deviate or do not listen to the school rules, the card is changed to amber. If they change and demonstrate positive behaviour, the card can be changed back to green.

Red cards are given for significant breaches and parents and families are informed.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

A vital part of primary schooling is learning to forge healthy relationships through communication. Throughout the school we practice a script which is used between 2 children.

Child 1: When you ..., I felt ..., Because ...

Child 2: Has to listen and respond

In this way children learn to express their feelings in an assertive manner and others learn to appreciate the impact of their actions on others.

WELCOME

We welcomed Mrs Rachel Warnett as our new Kitchen Manager this week.

After working at another local school for some years, Mrs Warnett has returned to Tavistock Primary and Nursery School. Our menu will be the same this term in order for Mrs Warnett to settle in and get to know us and she is also keen to hear from children about their likes and dislikes.

ROTARY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

All children aged 7+ are eligible to enter.

The theme is 'Through my eyes' and children need to submit 3 photographs using any equipment (phone/tablet/camera).

Entry forms are available from the School Office and entries need to be back by next Friday 17th January. Please talk to class teachers if you need any support with printing.