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Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed some family time over the holiday period and managed to keep well. I am feeling fully recovered after my brush with Covid and looking forward to the term ahead, particularly the days drawing out next month. The children have lots of exciting events to look forward to, please have a look at the curriculum overviews for your child's year groups (available on our website from Monday) which detail their learning for the next half term.

In light of government guidelines released this term, we have made some changes to our risk assessment. The most notable of which is that the children are no longer 'bubbled' in their year groups. Please remember that mask wearing is not advised for primary age children and they should not bring a mask to school. The risk assessment is available on our website, please ask at the office or speak to me or Mrs Alexander on the playground if you have any questions about this document.

The list of clubs available this term will be coming out within the next week. Clubs will run, as usual, for 8 weeks, 4 weeks either side of half term. Clubs begin immediately after school. Most clubs finish at 4:00pm, but there are a few sports clubs that go on until 4:15pm. The exception to this is homework club, which will continue until the penultimate week of term.

Mrs L Handel
Headteacher



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Dates for Your Diary

- > Feb 21st half term week begins
- > Week commencing 28th March Y4 residential trip to Dartmoor
- > 11th April Easter Hols
- > Week commencing 9th May Y5 residential trip to London
- > Monday 2nd May school closed for bank holiday
- > May 30th half term week begins
- > Week commencing 27th June Y6 residential trip to Porthpean
- > Friday July 22nd School Closed

IMPORTANT REMINDER

With Covid 19 cases on the rise nationally, please remember it is Government advice to continue to undertake a lateral flow test regularly. Please inform the school if you receive any positive test results. If you have not yet had your vaccine or booster jab, please consider booking in for it.

Let's all do our bit to get through this!



January bring us a new year and a new Musician of the Month. This month is the turn of Sigur Rós.

Sigur Rós are an Icelandic band whose music consists of a mix of classical and modern styles. Lead singer, Jónsi, plays a wide range of instruments and is known for playing electric guitars and violins using a cello bow, in order to create an unusual sound. He sings in a made-up language called Vonleska, which translates to 'Hopelandic'.

The physical geography of Iceland is incredibly dramatic and that, together with their love of nature, has heavily influenced their music. Hoppipolla from their album Takk was used in both the BBC Planet Earth and BBC Blue Planet series.



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