



Tavistock
Primary

Tavistock Primary & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 6th December

Skill for Success this half term — SELF BELIEF ‘I know I can do it!’

CHRISTMAS DINNER—Thursday 12th December

Only meat/vegetarian Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday—there will be no jacket potatoes or sandwiches available on this day.

In response to our children's concerns about plastic and waste, this year we are making our Christmas hats from **NEWSPAPER** and writing our own jokes. Please send any newspapers in to school.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION—CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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

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

We are lucky to have lots of other donated prizes:

- *Family ticket to Buckland Abbey
- *2 tickets to Devon County Show
- *2 entries to River Dart Country Park
- *Voucher to Trethorne
- *Candle & diffuser from Ravins
- *Family swim at Meadowlands



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

Email: admin@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk Telephone: 01822 616044

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL— ST EUSTACHIUS' CHURCH

Our tree this year has been created with naturally made decorations from all the children. We were very saddened to hear of the robbery from the church so if you are able, please visit, vote for Tree 49 (ours!) and leave a donation for the upkeep of our parish church.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to the local Round Table for supplying us with a tree again this year. It has been decorated by children from our After School Club.

CELEBRATIONS

Well done to all the children and families who took part in the Santa Fun Run on Sunday.

Our Athletics team also performed well at Tavistock College on Wednesday and came 6th out of 12 teams.

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EASY FUNDRAISING

If you sign up with 'easyfundraising', every purchase from over 4,000 retailers provides a donation to our school. Please use for your Christmas shopping—Thank you.
<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tavistockprimary/>

Bag 2 School

On Tuesday our collection raised £72 for our school. Thank you for your support.

DICKENSIAN EVENING

Our children will be singing on the stage in Bedford Square at 6pm this evening.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children are welcome to bring cards in to school and put them in the post box. Please make sure they have the name and class on the envelopes.

GOVERNING BOARD

On Tuesday evening our governors met for the last full meeting of the term. This was the last meeting chaired by Caroline Down as she is stepping down from this role in December. Caroline was delighted to be able to celebrate the 'GOOD' outcome from the recent Ofsted with everyone and the members of the board thanked her for her dedicated and resilient leadership during the last few years. The Board elected Mr Liam Cottrell as Chair of Governors with immediate effect (LCottrell@tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk) and also appointed 2 new governors—Mrs Sky Scott (Parent Gov) and Mr Nick Nottley (Partnership Gov).

OLD PHONES

We are appealing for any old iphones that may be in the bottom of drawers that you could donate to our school. The 'notes' app on the iphone is one of the easiest voice activated software for children to use.

The BOOK PEOPLE #BigBookBoost

Every time you place an order online for over £10, the company donates £1 to us to spend on books. Select Tavistock Community Primary and Nursery School
thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost

MARK WICKETT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Monday 23rd December
Just Play Football
Friday 27th December
Football and Goalkeeping
Monday 30th December
Cricket, Tennis, Hockey & Frisbee
01822 615995/07975 832249

HEARD IN THE OFFICE

Key Stage 1 Child and Parent:
"We'd like to donate for an additional child to go on the theatre trip on Friday."
Thank you for your kindness.

NSPCC CHILDLINE**0800 1111**

Childline are there for every child—in the evenings and in the holidays. In order to have trained people available on the phones they need to raise funds throughout the year.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Friday 20th Dec**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on the last day of term instead of their school top—other normal uniform should be worn. We will be collecting donations for the NSPCC.

This does not have to be a bought jumper—Tavistock Scrapstore are running ‘decorate a jumper’ events this Saturday 7th December 11am, £3, bring your own jumper at The Printworks OR just wear some tinsel!

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

December

Fri 6th—Dickensian Evening, Tavistock

Children singing at 6pm

Mon 9th—Foundation Stage Nativity 2pm in the School Hall (doors open 1.50pm)

Tues 10th—Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am in the School Hall

Wed 11th—Y6 to Exeter Museum for WW2

Thurs 12th—‘The Littlest Elf’ show C2 and C3

Thurs 12th—Christmas Dinner

Tues 17th—Eye Tests for C2 and C3

Tues 17th—Storyteller C2 and C3

Thurs 19th—End of Term Assembly

St Eustachius Church 9.45am

Fri 20th—Christmas Jumper Day for NSPCC

ASK YOUR CHILD IN Key Stage 1

What are the ingredients in your Christmas cake?

**HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This meeting was held last Friday and was attended by 11 parents and a representative from the school. Details of the fundraising and accounts for the year were shared and are available to all parents.

Committee Roles for 2019/20

Chair—Katherine Wing

Vice Chair—Alison Spry

Treasurer—Karen Smith

Secretary—Jo Ellis

GARDEN DAYS

Tues 10th Dec—C10 and C11

Thurs 12th —C12 and C13

Fri 13th—C5, C6 and C7

Tues 17th—Nursery

All children need to wear layers of warm clothes, waterproof coats and wellies. Children must have a change of footwear—1 pair for the garden and 1 for inside the school.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Please bring:

- Party clothes on the day in a bag
- Safe shoes for active party games
- A couple of party snacks on a named paper plate (no nuts/nutty spreads or shellfish)

Children will eat their normal school dinner or packed lunch before their party.

(Nursery children will have festive activities during their normal session—no food required)

Tuesday 17 th Dec	Year 1/2 - Classes 5, 6, 7 Year 5—Classes 12 and 13
Thursday 19 th Dec	Year Reception – Classes 2 and 3 Year 3 – Classes 8 and 9 Year 4 – Classes 10 and 11 Year 6 – Classes 14 and 15

Tavistock College
Faculty of Creative Arts
warmly invites you to
our Christmas Wreath
Making Workshop



Please join us on **Monday the 16th of December** from

6.30pm-8.30pm in Tavistock College Main Hall to create your own wreath guided by Amanda Randell Cox of the Academy of Floral Art.

This is a unique opportunity to create a fantastic Christmas wreath* and share a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie with friends.
All proceeds raised will support the Tavistock College Creative Arts Faculty.

Tickets are £20 and are available online using www.ticketsource.co.uk/tavistock-college and selecting Christmas Wreath Making Workshop.

All enquiries contact k.wyatt@tavistockcollege.org

*all equipment and resources will be provided but we would welcome you bringing your own secateurs and aprons and any personal decorations



CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER ST.EUSTACHIUS' CHURCH TAVISTOCK

Hours 0.4 FTE 16 hours per week for 37 weeks per year
(including 4 weeks paid leave) starting Easter 2020

Contract: Fixed Term initially for 2 years

Closing date for applications: 12:00 am on 7th January 2020
Interview date: 21st January 2020

The ideal candidate will enable the church to reach out to the new families that will flow into the parish area as a result of the current housing developments in Tavistock.

The post holder will help strengthen the existing relationship between the church, homes and schools, and engender a really attractive church community for young people and their families.

By supporting and strengthening current initiatives for children and families at St Eustachius' Church, including Messy Church, Vestry Group, Open the Book, and Nosh@9.30, the post holder will also identify new mission and faith opportunities with this age group and help develop new worship for young people and families.

To register your interest and receive full details of the post please send an email to parishoffice@tavistockparishchurch.org.uk For an informal discussion, please send your details to the above address with a telephone contact and someone will call you.

Closing Date for receipt of applications: Tuesday, 7th January 2020, 12 Noon.
Interviews: 21st January 2020.

treetops Holiday Club

£20

9am-5.30pm

That's just
£2.50 per hour

SUPER FUN • FOR AGES 2-12 • OFSTED REGISTERED
February, Easter, Summer Holidays and October 2020
We now offer a breakfast club 8am -9am £5 per child



Arts and Craft

Indoor and outdoor Games

Days Out: assault courses, caves,
sport days, trampolining,
animal encounters and much more.

For more information contact:

Please visit our website: www.treetopscildcare.co.uk
Email: treetopsextendedschools.com Telephone: 01837861761



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Tavistock Methodist Church Family work project
presents...

CHRISTMAS S:CAPE!

Join us for a fun filled
afternoon of Christmas
crafts, games, painting,
challenges, dancing, party
tea and the message of the
real meaning of Christmas.

Saturday 14th December

3pm - 5.30pm

School Years Rec - Year 6

For more information contact
ilona@tmc.me.uk or
deborah@tmc.me.uk

All children under the age of 5 must be accompanied an adult. All older children will stay unaccompanied for safeguarding purposes.

£5
per child
half price for
siblings.

Dress Code:
Fancy
Festive!

Please bring a
named shoebox
for all your
craft!