

Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Date: 31st January

Skill for Success—Responsibility

“Think about how the things you do affect others”

PARENT/CARER EVENINGS

Booking will go ‘live’ on Parentmail from tomorrow morning. There are 2 evenings 3.30—6pm for every class—Reception to Year 6.

Monday 10th February– all classes

Wednesday 12th February—all classes except for C13 Mrs Lake and C15 Mrs Base. Due to other school commitments, Mrs Lake C13 and Mrs Base C15 will hold their second evening on Thursday 13th Feb 3.30-6pm.

There are no consultations for Nursery this term but please come to the ‘Tapestry’ information session on Thursday 13th February from 9-9.30am.

PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure that all children are on the play-ground in time for the whistles at 8.55am.

Our learning starts at 9am and children may miss vital information at the start of the day.



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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HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

School Disco
Thursday 6th
February
£1 entry
includes a drink
and snack



5-6pm Reception and Key Stage 1
Children to be brought to the main entrance
and collected from the hall.
6.15– 7.15pm Key stage 2
KS2 children will enter through the KS2
playground and collected from the hall.

ALL CHILDREN must be collected by an adult.

BEHAVIOUR

‘Good to be Green’

Last week across the whole school:

RED = 3 cards

plus a number of sanctions for loss of playtime
and lunchtime made by senior leaders.

CELEBRATIONS**Rotary Photographic Competition**

We are delighted that Oliver and Isla have
been invited to an Award Ceremony on
Monday 10th February at the Bedford Hotel.
We wait to hear their results!

SCHOOL DINNERS

2 course dinners are available FREE for all
children in Years R, 1 and 2. The nutritional
standards for school dinners ensure that
they do not contain too much fat, sugar or
salt. There are an increasing number of
children bringing packed lunches which are
not balanced and have too many processed
and sugary products.

Please talk to us if you want some support
with your child’s diet. Most children will eat
different foods at school than at home,
because they are with their friends.

ASK YOUR CHILD

What’s your favourite fruit or vegetable?

HEARD IN THE DINING ROOM

“You’ve eaten all of your dinner with beautiful
manners”

GARDEN DAYS

Reception—Friday 14th February

Key Stage 1—Friday 7th February

Year 4—Thursday 6th February

We would be very grateful if you have any
donations of the following:

- Tarpaulins
- Ropes
- Waterproof clothing
- Wellies

We are also trying to find a supply of branches
that would be suitable for ‘den building’. If you
have any ideas, please share them with us.

NUTS

We have a number of children with nut
allergies. Please make sure that all packed
lunches do not contain any nut products—this
includes some spreads in sandwiches and
cereal bars.

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

Wed 12th—Youth Speaks, Callington

Thurs 13th—Parents of Reception and
Nursery meeting about ‘Tapestry’

Thurs 13th—Parents’ Eve 3.30-6pm
for C13 Mrs Lake and C15 Mrs Base only

Fri 14th—Y4 Family Assembly

Thurs 27th—Education Welfare Officer
monitoring visit

Fri 28th—Y3 Family Assembly

Fri 28th—Swimming Gala @ Meadowlands

EASYFUNDRAISING

UK's biggest charity shopping website.

Our HSA is registered as Tavistock Community Primary and Nursery School.

Thousands of companies are available through the web page. If you buy through the page, it costs you nothing but raises funds for our school.

We have already raised £625.

**GOVERNING BOARD**

We will be advertising next week for a new Parent Governor.

This is a vital role for our school as Governors have a strategic overview and both support and hold the school to account.

Voluntarily, Governors need to be able to make a time commitment to our school:

- 1 evening meeting each half term 6-7.30pm
- Time to read and analyse documents
- Monitoring activities which usually include a visit to school to meet with children or adults
- Writing up short summaries of monitoring to report to the Board

If you are a parent of this school and would like to know some more about the Governors please contact our Chair of the Board:

lcottrell@tavistock.devon.sch.uk



Whitchurch Scout Group currently has availability for girls and boys aged from 10 years old.

The scouts meet every Monday evening at 7.30 till 9.00 during term time and take part in activities such as mountain biking, hiking, den building, rafting and playing outdoor games. There is also the opportunity to take part in various camps throughout the year including a district camp that sees nearly 1000 scouts, cubs and beavers enjoy a week-end of fun.

Scouting helps children develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. They are able to try new things, provide service to others and build self-confidence.