

18th February 2022

Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and dry at home today, with your rooves on and your electricity working. We had hoped to keep the school open today, but by 8:00am it was clear that the storm was making routes into school unsafe and so, with the agreement of the Chair of Governors, we decided to close. I am sorry for the inconvenience this will have caused many of you and apologies too, if you didn't get notice before you had set off for school.

The year six team, the office team and I have been looking into alternatives for the year six residential in June and we should be able to give you a firm outline of our plans in the first week back after the half term break. Many parents and carers have enquired about a contribution towards residential trips. A discretionary contribution towards the cost, of up to 20%, is available on application to governors.

I would like to wish you all a happy and restful half term. If the weather improves, we might even get the chance to enjoy the beautiful county we live in. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 28th February.

Mrs L. Handel
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

- > Feb 21st half term week begins
- > Red Nose Day (My Hero)
- > 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



As most of you are aware, we are saying goodbye to the lovely **Mark Wickett** as he settles into retirement. We are making a collection to buy him a farewell and thank you gift. Many parents have asked how they are able to contribute; if you would like to donate, please use the link here.

Thank you.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tavistockprimary-school?utm_term=JXp7kA8b8

The school newsletter will be moving to each fortnight after half term. Make sure you follow us on social media to stay up to date with the latest news and events from the school.



Reminder

Here at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School, we encourage a healthy and balanced diet. Snacks are fruit and vegetables and only water is allowed during lessons.

Please remember not to include chocolate or sweets in your child's packed lunch.



A lovely Valentines session was had this week at our Toddler Group. The children painted valentines hearts and shared stories.

Year 3 Visitor

Year 3 have had a visitor called Rania Amin Osman who spoke to the children about Islam and being a Muslim. She talked about the 5 Pillars of Islam and shared with the class how she prayed, what Ramadan was like and why she wore a hijab amongst other things.

The children asked so many questions that the sessions were too short! Comments from the children included 'I think Rania was very nice, informative and lovely' and 'she knew everything'. Rania also said she was impressed with how much the children knew already.



Year 2 Garden Day

Year 2 managed to avoid the rain and wind for garden day this week. They made dens, had hot chocolate and marshmallows, sketched human and physical features and walked to the moors.



Information for parents of pupils aged 5 to 17 years old on the vaccination programme (from DfE)

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Being vaccinated minimises the need for children and young people to have time off from school or college, and helps them to continue to carry out their hobbies, attend social events and live their lives to the full.

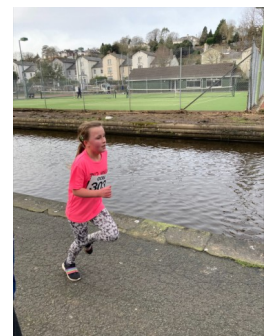
We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19.

Guidance on how to [book appointments](#) for children aged 12 years and over is available on the NHS website. Further information on the vaccination of high risk children aged 5 to 11 years old is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

Cross Country Event

Last week a group of KS2 children took part in a cross country race for local schools in The Meadows, organised by Ocra.

They all ran brilliantly and everyone enjoyed themselves despite being exhausted at the end! **Well done!**





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- Rich and varied experiences through excellent facilities inside and out.

