

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019

Date: 13th December

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

This is your final chance to buy a raffle ticket for Christmas

£1 tickets will be on sale at school next week

The draw will take place on Friday 20th December in our school assembly

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.

We are lucky to have lots of other donated prizes:

- *Family Cinema ticket for the Wharf
 - *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
- and many more ...



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

DICKENSIAN EVENING

Thank you to our children who sang beautifully on Friday evening and were supported by staff members. Mrs Base was particularly pleased with the number of Y6 children who came and swelled the sound with their 'big voices'!

CELEBRATIONS**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Yesterday Mrs Morgan and her team made and served 234 Christmas dinners and puddings! Thank you to the team for our delicious food. In response to our children's concerns about the use of plastic and the waste of paper, this year we made newspaper hats and wrote our own jokes to share over lunch—Ho! Ho! Ho!

EASY FUNDRAISING

If you sign up with 'easyfundraising', every purchase from over 4,000 retailers provides a donation to our school.

<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tavistockprimary/>

FAREWELL

We are saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Sue Staniland and Mrs Anna Morgan next week.

Mrs Staniland has supported some of our youngest children at Tavistock Primary for 27 years.

Mrs Morgan made her last school Christmas dinners for us yesterday as we are saying 'goodbye' to her next week after 23 years at Tavistock Primary.

These lengths of service are remarkable achievements and we know that the past and present school community have valued their caring commitment throughout the years.

We wish them lots of rest and relaxation (and some new adventures) in the forthcoming years.

Thank you from us all!

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 ON THE Y3 GARDEN DAY

Child: "Today we are making **real** home made chips."

Teacher: "No, really?"

Child: "Yes, from POTATO!!"

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

Mon 6th—8.55am Back to School

Tues 7th—Governors' Meeting 6pm

Wed 8th—Education Welfare Office monitoring visit

Tues 14th—Catalyst Youth workers

Fri 17th—HSA meeting

Tues 21st—Y5 Art Project (3 days)

Wed 22nd—Health and Safety Audit

Thurs 23rd—Ilona Assembly KS2

Thurs 23rd—Youth Speaks Competition

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.

Please do not buy a jumper especially for this day—many of us will be decorating a jumper and wearing our festive tinsel!

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December

Tues 17th—Eye Tests for C2 and C3

Tues 17th—Storyteller C2 and C3

Tues 17th—Parties for C5, C6 and C7

Thurs 19th—End of Term Assembly

St Eustachius Church 9.45am

Thurs 19th—Parties for C2 and 3, C8 and 9, C10 and 11, C12 and 13, C14 and 15

Fri 20th—Christmas Jumper Day

Donations for NSPCC

ASK YOUR CHILD

Did you enjoy your Christmas dinner?

What jokes did you tell?

Q: What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A: A puddle!

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Thank you to the parents and family members who have supported our school this term including Goose Fair carpark duty, collating and collating Christmas card orders, organising meetings, advertising Bag2School, counting funds and keeping accounts, acquiring raffle prizes, selling raffle tickets and serving teas at the Nativity. These activities raise funds that are spent on all the children at this school.

GARDEN DAYS

During our Garden Days we plan a number of outdoor activities. These sometimes include having drinks and snacks and often, making and enjoying a bonfire. Please speak to teachers if any of these activities are a concern to you or your child.

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
Thursday 19 th Dec	Year Reception – Classes 2 and 3 Year 3 – Classes 8 and 9 Year 4 – Classes 10 and 11 Year 5—Classes 12 and 13 Year 6 – Classes 14 and 15

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FOR YEAR 5

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.

Please bring a
named shoebox
for all your
craft!

Dress Code:
Fancy
Festive!