

# Weekly Newsletter

**Autumn Term 2019**

**Date: 1st November**

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

## **PUMPKIN RECYCLING**

This year we have linked with the organisation Andigestion in order to recycle pumpkins. There are special bins available in both playgrounds until next Tuesday.

There are also 2 competitions for Key Stage 1 and 2 and entries are emailed with the 18th Oct newsletter or you can collect a form from the school office. winners will receive a £15 book token. Entries need to be back at school by Tuesday 5th November.



## **HARVEST COLLECTION**

We are collecting for our local Food Bank. They are currently short of coffee, long life fruit juice, sugar, washing up liquid, washing powder and toilet rolls. Please bring any donations in to school and they will be taken to the Tavistock Food Bank which is used by local families in need.

## **ATTENDANCE**

For the first half term we have achieved **97.6%** across the school. Well done to everyone as good attendance supports children's progress, attainment, friendships and sense of 'belonging' at school.

## **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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**BIRTHDAY TREATS**

Please note that cakes and sweets should not be brought to school for birthdays due to possible allergies for some children.

We always recognise and celebrate individual children's birthdays through singing and clapping.

**GOVERNING BOARD**

Last week the Governors received the Inspection Data Summary Report from Ofsted. It gives information about our school in context when compared to national data. This helps the school and Ofsted to focus on areas which may need further investigation. Governors will be discussing this at their next meeting on Tuesday 12th November. All our meetings are open to the public, please let the office know in advance if you wish to attend.

**HEARD IN THE KEY STAGE 1 PLAYGROUND**

"I'm helping our new boy to learn the rules in our school."

**DIARY DATES**— calendar available on our website [www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk](http://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk)

**November**

Mon 4th –Futsal

Fri 8th—9.15am Family Assembly Y6

Fri 8th—Y6 to St Eustachius Church to perform at Tavistock College's Remembrance

Mon 11th—11am Remembrance silence

Mon 11th—Y6 to Plymouth Uni for Science

Tues 12th—Castle Drogo Cross Country

Tues 12th—Governing Board

Thurs 14th—Ilona Richardson KS2 Assembly

Fri 15th—9.15am Family Assembly Y5

Fri 15th—Children in Need—wear SPOTS for PUDSEY £1 mufti donation

Sat 16th—Christmas Lights in Tavistock

Mon 18th—Waste Assembly 10am

Fri 22nd —9.15am Family Assembly Y3

Mon 25th—Class Progress meetings for KS2

Thurs 28th—Steve Manning Storyteller KS1

**CELEBRATIONS****Skill for Success—RESILIENCE**

C2—Alice

C3—Alfie

C5—Summer

C6—Quinn

C7—Evie

C8—Tommy

C9—Kourtney

C10—Phoebe

C11—Ethan

C12—Felix

C13—Charlie

C14—Beth

C15—Joe

**Good to be Green**

Foundation Stage—Harvey

Key Stage 1—Charlie

Lower Key Stage 2—Charlie

Upper Key Stage 2—Izzy

**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

\*Gift Hamper from 'It makes Scentz'

\*Candle & diffuser from Ravins

\*Family swim at Meadowlands and many more ...

**PEN LICENCES**

In Year 3, when children's handwriting is fluent and joined they will receive their 'pen licence'. Pens should remain at school. This week 10 children in Year 3 have achieved this standard and Mrs Selbie will be assessing the other children weekly this half term.

**NSPCC PANTS RULES**

Across our school we will be talking PANTS with our children to help keep them safe from abuse. There are some excellent songs and animations for parents and children to use on the NSPCC website in order to continue the discussions at home.

- **P**rivates are private
- **A**lways remember your body belongs to you
- **N**o means no
- **T**alk about secrets that upset you
- **S**peak up, someone can help

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Tues 3rd—Bag2School Collection  
 Tues 3rd—6pm Governing Board  
 Wed 4th—Health and Safety Audit  
 Wed 4th—Athletics Tavistock College  
 Thurs 5th—Healthy Eating Workshop Y3  
 Fri 6th—KS1 to 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' at Theatre Royal, Plymouth  
 Fri 6th—Dickensian Evening, Tavistock  
 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

**HOMEWORK POLICY**

Every child at this school is expected to read every day—with or without an adult depending on age and ability. We have recently reviewed and revised our homework policy and there are some minor changes from this half term:

Years 3 and 4—weekly list of words linked to spelling strategies and timestables

Years 5—words from 5/6 word list and maths problems/timestables.

**EMERGENCY COVER MEALTIME ASSISTANTS**

We are always very grateful to any parents who are able to cover the occasional daily absence of Mealtime staff, if you would like to be included on this register please speak to the office staff. Hours are 12.00-1.15pm and the pay rate is £9.00 per hour.

**MISSING SCOOTER**

If your child has accidentally brought home the wrong scooter please return it to school as soon as possible.

**POPPY APPEAL—****Royal British Legion**

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal uses the money raised to support the communities of the armed forces and their families. Poppies and other remembrance items will be available at school from Monday. KS2 children will be coming around the classes to sell goods and collect donations.

**The BOOK PEOPLE #BigBookBoost**

Every time you place an order online for over £10, the company donates £1 to us to spend on books. Make sure you select Tavistock Primary and Nursery School [thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost](http://thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost)

**ASK YOUR CHILD**

What book are you reading with your class?