



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter – 24th January 2020

Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you to everyone who has been able to return their parent questionnaires, we really value your feedback. As a school, we are always trying to improve and really appreciate your views and input.

Father Philip led a Whole School Worship, which the staff and pupils really enjoyed. We are really looking forward to his future visits.

Miss Davy

School Improvement:

On Monday, our Academy Improvement Officer, Mr Swait, visited the school to look into our phonics and reading provision. He observed lessons, watched whole class reading and spoke to pupils. We had really positive feedback and are all really pleased with the impact that the hard work is having on improving this aspect of the curriculum. We have also received positive feedback from parents about the RWI (our new phonics and reading scheme), thank you so much for sharing this with us as feedback is hugely important to us as a school.

Mr Elliott has attended his final Maths subject leader course and is preparing to develop his new role further. He will start by carrying out some observations of Maths lessons, looking at pupil books and speaking to pupils across the school to gauge their thoughts about the subject. This will help him prioritise areas to develop and create an action plan.

Enrichment News: Due to the huge workload and organisation of trips, each class will have one main trip per year. There will be other enrichment activities throughout the year for the whole school. Please see below for Autumn Term enrichment activities.

Class	Parental Engagement Session	Trip or Enrichments	Sporting Event
Yes Tor (Pre-school)	Toddlers Stay and Play	Space Lab Weekly Wild Tribe	
Great Links (R&1)	Make a Castle DT afternoon Harvest Celebration	Weekly Wild Tribe Cotehele Trip Harvest – Lew Trenchard Manor and Church Space Lab	OCRA multi-skills
Fox Tor (Y2&3)	Harvest Celebration	Cotehele Trip Harvest – Lew Trenchard Manor and Church Space Lab Brunel Trip to Bristol Outdoor learning	OCRA multi-skills
Brentor (Y4&5)	Harvest Celebration	Cotehele Trip Harvest – Lew Trenchard Manor and Church Space Lab	Castle Drogo Cross Country (7 pupils)
Oke Tor (Y6)	Harvest Celebration	Cotehele Trip Harvest – Lew Trenchard Manor and Church Space Lab Life Skills Trip RSC – The Merchant of Venice	

After School Clubs: Art Club, Coding Club, Tae Kwando, Argyle Football, Book Club. Weekly Early Bird Readers (whole school)

Toddler Group – Toddlers will return on the week of the 20th January with **Chinese New Year – Noodle Play!!** For more information please see the website/Facebook page or ask Justine for the activities list for the rest of the term. This is a lovely group of parents and toddlers/babies, which meet on Mondays mornings (9am-11am) and Thursday morning (9am-11am) during term time with the fantastic Justine, with a love of messy play, it is usually a good idea to bring along a change of clothes! Each session is £2.00 and takes place in Yes Tor. Please bring your own snack. We hope to see you then!



We are collecting the large round plastic tubs (i.e. those used for Celebrations etc) for food tubs for Dartmoor Zoo. If you have any empty tubs you would like to donate, please and in at the office. Thank you for the ones we've received so far.

Wrap around care. This is now available to book via schoolmoney. **All bookings for breakfast club and wrap around care need to be made in advance** as much as possible as this helps us plan staff ratios needed. It also helps us order the correct amount of food to minimise waste and make sure everyone is well fed.

Please note that children need to be collected from Yes Tor (the pre-school classroom) – you will need to access via the wooden side gate, please ring the doorbell on the gate when you arrive. It is quite dark at the moment along the alley way, please be careful.

Attendance for last week

Yes Tor	100%
Great Links Tor	84.4%
Fox Tor	94.3%
Brentor	92.6%
Oke Tor	100%
Whole School	92.9%

National expectations are 96%

Please call the school office if your child is ill or late. We cannot rely on receiving Dojo messages, as the internet isn't great. Thank you.

Tavy13

You may have seen on Dojo before Christmas that the Tavy13 is fast approaching. This is a great opportunity for the children to take part in an organised running event. They will run 1 to 1.5 miles each week in the run up to the main event in Tavistock on Sunday 29th March. If your child is interested in taking part, please collect an entry form from the school office. Running club on Fridays after school will work to complete these miles.

School Money Payments – A reminder that all payments for School Dinners should be made *in advance*. If you have any issues with payment or access to the website, please see the office and they will help where they can. **All dinner bookings should now be made and paid for in advance.**

Please could we ask that any outstanding monies be paid as soon as possible. There should be no monies outstanding now please.

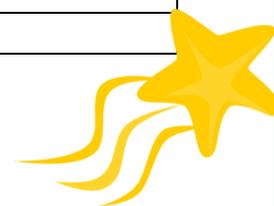
We have signed up to take part in The Sun Book for Schools Scheme. For more information on how you can help our school get some free books, please see the link below. Thank you!

<https://thesunfreebooksforschools.co.uk/>

Car parking – Please can we be considerate of our neighbours when parking for pick up and drop off.

Celebration Awards

	Child of the week	Values in action
Great Links	Annabelle – Positive attitude to learning	Lacey – Supporting others
Fox Tor	Conor – writing with confidence and stamina Matilda – taking on challenges and questioning	Phoebe – motivation and resilience
Brentor	Monty – amazing attitude and being resourceful	Scarlett – kind and welcoming
Oke Tor	Macie – independence in Maths learning	Poppy and Charlotte – supporting others with their learning



Free School Meals – A quick reminder that Free School Meals not only entitle your child to Free School Meals, but can also provide the school with extra funding for your child to go towards other areas of learning. If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, even if your child brings a packed lunch every day, you can follow either of the links below:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

An Daras Vacancies – Please follow the link for information on vacancies within the An Daras MAT

<http://www.andaras.org/web/vacancies>

Dates for your diary

W/C 3rd February – Bikeability for Year 6

W/C 10th February – Bikeability for Year 5

W/C 17th February – Half Term

26th February – Andaras football competition at St Catherine's

May – Year 2 SATs

W/C 11th May – Year 6 SATs week

School Dinners – Please can all Dinners be paid in advance of at least a week via School Money * **Sickness and diarrhoea** - If your child experiences an upset stomach, they should be kept off school for a **minimum of 48hrs**, in order to minimise the spread the illnesses * **Morning drop-off** - Children should be at school in time for the bell at 9am. If your child is ill, or will be in late, please could you make sure that you contact school (**01566 783 273**) so we can inform class teachers. If your child is not in school by 9.30am, and we have not received a message, they could be registered as late, and this will affect their attendance * **Wet Weather Coats** - please ask that all children come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing – water proof coats for all children please, and wellies for Yes Tor. * **Comments for Governors** - If you have any comments or suggestions for the school Governors these can be placed in the red box outside of the office



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