



# Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019



*Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy*

Dear parents/carers,

We really cannot believe that we have reached half term already!

This week we have celebrated Harvest, the children were amazing writing and performing their own poems and prayers as well as signing beautifully, thank you Mrs Sutherland for your super signing teaching. Thank you to all of the parents, families, staff and governors who were able to attend and to Lew Trenchard Manor and Church for enabling us to have such a fantastic celebration. Great Links and Fox Tor had a great multi-skills afternoon despite the weather. Great Links had an amazing time making their castles during their parent enrichment afternoon, thank you for your support. Oke Tor have more class pets to help them with their science learning and Brentor have been inspired by their new science theme of "Space". To complete the week, the whole school has been "pinked" to raise funds for a very worthy cause that is close to many of our hearts, thank you for your support. A busy end to half term!

I would really like to thank the whole school community for your support in my first half term at Lew Trenchard, it really has made settling in much easier and I have absolutely loved being a part of such a special school.

**Brentor Class Teacher** – we are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mr Dale Payton as Brentor's class teacher from January 2020. Mr Payton will be having regular transition times with Mr Reeve throughout the Autumn Term to ensure that the class get to know him (and he gets to know them) before he starts.

**Parent meetings** - Oke Tor, Fox Tor (Year 2 only) and Great Links (Year 1 only) will be holding half an hour parent meetings during November, please look out for sign-up sheets (Oke Tor has one up on Dojo). Brentor, Fox Tor (Year 3 only) and Great Links (Reception) will have the usual shorter parent meetings in November too. There will be longer meetings for these classes in either Spring or Summer term.

**Home Learning** – Please see Dojo for the new Home Learning policy which we will be officially starting after half term. Reading remains a priority throughout school and we will be holding a parent meeting about this soon. All year groups from 1 – 6 will be bringing home "Knowledge organisers" to help them learn the knowledge that they will need for their theme learning. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

**Toddler Group** – Toddlers after half term will be Monster play dough. 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 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 between 9.00am and 11.00am. Please bring your own snack.

**Safeguarding** – As you are aware, one of our main priorities is keeping our pupils safe. We have had a health and safety/safeguarding audit, which highlighted a few areas that need improving in addition to the procedures that we have already introduced. During half term we will be having a secure door fitted to replace the existing wooden door from the office into the main building. The existing door is not fit for purpose so this is a priority.

**Guitar lessons** – Dave Rich is our new guitar teacher, and will be in Wednesday afternoons. Lessons are 20 minutes and £10 per person, payable in half-term chunks. If you would like further information or to book your child, please see the office.

**Class Dojo** – If you haven't done so already, please sign up to the Class Dojo, as we hope to discontinue sending the newsletter out via email, and instead use Class Dojo as of the first week after half-term. Thank you for your positive feedback so far, we will endeavor to solve our internet problems out as soon as possible so that we can use it to its full potential. Please ask if you are having difficulty accessing the Class Dojo app.

**Coding After School Club** – We have had a query from a local company, South West Coding, to see if we would be interested in holding a Coding After School Club to start after half-term. Sessions would be an hour and would cost £5 per child. If your child would like to do this, please could you let the office or class teacher know as soon as possible, as we will only book this with them if there is interest. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up for this.

**School Money Payments** – A reminder that all payments for School Dinners should be made in advance, or paid off in full ***as soon as possible***. If you have any issues with payment or access to the website, please see the office and they will help where they can. Please could we ask that there are no outstanding amounts due over half-term. Thank you.

**Fire Safety Talks** – We have arranged Fire Safety talk for Fox Tor and Brentor on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup> November. This is an opt service, so you only need to return the slip attached to the letter (sent out in bags, but spare ones in the office if needed) if you DO NOT want your child to take part.

**Jumble Sale** – The FLS are organising a Jumble Sale for the 30<sup>th</sup> November at the Lewdown Victory Hall, if you are available to help on this day, please let us know, we really do appreciate all the help we can get at these events and it is this help that ensures these events are a success. If you have any donations of jumble items (Clothes, Bric a Brac, Toys, Shoes etc), these can be handed in at school, and will be collected for storage elsewhere. Alternatively, if they are setting up in the hall the night before, items can be dropped there then, just please let us know that you are planning this.

**Individual and Family School Photos** – These are booked in for the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Flu Vaccines** – We have sent out letter regarding this years' Flu Vaccine booked in on the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Consent/decline of this can be done via the website on the letter.

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

**Johnny Cowling at Strawberry Fields** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.50 including a pasty. Music from Lee Marshall. Tickets available from Lifton Stores and David Parish Menswear or by calling 01566 783 550. See posters for more information.

**P.E Kit** – Please can parents support their children in remembering their P.E kits for P.E. This takes place on a Wednesday (Zumba) and Thursday (Argyle). Children will need shorts/leggings, a t-shirt, trainers and a jumper if the weather is cooler. It is also a good idea for children to have a bottle of water at school, especially on P.E days.

**Branches in the field** – Trees were pruned in the playing field and there is probably a trailer load of branches that need removing, would anyone be interested in having them for a bonfire or just to help us clear the playing field.

**Pilates** – Wednesday 6.30pm with qualified instructor Elize in the school hall. £5 per session no need to book. Please note this is not an after school club but is for adults.

### **Celebration Awards: Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

#### **Good learner of the week:**

**Greats Links:** Kestor

**Fox Tor:** Guy

**Brentor:** Olivia and Livvy

**Oke Tor:** Sienna

**Yes Tor: Star of the week:** Otto

#### **Values in Action:**

Gracie

Matilda

Ruby

Charlotte

#### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 18th October – Last Day before Half Term begins

Monday 28th October – Back to School

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November AM – Individual and Family photos

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November PM – Flu Vaccines

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Fire Safety Talks

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

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

**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 **Parent Advice Slots** – Our family support advisor, Sue Fairgrieve has parent advice slots on Mondays from 3pm. Please see Tracey or Bex if you would like any further information \* **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 \* **An Daras Vacancies** – Please follow the link for information on vacancies within the An Daras MAT <http://www.andaras.org/web/vacancies>



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