



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 29th November 2019



Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy

Dear parents/carers,

This week started with an exciting visit from Jaz, who led dance classes for years 2 to 6. The children loved it! Yes Tor and Great Links had another fabulous Wild Tribe session, these will continue for the rest of term and will carry on into next term. On Tuesday, Fox Tor went on a thrilling adventure to Bristol to enhance their learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The children were exceptionally knowledgeable, enthusiastic and engaged throughout the day. Staff at SS Great Britain commented on their exemplary behaviour, and they did a great job of representing the school – we are all very proud of them! Thank you to Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Dawkins for organising such a memorable trip for the children, and to all the parents for their support. We know that this will be a trip they will remember for life. Preparations for December are well under way, and we look forward to sharing this special time of year with you all.

Miss Davy

Attendance (week ending 15th Nov)

Yes Tor	100%
Great Links Tor	85%
Fox Tor	95.9%
Brentor	92.7%
Oke Tor	93.3%
Whole School	92.5%

National expectations are 96%.

We are very aware that we have had conjunctivitis and that this has affected our attendance this week.

School Improvement: In order to develop the children's life skills and help them become independent individuals, we have introduced Learning Dispositions. There are five Dispositions; Independence, Resilience, Collaboration, Reflection and Responsibility. We have used trees to represent each one. You may have noticed your child has come home with a sticker. The adults will write a brief explanation of why they were awarded one, please ask your child to explain further, as this will embed their understanding as well as inform you. Weekly Good Learner awards are based upon these. We know that these skills will prepare them for challenges, both in the school and in life.

Toddler Group – Toddlers next week will be **potato painting!** 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 Friday afternoons (1.15pm-3.15pm) 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!



P.E Kit – We have noticed a decline in the number of children bringing in appropriate P.E Kit. Although we have some spare kit, this does not fit everybody and there is not enough. 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 dark (navy or black) shorts/leggings, a blue or white 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. P.E is a statutory part of the curriculum.



Card Christmas Tree – This year we would like to encourage the school family (staff, parents, governors and pupils) to write messages instead of sending cards and hang them on the book tree which will be in the reception area. We hope that this idea will save paper and therefore help the environment. Please try to upcycle old cards, cereal boxes, envelopes etc for your messages.



Wrap around care – We are looking in to the provision of ‘wrap-around’ care. This would mean providing after-school care (time to be confirmed) as well as breakfast club. Please let us know if you would be interested in using this. Please ask for a slip from the office or give us a ring.

Fire Safety Talks – Unfortunately, the Fire Safety talks were postponed due a member of their staff being ill. This has been re-arranged for the morning of the **5th December**.



Christmas Fair and Disco – The Christmas Fair and Disco this year will be held on the evening of the 6th December 5-7pm at school. Disco in aid of year 6 end of term day trip. At the fair there will be Santa’s grotto, tombola, refreshments, raffle, cake stall, bric- a-brac and much more. Please let us know if you have any other ideas or can help on the night.



Last Day of Term – This is Wednesday 18th December, we will return to school on Tuesday 7th January.

Polar Express film night – Thursday 12th December 3.30pm
Reception to year 6, £2 entry to include hot chocolate and cookie.
Hot dog 50p, sweets and popcorn 20p. Please purchase tickets from the office or any FLS members. Please bring P.J.’s, blanket etc for after school.



Book Bus – We have managed to book in The Book People’s Book Bus! On the 13th December, we will have a bus full of books parked on our playground for the day from around 8.30am! Children will get a chance to go on the bus and have a look around, and so will parents – a great opportunity to get some stocking fillers (with many books reduced to 70% off RRP). The school will receive commission on any books sold on the day. We will be sending out more information nearer the day. Please spread the news, as we will be inviting the local community in as well (we will have time slots in the morning and afternoon so as to avoid breaktimes).



School Money Payments – A reminder that all payments for School Dinners should be made in advance, or paid off in full **weekly**. 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 any outstanding monies be paid as soon as possible.**

Christmas Dates:

On the 10th December we will have an afternoon Christmas performance at 2pm (please note this is also a dress rehearsal, but parents are welcome). There will also be an Evening Christmas performance at 5.30pm on this day. The Christmas hamper raffle will be done on this day.

On the 17th December we will be having Christmas songs and a short service at St Peter's Church. We will walk the children down in time for a 2.45pm start. Parents are welcome, and children will need to be collected from church at 3.30pm

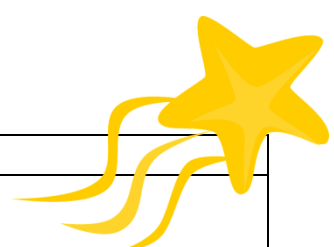
Wildtribe Kit – Please can Yes Tor and Great Links ensure that they have Wellington boots, a coat and old clothes every Monday for the whole of this half term for these outdoor learning sessions.

Coding Club will continue next term, with a limit of 15 children. Letters have gone home this week to those who already take part, but if your child is interested in starting, please see the office.

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.

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

Celebration Awards: Week ending 22nd November 2019



	Good learner of the week	Values in Action
Great Links	Emma – Resilience and independence	Gracie – showing kindness to all
Fox Tor	Ellie S – resilience and independence	Tyler – kind, caring and helpful
Brentor	Ruby – Resourcefulness in all learning Logan D-H – Positive attitude and resilience	Ruby H – Optimising Lew Trenchard’s values
Oke Tor	Macie – resilience, trying really hard to work independently in maths	Poppy – always polite and respectful and helping out around the classroom

Yes Tor: Star of the week: Harper

Dates for your diary

Saturday 30th November – Jumble sale
Sunday 1st December – Christmas wreath workshop
Friday 6th December - Christmas Fair and Disco
Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11th December – School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th December – Polar Express film night
Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day/The Book People
Book Bus
Thursday 17th December – Christmas Church Service 2.45pm

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. * **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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