



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Monthly Family Newsletter

October 2022



Together we Grow in Knowledge, Serve with Joy

Dear Families,

I have been reflecting on the first half term with great pride for our wonderful school family. It has been a busy and exciting half-term and we are all looking forward to what the next half term will bring.

Also, a huge thank you to you all for your continued support and the hard work of our amazing staff, without which we couldn't engage in the enrichment opportunities that our children access.

We hope you have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 31st October.

Miss Davy

School Improvement

As well as our usual monitoring, it has been wonderful to be able to access face-to-face training this half term. So many of our team have already undertaken training, both face-to-face and virtually.

Mrs Abbott-Bray has attended Diocese training to support her in her role as RE subject lead. Mrs Sutherland has attended a Science event, Mr Elliott has completed early reading CPD, Lisa and Chloe have completed Team Teach training, led by Mrs Laithwaite. Mr Elliott and Mr Payton have completed two-day first aid training. Justine and Mrs Lane have begun an Autism course. Miss Davy has attended training on Ethos groups and committees and Visible Learning Coaches forum. All staff and governors have completed child protection refresher training and Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2022, which is updated every September.

Pupils across the school, have completed a "Pupil mind frames survey" as well as class Capabilities Curriculum assessments. Both are used to inform teaching and learning.

After School Enrichment Clubs and PE days for Autumn 2

Monday

PE

Brentor, Fox Tor and Great Links

After-school club

Reception & KS1 Frisbee Golf

Wednesday

PE

Brentor & Oke Tor

After-school clubs

KS2 Tag Rugby

Coding club

Thursday

PE

Fox Tor

Friday

PE

Oke Tor and Great Links

After-school club

Choir

Book club continues as before.

We are also starting after school booster groups for KS2. Mr Payton and Mr Elliott will inform families of times and days as soon as possible.

Our School Vision

In whole school Collective Worship, we have been thinking about what our school vision means to us as individuals, as a school family and within the wider community.

To begin with, we thought about the "Together we grow in knowledge" part.

We thought about how this is beyond our curriculum learning and how other experiences in life help us grow in knowledge beyond the classroom.

As we thought about the second part "and grow with joy", we realised this was more challenging to explain. We made links to Queen Elizabeth II when she said, "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

We thought about ways that we serve ourselves, each other and beyond. The children gave wonderful examples such as sweeping the leaves in the playground, smiling, and saying "hello" and collecting for charity, among many other examples.

Our values of kindness, responsibility and respect also link closely to our vision. The children were amazing at verbalising this and gave wonderful examples to illustrate again.

We would love our families to think about what our vision means to them and if you could share these with us, we can add them to our display.

Finally, we linked this to the bible story which underpins our vision.

"The Good Samaritan" Luke 10 v 25-37

The BBC bitesize version of the story is available online too:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwxm97h/revision/6>

Class news

Staff will be updating their class pages on the website with Knowledge Organisers, KIRFs and other information about your child/rens' learning during the first week back. Please keep your eye on Class Dojo for more information.

We have noticed a huge improvement in pupil engagement in home learning, thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher for any questions, support or guidance needed.

Provision map meeting for SEN pupils have either been planned for the first week back or completed, again, thank you for your support with these. We know that the best outcomes for our children are achieved when we all work together.

Pupil progress meetings are being held on Tuesday 1st November or at an alternative time for virtual meetings.

Celebration News

Good Learner

	7.10.2022	14.10.2022	21.10.2022
Brentor	Ashley	Oliver	Delilah
Fox Tor	Bonni	Lizzie	Alivia (Brentor)
Oke Tor	Hannah	Lilly	Elodie
Great Links Tor	Joe	Alfie	Charlie

Values in Action

	7.10.2022	14.10.2022	21.10.2022
Brentor	Archie	Frankie	Ashley
Fox Tor	Ceanna	Cameron	Stanley
Oke Tor	Gracie	Otto	Emma
Great Links Tor	Ellie G	Josh	Jayan

KS2 football tournament: 1st – Wolf, 2nd – Lew, 3rd – Thrushel and 4th – Lyd. Thank you to Mr P and the House Captains for organising.

Andaras Tag Rugby Tournament: Lew Trenchard C of E came 2nd and showed a wonderful sporting attitude, as always. Well done.

Outside of school: Gracie – swimming award.

Attendance for Month

Class	Date 7.10.2022	Date14.10.2002	Date21.10.2022	Year to Date
Brentor	94%	97%	99%	96%
Fox Tor	94%	97%	94%	94%
Oke Tor	99%	99%	100%	99%
Great Links	94%	95%	93%	94%
Total	95%	96%	96%	96%

National expectations are 97%

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

It is also important that children are not late to school. Remember all year groups will start at 9am (gates open from 8.45am so that children are in class and settled ready to learn) and finish at 3.15pm. We closely monitor our attendance and must inform the Education Welfare Officer if individuals fall below 95%.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 31st October – First Day of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 1st November – Dogs Trust visit

Tuesday 1st November – Pupil progress meetings

Friday 4th November – WREN enrichment day

Monday 21st November – Pantomime

Thursday 24th November – Advent Day with Father Philip

Friday 25th November – FLS Bingo at the Victory Hall

Friday 16th December – Last Day of Term

Governor News

Whilst reading dojo this week, I was prompted to think about what our school's vision means to us as Governors. I believe this vision completely underpins everything we do. We are constantly learning and gaining more knowledge in our roles all the time. This is done by training, reading and listening, plus spending time with other Governors. As a group of volunteers, we freely and joyfully, dedicate our time to serve the school community and the important role that we do. The school vision completely resonates with us.

This also led me to think about our other group of volunteers, the FLS. This fantastic group of people are constantly growing and adapting in ways to raise much needed funds, to enrich the pupils' experiences. They do all of this with joy and heartfelt dedication.

The vision is totally woven through our school community in more ways than we realise.

Amy Crompton, Chair of Governors

Visible Learning

As a Trust, we began our Visible Learning journey several years ago. We had noticed that many of our pupils had become passive and as staff, we kept teaching in the way we had always taught. As we began to research more, we saw the research presented by John Hattie and the positive impact that this was having on pupils' learning by making learning visible. As a school, we joined the other Trust schools, along with Coads Green and Princetown, on the Visible Learning journey. I was one of the original VL coaches when I was at St Catherine's and was passionate about continuing this role when I joined Lew Trenchard. In school, we have really embedded many research-based approaches and practices, but when writing our most recent VL action plan, it became clear that the next focus is sharing this approach with our families.

The core message of Visible Learning is that teachers need to be evaluators of their impact. It recenters the teacher's perception to focus less on 'transmission' (how they are teaching) and more on 'reception' (how well their students are learning). By doing this, visible learning creates an environment of understanding as teachers self-evaluate and engage in dialogue to learn what is working and what isn't working for their students.

We will include a section in the newsletter but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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.**

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

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>

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