



# Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019



*Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy*

Dear parents/carers,

The weeks certainly are flying by and we have had another busy one in school!

This week began with a whole school Collective Worship which made us think about how we can protect our environment. The pupils, as always, had so much to contribute and were extremely knowledgeable about this subject. Mrs Sutherland shared a poster that her sister had created thirty years ago, which highlighted to our pupils that the problem has been going on for a long time but we were also able to discuss initiatives and inventions that have since become part of our everyday lives today.

We have also had lots of visitors coming to see our fantastic school, who have all been impressed by our pupils, they are such a credit to us all and we are very proud of them.

**New Early Years Teacher** - Many congratulations to Lisa McMorrow who will be the new Teacher in Pre-school after half term. We look forward to lots of amazing new ideas and fun activities.

**Toddler Group** – Toddlers next week will be **MESSY PLAY – with jelly, Cherrios etc!** 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.

**Harvest Festival, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Children in Reception to Year 6 will leave school around 2.15pm to walk to the Lewtrenchard Manor kitchen Garden, where they will sing Harvest songs; they will then walk to St Peter's Church for prayers. If you are able to help us walk the children to the Church, please let us know, as extra pairs of hands are always useful! If you would like to join us for songs and prayers, please park at the Church and walk to the Kitchen Gardens – you will also be able to take your child straight from church.

**RECEPTION – YEAR 6 WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CHURCH a member of staff will dismiss the children from the church door.** If you would like to make a donation of food (tins etc), these can be handed in at the School Office and will be donated to the local food bank after the service. Please can you ensure that all children have wellies and waterproof coats. Pre School Children will remain in school for their own celebration, and will need picking up from school as usual.

**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. We had a fantastic session this week where parents came in and learnt more on how to use the new system, which was led by some pupils who have been using Dojo in their school for about a year now. They did an amazing job demonstrating how it can be used and also took the opportunity to show Times Tables Rock Stars too. Please ask if you are having difficulty accessing the Class Dojo app.

**Multi Skills** – Unfortunately, we were unable to take Great Links to the Multi Skills event organised by OCRA a couple of weeks ago due to transport issues. The fabulous organiser of the event, however, has organised an afternoon for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (we are going to ask if Year 3 can take part too) on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please can these children all bring their P.E kits for this.

**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.

**Wear it Pink** – For a donation on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October children can come to school in non-uniform with a hint of pink (please do not buy anything specially - a badge, sticker, sock etc will be fine). All money raised will be donated to Wear it pink – Breast cancer now. Cakes and biscuits will be available after school for a small donation.

**Pumpkins** – Pumpkins are now available outside school. All monies raised will go to the Friends of Lew Trenchard Primary School.

**SchoolMoney 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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

**Greats Links:** Sofia – Reflective

**Fox Tor:** Josh – Motivation, independence developing resilience behaviour, collaboration and enthusiasm on their Cotehele trip

**Brentor:** Fiona – Independence and responsibility

**Oke Tor:** Bethany – Reflective and consistent learning

**Yes Tor: Star of the week:** Ellie-Mai

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

Elodie – Loving and caring attitude

All of Fox Tor for team spirit, positive

Scarlett – Responsible and confident

James – support others with their learning

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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Multi Skills – Reception to Year 2

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Celebration

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Wear it pink – non uniform (hint of pink)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day before Half Term begins

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.andas.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.andas.org/web/vacancies>



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