



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter – 17th January 2020

Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy

Dear parents/carers,

Another fantastic week of learning. We have also met our new vicar Father Philip who will be helping in all areas of school life. The school council met with Miss Davy and Mrs Abbott-Bray to answer questions about reading, they were all absolutely amazing and spoke confidently, knowledgeably and enthusiastically. The whole school answered reading questionnaires too. We are sending parent/carer questionnaires today, please put completed ones in the red box outside the office, thank you.

Miss Davy

School Improvement:

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the reading meeting this week. We will be uploading the power point for parents/carers to look at that has some links to websites to support/demonstrate some of our approaches to reading. As a school, we are passionate about teaching reading and developing a life long love of reading too.

On Monday 20th January, our Academy Improvement partner will be visiting us to look at what we are doing as a school and offer us his expertise.

Mr Elliott attended some training this week which was focused on how to teach Maths and English from Reception to Year 6 in active ways. He has shared resources with the teaching staff and we will trial some of the approaches. As part of his subject leader development, he visited Hatherleigh to pupil conference with other teachers who are also starting their journey as a Maths subject leader. Mr Elliott will be attending his last Maths subject leader training next week.

Mrs Abbott-Bray attended her first English subject leader training this week.

We have completed our first full week of RWI and Mrs Abbott-Bray will continue to support and coach the RWI staff who are already doing a fantastic job!

Mrs Sutherland and Mr Payton are both planning their professional development too, Mrs Sutherland focusing on her Science subject leader role across the whole Trust and Mr Payton planning the areas he wants to focus on as part of his NQT.

Mrs Thorp is well underway with her HLTA training and Matt is doing really well with his degree.

Everyday is a learning day!

Toddler Group – Toddlers will return on the week of the 20th January with **Messy play, soapy water, shaving cream and sand!!** More information to follow in the New Year 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. Please can this be done in advance. All regular 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.

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.

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

Attendance for last week

Yes Tor	100%
Great Links Tor	88%
Fox Tor	93%
Brentor	92%
Oke Tor	99%
Whole School	94%

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.

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!

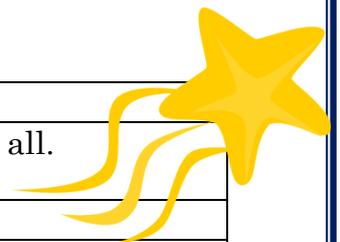
<https://thesunfreebooksforschools.co.uk/>

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

After School Clubs – Permission slips have been uploaded on Class Dojo. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is interested.

Celebration Awards

	Child of the week	Values in action
Great Links	Kestor – positive attitude towards learning.	Gracie – kind and respectful to all.
Fox Tor	Freddie - responsibility	Ellie S – all school values.
Brentor	Connor – independent home learning.	Logan St – polite and considerate.
Oke Tor	Taya – positive attitude and being polite and respectful.	Beth – high standard of writing and reflecting how to achieve desired outcomes.



Message from Mrs Sutherland for Fox Tor

As part of our theme Fox Tor are looking at world rivers. In English we are working on a non-fiction book called Everest and will be transferring our skills to write a book about rivers.

On BBC Four there is a short series on Earths Great Rivers. Last week was the Amazon, last night the Nile and next weeks is the Mississippi. I would really like our children to watch them but we just don't have the time in the school day. For the next 3 Mondays (20th, 27th January and 3rd Feb) I will run a session after school from 3.30 - 4.30pm for any Fox Tor children who would like to stay and watch each episode with me. They feature life along the river, nature, human settlements, history and culture, with amazing imagery, film footage and very clear narrations.

If your child would like to stay please can you give your permission via Class Dojo to Mrs Sutherland or Bex and Tracey.

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

Thursday 16th January – Census day

W/C 3rd February – Bikeability for Year 6

W/C 10th February – Bikeability for Year 5

W/C 17th February – Half Term

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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