



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 27th September 2019



Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy

Dear Parents/carers

How quickly the weeks are flying by! Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Friends AGM on Thursday, your support is invaluable to us.

Uniform Sale - All new uniform is still available online from Wovina. We will be keeping a small stock of the new PE t-shirts at school, available to buy via SchoolMoney. We have reduced the price of the old logo stock we have at school, please purchase this via SchoolMoney.

Sweatshirts £9.50 now £6.00

Polo shirts £8.00 now £5.00

Old style cotton pe t-shirt £5.25 now £3.00

Fleece jacket £13.00 now £8.00

Beanie hats £3.95 now £1.50

Book bag £3.10 now £2.00

Back Pack £8.00 now £6.00

Farewell and Good Luck to Tina – Today is Tina's final day at Lew Trenchard Pre School. We wish her the best of luck in her new job, and she will be very much missed!

Cotehele Trip - As per the letters that went home early this week, the whole school trip to Cotehele has been booked for Monday 30th September. Children will need to bring their own packed lunch, water bottle, coat and snack. They will need to wear weather appropriate trousers and a school jumper please. Permission will need to be given before we leave, if you have not done so already, please consent via SchoolMoney. If you are able to help on the day, please let us know as soon as possible so we can arrange ratios etc. Pre-school children will be staying in school, and will also need to bring a packed lunch in with them, as the kitchen will not be open this day.

Toddler Group – Toddlers next week will be **WATER BEADS!** 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 the school Hall between 9.00am and 11.00am. Please bring your own snack.

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.

Data Sharing and Consent Forms – These forms went out last week. Please could we ask that *every child* has had one of these filled in and returned to the office as soon as possible please. If you have any queries over what information is used etc, please see the office or email and arrange a time to discuss this.

Breakfast Club – A reminder that breakfast club starts at 8.15am. As of Monday 30th breakfast club will return to the hall.

Class Dojo – We hope that once this is up and running successfully, we will be able to send home newsletters using this system, and would therefore ask that you set up an account if you haven't done so already. We

would like to invite all parents to an information morning on the 9th October at 9.15am in school, to show everybody how to use the Class Dojo, and answer any questions you have regarding the new system.

Loose Parts – Pre School are looking for ‘loose parts’ to help with their ‘open-ended play’. A letter has gone home, and is on Class Dojo, with a list of items we are looking for.

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 note that there should be no amounts outstanding during the summer holidays. Thank you.

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

Census Day – The Summer Census day is Thursday 3rd October. This is when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we have to report is the number of Reception and Year 1 & 2 children having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day. The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our hot meals. We do not receive funding for the amount of hot meals we supply throughout the year, only the number of meals eaten on the census days. To face this challenge head-on, we ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the hot meal on Census Day – which is a choice of Homemade Sausage Roll, Cheese Wheel and Jacket Potato.

Year 6 Residential - The first instalment for the Year 6 Residential is now up on SchoolMoney and due on 30th September.

Johnny Cowling at Strawberry Fields – Friday 8th 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.

Okehampton Rotary Club Photographic competition – Children have been invited to participate again in this annual competition for budding photographers. The theme this year is “Through My Eyes”, with a closing date of Monday 7th October 2019. If you would like to enter or would like more information, please see the office. Entry forms are in the office if you would like one.

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.

One Million Step Challenge – Bex has finished her challenge of 1,000,000 steps by the end of September in aid of Diabetes UK. If you would like more information or would like to sponsor her, you can visit <https://step.diabetes.org.uk/pages/rebecca-26> or pop some cash in the office. Thank you!

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 9th September 2019

Good learner of the week:

Greats Links: Cayden - Responsibility

Fox Tor: Lani and Poppy

Brentor: William - Independence

Oke Tor: Mileena - Collaboration

Yes Tor: Star of the week: Ben

Values in Action:

William – Respect & Generosity

Riley G – Kindness, Friendship & Respect

Monty – Respect & Thankfulness

Taya – Politeness & Helpfulness

Dates for your diary

Monday 30th September – Cotehele Trip

Wednesday 9th October, 9.15am – Class Dojo parent/carer workshop

Tuesday 15th October (Time to be confirmed) – Harvest Celebration

Friday 18th October – Last Day before Half Term begins

Monday 28th October – Back to School

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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