



# Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

*Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy*

Dear parents/carers,

Another week closer to Christmas and we are all beginning to feel very festive! Not only has it been another busy week in school, but the amazing Friends of the School held a Jumble Sale on Saturday, thank you to everyone who helped and supported the event. On Sunday, we hosted a Christmas Wreath/table decoration workshop led by Mrs Sutherland's sister, who is an award winning florist. This event certainly got us in the Christmas spirit. We are truly blessed to have such fantastic support from our families, we are very grateful. Rehearsals for our Christmas performance are well under way as well as the usual school learning and end of term assessments everyone is still working extremely hard.

*Miss Davy*

## Attendance

Yes Tor	100%
Great Links Tor	92.8%
Fox Tor	96.3%
Brentor	92.7%
Oke Tor	93.3%
Whole School	94.3%

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.

## School Improvement:

As you are already aware, pupils from Year 1 -6 now bring home Knowledge Organisers to learn important facts to help with their learning, particularly in History, Geography and Science. They are given quizzes throughout the unit so that they can see their knowledge improving. This allows pupils to focus on developing skills and wisdom, as they already know key information.

Mr Elliott has attended his third Maths subject leader training this week. Mrs Abbott-Bray and Mr Payton have undertaken grammar training too. Mrs Sutherland has attended Science leader training as well as a Science conference as part of her role as Science lead for the Trust. Bex has also been on an administrator update this week at our central office.

**Toddler Group** – Toddlers next week will be **Christmas Craft!** 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 support your children in remembering their P.E kits. 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 Christmas 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.



**Pebbles:** Thank you to those of you who have managed to send a pebble in for your child as requested. A special thank you to Ben (Yes Tor) for donating a box of pebbles. Thank you also to the pupils who have given extra ones for pupils who didn't have a pebble. We will be using these after Christmas.

### **Fire Safety Talks** –

Unfortunately, the Fire Safety talks were postponed again. We will rearrange this for after the Christmas Holidays



**Christmas Performances** – Letters have gone home with details of costumes for Yes Tor and Great Links. All other children will need to wear their school uniform please.

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

**Polar Express film night** – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm. Reception to Year 6, £2 entry to include hot chocolate and cookie. Hot dogs 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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*. 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 over the Christmas Holidays please.**

**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.

**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. Unfortunately there is no Wildtribe session on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Back to normal on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Jumper Day is the best day of the whole entire year, so it's super important that everyone joins in. So - please don't feel you have to buy a new sweater (shopping is SOOOO boring), do these 3 things instead:

- Donate your children's old jumpers (all donations by Friday 6th please) for a jumper swap - which we will hold in school on Monday 9th December after school
- Buy a second-hand jumper
- Be great - decorate!! Tinsel, felt or even old crisp packets cut into stars work.

Fox Tor need small boxes and other recycled / reusable products next week for making prototypes for their Farmvention 2040 farm vehicles for part of the NFU STEM competition. As part of home learning Fox Tor can start making prototype farm vehicles at home out of lego, duplo, boxes etc for next week.

### **Christmas Dates:**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Victory Hall, 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 drawn on this day.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December the children will be having their Christmas lunch.

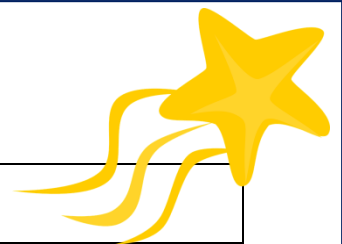
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December Polar Express film

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school in aid of Save The Children. The Book People Book Bus is coming to school!

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 all children will need to be collected from church at 3.30pm

**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 ending 22nd November 2019**



	<b>Good learner of the week</b>	<b>Values in Action</b>
<b>Great Links</b>	Nathan – resilience in reading and writing	Lottie – caring attitude towards her peers
<b>Fox Tor</b>	Ellie M – resilience and reflection	Whole Class – amazingness on SS Great Britain Trip
<b>Brentor</b>	Jack – resilience in maths	Jaydon – following instructions with thought and care
<b>Oke Tor</b>	Charlotte – resilience in writing, working on presentation	Pete – helping people around the school

**Yes Tor: Star of the week:** Ivy

**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)

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/>

### **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Polar Express film night

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day/The Book People Book Bus

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Church Service  
2.45pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – First day of Spring Term

**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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