



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 4th October 2019



Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy

Dear parents/carers,

Another fantastic week in school, started off with our whole school trip to Cotehele which staff, parent helpers and our amazing pupils really enjoyed.

Oke Tor have released their butterflies, John, George, Paul and Ringo free and now have welcomed new class pets. It has also been great to see the fantastic art lessons taking place across the school, Fox Tor building bridges in outdoor learning, Great Links continuing to explore “Changes” through their learning about the Royal Family and Yes Tor enjoying all the fantastic activities planned by our wonderful pre-school team.

We had a lovely visit from Mrs Lockwood, Deputy Director of Education for the Diocese on Thursday. Mrs Lockwood enjoyed a tour of our school led by some of our pupils who did a fantastic job!

Miss Lambert – Sadly, due to personal commitments, Miss Lambert will be stepping down from her position of Teaching Assistant as of the 18th October. We wish her all the best, and will miss her lots!

Toddler Group – Toddlers next week will be **SPICE PAINTING!** 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.

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.

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 14th 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.

Fruit Snacks for morning break – A quick reminder that the school receives free fruit for children up to and including Year 2 only. Children in Year 3 and up will need to bring their own healthy snack to school if they wish to have one.

Wear it Pink – For a donation on Friday 18th October children can come to school in non-uniform with a hint of pink (please do not buy anything specially as a badge, sticker, sock etc will be fine). All money raised will be donated to Wear it pink – Breast cancer now.

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.

Fire Safety Talks – We have arranged Fire Safety talk for Fox Tor and Brentor on the morning of 14th 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.

Individual and Family School Photos – These are booked in for the morning of the 5th November.

Flu Vaccines – We have sent out letter regarding this years' Flu Vaccine booked in on the afternoon of the 5th 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

Year 6 Residential - The first instalment for the Year 6 Residential is now up on SchoolMoney and due on 30th September. Please can any outstanding monies be paid as soon as possible. If you would like to discuss payment, please see the office or Miss Davy.

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 completed her One Million Steps challenge with 1,022, 210 steps 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! Well done Bex, what a fantastic way to raise money for this charity, we are proud of 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.

Aquatic Toad – Sue McCarthy has an aquatic toad called Beano going free to a good home, must be collected. Must be kept in a tank with no fish. If you would like more information please see the office.

Celebration Awards: Week beginning 9th September 2019

Good learner of the week:

Greats Links: Annabelle -Resilience

Fox Tor: Isabella – Motivation and reflection

Brentor: Logan D-H

Oke Tor: Alice – Independence and resilience in Maths

Yes Tor: Star of the week: Ellie-Mai

Values in Action:

Merryn – Caring for others

Joe – Kindness, teamwork and wisdom

Rosie – Kindness and respect

Theo - Responsibility

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th October – deadline for Photographic competition

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

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

Friday 18th October – Wear it pink – non uniform (hint of pink)

Friday 18th October – Last Day before Half Term begins

Monday 28th October – Back to School

Tuesday 5th November AM – Individual and Family photos

Tuesday 5th November PM – Flu Vaccines

Thursday 14th November – Fire Safety Talks

An Daras Vacancies – Please follow the link for information on vacancies within the An Daras MAT

<http://www.андaras.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.андaras.org/web/vacancies>



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