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New Pupil (Year R, 2)

Headteacher's Weekly Email 14.09.2020

Monday 14th September 2020

Good Morning!

I am continuing with the weekly email following feedback that it was easier to read on mobile devices and also, many of the newsletter 'events' are not taking place at the moment.

It has been so good to see our children and their families arriving at school last week and attendance was 98.2%. At the start of this new school year we have 2 classes of new Reception Year pupils and an additional 20 pupils to other classes across the school—you are all very welcome and I hope that you will flourish and enjoy your learning experiences at Tavistock Primary and Nursery School.

We had an interesting start to last week with the visit of 4 fire engines on Monday morning – the children were superb in their calm evacuation of the building and waiting on the field for nearly an hour and a half whilst everything was confirmed to be safe for us. Our youngest pupils thought this was a special event and asked on Tuesday when they were coming again!

UNIFORM

Thank you to all families for presenting the children so smartly in their uniforms as I appreciate the cost and effort this represents. PE kit is currently only required for Year 5 and 6 children in order to minimise the amount of equipment transfer between school and home.

UNWELL CHILDREN

As most children are back together at school and the usual season of colds, coughs and upset stomachs is approaching, it is to be expected that some will feel unwell at times.

We have answered a number of queries about when children have to stay home and we have found it useful to ask:

“Would you have kept your child off school before Covid-19?”

YES – then keep them home (children with sickness/diarrhoea should not return to school for 48 hours after their last bout)

IF your child/someone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms of **high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell** –your child and all of your household must stay home and arrange for a test to be done. The whole household must self isolate until you have the result of the test. Please let us know.

We are putting a useful quick reference guide for parents from the School Nursing Service on our website under Covid 19 Resources.

Some reminders:

We had a successful Week 1 following the new procedures of our risk assessment and the children seem familiar with the expectations. It is very important that we all comply at this time.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Children must arrive **AT** the time for their group

Parents must not gather on the playgrounds

Only have 1 adult/sibling delivering or collecting

All children should wait/leave promptly with their family member

Climbing frames in all playgrounds are not to be used before or after school

CAR PARK

As always, there is no parking for parents on the school or neighbouring clinic site. FREE parking permits for the Wharf are available from the school office and West Devon Council is aware that we have staggered times at the moment.

HOMEWORK

For this half term, homework for all children is based around READING and this is expected to be done EVERYDAY with Home School Diaries completed. All children will be asked about their reading choices and Y3 and Y6 are trialling 'reading journals' as a way to record their learning about books.

CURRICULUM

We are providing a full curriculum offer within the school day with some necessary amendments in some subjects. Details of the planned learning for each year group will be on our website under PARENTS - CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS by tomorrow. We are still organising some activities eg. swimming lessons and we will confirm the details as soon as we have them.

FORMS THIS WEEK via PARENTMAIL

Please look out for the following:

- Parent Consultation phone appointments – w/b Monday 21st September
- Off site permission
- School Photo/Media usage permission
- ColorFoto permission

TAPESTRY AND REMOTE LEARNING

Last term we extended the use of 'Tapestry' to the whole school so that families at home could share their home learning with us. This week we are discussing the ongoing use of this platform, particularly how we can most effectively use it if some children are required to be at home.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If you originally booked a space for your child/children but no longer need it, please let the office know as we have families waiting for places.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is vital that we all try to help and support each other.

Do enjoy this week's gorgeous weather if you can.

Best wishes,

Lynnette Selbie