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New Pupil (Year R, 2)

## **Headteacher's Weekly Email 11.01.2021**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Good Morning Everyone

### **ZOOM/TAPESTRY LINKS TODAY**

I am sorry but the links were not very successful today due to so many of us getting to grips with the new systems – we will get there so please bear with us.

### **SCHOOL PLACES FOR KEY WORKERS**

We have allocated places for eligible children across the school and have approximately 120 children attending (36%).

On Friday evening, the Department for Education made the following changes to their guidance: *Updated 'Critical workers' section to clarify that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.*

*Time updated: 5:26pm, 8 January 2021*

### **CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS**

The overviews for Spring 1 are on our website [https://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk/website/curriculum\\_overviews/46359](https://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk/website/curriculum_overviews/46359)

These were written prior to the national lockdown announcement but we will be aligning our daily/weekly work to these in order to cover the curriculum for the different year groups.

### **REMOTE LEARNING STRATEGY**

Our Remote Learning Strategy has been revised for the current situation and is available on our website. As a school, we feel strongly that young children should

not be in front of a screen all day and this is certainly not what we do at school. The total set learning should take about 3 hours for key stage 1 and 4 hours for key stage 2.

We will continue to have 'live' contact using Zoom everyday with a teacher from the year group:

YR and Y1 9am

Y2 and Y3 9.30am

Y4 and Y5 10am

Y6 10.30am

This contact will be followed by set learning activities, the uploading of work and individual feedback on Tapestry. Teachers managing the online learning will respond to most work and questions between 9am and 3pm. Before and after these times, they will be reviewing and preparing for the next day. We are aware that this system has glitches beyond our control and we hope that these will be quickly resolved by the company. If not, we will have to change providers but will keep you informed.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

If you have any issues with lack of devices, data limitations, technical 'knowhow', internet access, Tapestry - then please get in touch.

## **ATTENDANCE**

We will be monitoring children's engagement with their school work. As of Friday afternoon, 292/336 (87%) of YR - Y6 children had completed their work either at home or on site. This means there are 44 children across the school who have not engaged as yet and we will be in contact with parents later today to discuss your individual situation.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

It is vital that we all keep ourselves safe online. We have written some online learning expectations for children, staff and parents/carers to follow (attached)

## **EXCHANGING BOOKS**

We are very aware that children need access to a range of books and we are discussing how we can share our school resources with multiple homes whilst not increasing the risk to anyone. More information will follow.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - ST EUSTACHIUS**

Although this event is more about community spirit than competition, we were pleased that our efforts had been appreciated by everyone who voted for us.

## **SKILL FOR SUCCESS**

Just before the holidays the following children were recognised for their 'self belief':

C2 Che	C8 Anna
C3 Rocco	C9 Charlie
C4 Clara	C10 Alistair
C5 Freya	C11 Bella
C6 Dude	C12 Lenny
C7 Matthew	C13 Katie
	C14 Toby
	C15 Ethan

This half term teachers will be looking for '**RESPONSIBILITY**' being displayed by children at school and at home.

## **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

On Saturday our first draw took place and the winner received £20 – a welcome bonus and a lot better odds than the national lotto!

If we increase sales, then the prizes will also increase so please follow this link to sign up and buy tickets for just £1:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/tavistock-primary-and-nursery-school>

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

We are waiting for the Government to provide information about a promised national voucher system. However, please do not hesitate to contact us if you are experiencing shortages around food – we can support.

## **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

On Wednesday the 'roast' will be chicken and not beef.

Thank you to everyone who has sent messages of support to the staff members of this school. It is good to hear your recognition that adults at this school are doing their best to support you and your children – do get in touch with us.

Best wishes,

Lynnette Selbie