



# Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

September 2018

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to another week of learning at Tintagel.

### Curriculum Webs

This week, the children have really begun to settle into their routines and dive into this term's learning. You will have noticed that last week a termly curriculum web came home. This is intended as a broad view of what the children will be learning over the coming weeks and shows how aspects of our Enquiry Curriculum are interconnected to maximise and enrich the children's learning experience.

### Meet and Greets

Now that we have completed our first full week back, we are ready to roll out our early Meet and Greet sessions. These are very informal drop-ins to give parents the chance to listen to some key bits of information about the coming year and to step into their child's learning environment. It is also a chance to ask questions so that small concerns are addressed quickly. We host these during the school day just before pick up so that as many parents as possible can attend. If you cannot attend, please don't worry, the slides will appear on the class web page and there will be an early parents evening in October. Of course, you can make an appointment any time to talk to the class teacher about a particular issue regarding your child.

| Day                                  | Class                    | Time           |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September    | Mrs Hodgson – Yr 1 only  | 2:30 till 3:00 |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September   | Mrs Kirkman – Yr 5 and 6 | 2:30 till 3:00 |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September | Ms Thorpe – Yr 2 and 3   | 2:30 till 3:00 |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September    | Miss Court – Yr 4        | 2:30 till 3:00 |

### Reception Children

There will be an opportunity for parents of Early Years children to visit their classrooms later this term once they have settled, but we are conscious that they have already met with teachers regarding Early Years provision at the Cheese and Wine event.

### An Early Heads Up for Parents Evenings Later this Term

These will be the first formal opportunity to meet with your child and their teacher to discuss how they have settled this term. See dates and times below. More information will follow nearer the date. Tintagel School – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 4.00 till 7.00pm and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 till 6.00pm

### A Passion for Reading

Reading is the most important thing we do in school and it is my aspiration for every pupil to leave us as a committed reader for life. That said, we do know that some children struggle and it is our job in partnership with our families to help them develop a love for books and the confidence to access all kinds of text so they are fully equipped for Secondary school and beyond. Each year we run a reading event to reconnect with all the fantastic book stocks and reading opportunities we have. For that reason, we will be inviting our pupils and parents to join us for our famous Bedtime Book Snuggle.



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Bedtime Book Snuggle



As the nights draw in and it becomes darker, it is a chance for the children to cosy up and share a great story with their friends. We would like children to come to our Book Snuggle in their PJ's or onesies. Teddies are also welcome as long as they are well behaved! We will have a

book browse and shared stories in class alongside hot chocolate and biscuits. The teachers will share a very special bedtime story for each class. There will be a raffle for every pupil who attends and the opportunity to win a £10 book voucher.

Whilst this is happening, parents will be invited to a talk in the school hall with Mrs Cox. This year, the focus will be on our development of Growth Mindset for Learning or 'The School of Marvellous Mistakes'. Refreshments will be available and we will share our passion for Learning, and showcasing some of our vision for the coming year.

**In partnership around your child, a love of Reading is the most important thing we can achieve. Do come and share a very special evening with us on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm till 7.00pm.**

For those parents who would like a more in depth understanding of how they can support their child's phonic awareness, there will be a Phonics Workshop later in the term. Mrs Kirkman will also be running a Maths Workshop alongside the staff at both schools in the next few weeks.

### Home Learning

Our new cycles for home learning will begin next week and more information about this will be shared at the meet and greet sessions. We are aware that several children who were given home learning packs for the summer break, have not yet returned these to school. It is really important that teachers receive feedback on the home learning, and that resources are returned to school as they took a great deal of thought and effort to produce. Please could you drop them back in to your current child's class teacher by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### A Thank You

We would like to thank all the parents who have really supported school drop off and pick up protocols. They are such an important time of the day for safety reasons as well as setting the tone for being ready to learn. The classrooms are feeling much calmer in the mornings and we are ready to launch our Early Morning Learning sessions. Parents will be contacted individually if this is an opportunity for their child.

### A Request

Our school budget is stretched to the maximum and we are constantly looking for ways to tighten the reins whilst not impacting on provision for the children. You will see that we have invested in new furniture, books, resources etc which are carefully chosen to enrich your child's learning experience. We feel passionate about the impact of the school environment in creating a safe, welcoming, inspirational space. For that reason, we wish to let parents know that if a children deliberately vandalises an item of school property – be it books, furnishings etc, we will be requesting a meeting with parents of that child in order to negotiate a financial contribution to replace that object. Please talk to your child about respecting our lovely school environment and help us to enable them to understand their accountabilities in this. Of course, an accidental breakage is a completely different matter.

### School Photographs

Next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September we will be having our school photographer to take individual and family photographs. If you would like a photo of your child with siblings not in our school these can be taken after end of school dismissal next Friday.

Best wishes

Sue Cox and the team