



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 1st November 2019



Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back for the second half of Autumn Term. We have had a busy start back which began with a monitoring visit on Monday. As well as our normal learning, Oke Tor visited Launceston College on Wednesday to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company perform "The Merchant of Venice", Brentor have continued to create some fantastic paintings in Art, Fox Tor have been conducting some science experiments about "Forces", Great Links have started learning about Continents and Oceans and Yes Tor have been exploring their new classroom environment. We will soon be starting new themes in each class so please keep an eye out for new Knowledge Organisers (Year 1 up).

Wear it pink! – A massive thank you for your support for this very worthy charity, we raised an impressive £107.15. Thank you to Tracey for organising the event and baking the delicious cakes!

Poppy Appeal – We have the annual Poppy Appeal items in school now, these will be available from next week. Items start from 50p.

Brentor Class – As you may be aware, Mr Reeve will be off of school for five weeks as he has broken his wrist. We know how disappointed he is not to be in school and wish him a speedy recovery. During this time, Mr Payton will be covering the class and has already settled in brilliantly.

Parent meetings - Oke Tor half hour parent meetings have been held today, thank you for your support with these.

Fox Tor (Year 2 only) and Great Links (Year 1 only) will be holding half an hour parent meetings during November, please look out for sign-up sheets (Oke Tor has one up on Dojo). Fox Tor (Year 3 only) and Great Links (Reception) will have the usual shorter parent meetings in November too. There will be longer meetings for these classes in either the Spring or Summer term. **PLEASE NOTE:** Brentor meetings TBC due to recent circumstances.

Home Learning – Please see Dojo for the new Home Learning policy which we will be now officially starting. Reading remains a priority throughout school and we will be holding a parent meeting about this soon. All year groups from 1 – 6 will be bringing home "Knowledge organisers" to help them learn the knowledge that they will need for their theme learning. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Hamper Donations – We will be putting the Christmas hamper together next week. We would be very grateful for any luxury food/drink items by Wednesday 6th November. Last year was a great success and the hamper was completely filled from donations. Thank you.

Toddler Group – Toddlers next week will bePlease 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 Yes Tor between 9.00am and 11.00am. Please bring your own snack. **We are hoping to run an additional afternoon Toddler session soon, please look out for details.**

Breakfast Club – We are currently looking at how we can improve systems for booking and dropping off pupils. In order to ensure that we have the correct staff cover, resources and food, we would like parents to

book breakfast club online through school money. We are looking into this and will let you know when this will be launched. Also, we would be very grateful if parents/carers can drop their child/children via the main entrance where a member of staff will take them through the internal door, again this is to ensure that we are adhering to health and safety and safeguarding procedures. Thank you for your understanding with this.

After-school Clubs – Please can parents/carers collect their children from the main front door at the end of each club. We are exploring options for Tae Kwondo as we are aware that this session is much shorter and that it isn't worth going home to come straight back again. We don't expect you to wait outside but need to know who is in the building so we will introduce a signing in system the same as we do for Early Bird Reading. If you do come in for this session, please stay in the hall for safety reasons.

School Money 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 could we ask that there are no outstanding amounts due over half-term. 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.

Jumble Sale – The FLS are organising a Jumble Sale for the 30th November at the Lewdown Victory Hall, if you are available to help on this day, please let us know, we really do appreciate all the help we can get at these events and it is this help that ensures these events are a success. If you have any donations of jumble items (Clothes, Bric a Brac, Toys, Shoes etc), these can be handed in at school, and will be collected for storage elsewhere. Alternatively, if they are setting up in the hall the night before, items can be dropped there then, just please let us know that you are planning this.

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 year's 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

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.

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.

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 beginning 18th October 2019

Good learner of the week:

<u>Greats Links:</u>	Sofia – Responsibility
<u>Fox Tor:</u>	James – Focus and independence
<u>Brentor:</u>	Isla – Resilience
<u>Oke Tor:</u>	Charlotte - Resilience

Values in Action:

Lacey - Kindness
Phoebe - Kindness
Jack - Helpfulness
Pete – Role model to all

Yes Tor: Star of the week: Maicey

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th November AM – Individual and Family photos
Tuesday 5th November PM – Flu Vaccines
Thursday 14th November – Fire Safety Talks
Friday 15th November – Children in Need
Monday 18th November – Whole School Space Day
Tuesday 26th November – Fox Tor Bristol Trip
Tuesday 10th December – provisional Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11th December – School Christmas Dinner
Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

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 **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.andaras.org/web/vacancies>



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