



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter – 7th February 2020

Together We Grow in Wisdom and Serve with Joy

Dear parents/carers,

Another fantastic week of learning here! Oke Tor have taken part in Bikeability and have been amazing, not only with their cycling skills, but their responsible attitudes and behaviour. Fox Tor and Brentor had a Fire Safety Talk (at last!) The lady who delivered the talk came to tell me what brilliant questions the pupils had, how exceptional their behaviour was and what a welcoming and friendly school we are. As always, I am very proud of our school and pupils.

The Babcock library service came to refresh our library books and every pupil chose books they wanted to add to our collection. Thank you to Lynda for organising this.

Our new website is up and running, we are really pleased with it. If you haven't seen it already, please take a look and feel free to offer any feedback.

Miss Davy

School Improvement:

Some of the staff completed the final training day for RWI. We are really pleased with the amount of positive comments from parents and staff about the impact that you are noticing already since we have implemented the scheme. Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you. We have definitely noticed how quickly the pupils are progressing with their phonics and reading.

Mrs McMorro attended a “narrowing the word gap” training day and has already implemented suggestions from the course. She will now lead whole school training on this as we know how important this aspect of education is in developing readers and ultimately learners.

Mrs Abbott-Bray has also attended more subject leader training to support her with leading English across the school. As you can imagine, it is a huge role so it is important that on-going training is attended.

Miss Davy attended an English hub meeting where the focus was on vocabulary and reading. The guest speakers were as passionate as we are about reading. As a result of the meeting, Miss Davy has expressed an interest in our school taking part in a research project about teachers reading to children – more news to follow as soon as we hear if we have been successful!

Mrs Sutherland has been monitoring science across the school and has introduced “Explorify” as a way of pupils revisiting prior learning and also developing scientific skills. The Explorify sessions are approximately fifteen minutes long so we are trialling them at 9am on Friday mornings so that we can get our brains going quickly and also to accommodate the sessions in an already packed timetable. We would be very grateful if pupils can be in promptly for this, thank you. We have noticed how well the pupils are settling to their early morning activities and how these help them to revisit prior learning, edit current learning and use the library. It is also an ideal opportunity to hear pupils read. After half term, we will be arranging an open session to provide parents, carers and families with the opportunity to come into school to see how we are teaching reading across the school. We will let you know the date as soon as possible.

Uniform Sale: Last few bits available at drastically reduced prices! Please check school money for availability.



Attendance for last week

Great Links Tor	93%
Fox Tor	98%
Brentor	93%
Oke Tor	96%
Whole School	95%

National expectations are 96%

Please call the school office if your child is ill or late. We cannot rely on receiving Dojo messages, as the internet isn't great. Thank you.

Toddler Group – Toddlers will return on the week of the 10th February with **Valentine's Day Sensory Play!!** For more information 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 mornings (9am-11am) and Thursday morning (9am-11am) during term time with the fantastic Justine, with a love of messy play, it is

Wrap around care. This is now available to book via schoolmoney. **All bookings for breakfast club and wrap around care need to be made in advance** as much as possible as this helps us plan staff ratios needed. It also helps us order the correct amount of food to minimise waste and make sure everyone is well fed.

Please note that children need to be collected from Yes Tor (the pre-school classroom) – you will need to access via the wooden side gate, please ring the doorbell on the gate when you arrive. It is quite dark at the moment along the alley way, please be careful.

Tavy13

You may have seen on Dojo before Christmas that the Tavy13 is fast approaching. This is a great opportunity for the children to take part in an organised running event. They will run 1 to 1.5 miles each week in the run up to the main event in Tavistock on Sunday 29th March. If your child is interested in taking part, please collect an entry form from the school office. Running club on Fridays after school will work to complete these miles.



School Money Payments – A reminder that all payments for School Dinners should be made *in advance*. If you have any issues with payment or access to the website, please see the office and they will help where they can. **All dinner bookings should now be made and paid for in advance.**

Please could we ask that any outstanding monies be paid as soon as possible. There should be no monies outstanding now please.

Car parking – This is still causing some issues, please do not park on the lines, zig zags or in front of people's houses. The road markings are there to ensure everyone's safety. We appreciate it is busy during school drop off and collection but please be mindful of residents other road users.



Celebration Awards

	Values in action	Child of the week
Great Links	Lottie & Hannah	Jack – great participation.
Fox Tor	Jayden – following golden rules. Riley P – friendship/kindness towards new members of school.	Ellie G – Resilience. Taylor – resilience and motivation in maths.
Brentor	Lizzie – consistently demonstrating golden rules.	Rosie – using new knowledge to improve writing. Jaydon – Much improved attitude towards learning.
Oke Tor	Theo – supporting the learning of others by teaching not telling.	Sienna – improved effort in maths and using range of strategies to support learning

Yes Tor Star of the week – Hadley

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



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

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

Dates for your diary

W/C 10th February – Bikeability for Year 5

W/C 17th February – Half Term

26th February – Andaras football competition at St Catherine's

May – Year 2 SATs

W/C 11th May – Year 6 SATs week

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. * **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



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