



# Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter - 17th November



**Toddler Group** - Next week's activity is *Christmas Crafts!* Sessions are £2 per family on a Thursday morning 9.15am to 11.15am in the school hall.

**Hats and Coats** - With the weather now turning much colder and wetter, please can you make sure that children come to school in suitable coats and hats, as we do try to get the children outside at break times wherever possible.

**Christmas Draw Tickets** - Please could all remaining Draw tickets be returned to school by the 11<sup>th</sup> December, if you need any more tickets there are some spares in the office. They are £1 each, with the draw taking place at the Victory Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at around 7.30pm. First prize is a Large Hamper, Second prize a 19" LED TV, and Third prize a Chocolate and Wine Hamper. Thank you for all the lovely donations that have been handed in for this event, and good luck!

**Wreath Decorating** - Thank you to all the people who came to help with Wreath Decorating on Wednesday, there are some lovely looking wreaths to go on sale at the Christmas Fair for £8.00 each, or £14.00 for two.

**Parent/Carer Survey** - We have sent home a quick survey, please could you complete this in order for us to see where we can improve the provisions we provide. If there is something you would like us to improve or work then please let us know - we can only address issues if we know about them and we are always willing to listen if you would rather come in and chat. All completed surveys can be posted in the red box outside the office. Thank you.

**Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal** - This will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at the Victory Hall, please could children be picked up from the school on this day. All children will need their costumes in school by this date please.

**Christmas Lunch** - The Christmas Lunch will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, and letters have gone home so we know how many children to cater for. Please can forms be returned (in the red box outside the office) by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest. Thank you.

**Uniform** - We have lots of uniform in lost property, please come and check to see if any of the items belong to your child. Any clothes left in the basket at the end of next week will be added to our pre loved rail.

**After School Clubs** - advance warning that there will not be any after school clubs in the last week of term (the week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> December**)

**A Busy December** - with December being a very busy time of year, we are sending out a full list of activities taking place in the run up to Christmas.

**Head Lice** - If every parent could please check for head lice and treat accordingly over the next few weeks that would be great! This is quite a problem at the moment and can be really distracting for the children within the classroom.

### **Church School and School Improvement**

Our church school vision is now ready to go up around the school and we are all really excited to share it with you. As mentioned last week, after consultation with everyone, our vision is "together we grow in wisdom and knowledge" and our three key Christian values are responsibility, respect and kindness. We are still keen to get other parents on board with our ethos group, this group will help us to clarify and communicate our Christian distinctiveness. Please let Mrs Powell know if you can help out in this important role. Message from Mrs Powell "I would love to hear from anyone who has any concerns or comments. We are always keen to do our very best for your child and family and we are here to listen and happy to help in any way we can. Please remember that we cannot solve an issue if we do not know about it."

### **Lost Coat**

Please can we ask that you check to see if you have a girl's coat that does not belong to your child, it is named and we would be grateful for its return. It is black with a pink lining.

## Sickness

There are a few unpleasant bugs doing the rounds at the moment and we have had some children with temperatures and sickness in the last few weeks. If you suspect that your child has or is coming down with something please let us know and if you can give us details of your availability then that can help us get hold of you if they start to feel more unwell. It is still 48 hours off school for sickness and diarrhoea - from the last episode - this helps us to stop the spread of the bugs!

## BIRTHDAYS

Kasey Steer and Taylor Haggar both celebrate their birthdays in the coming week! We hope they both have a really fantastic day!

<b>After School Clubs this half-term</b>			
<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>ACTIVITY</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>TAKEN BY</u></b>
<b>Monday</b>	Choir	All	Mrs McMorrow
<b>Tuesday</b>	Taekwondo	All	South Coast Martial Arts
	Cycling	5-6	Geoff Whitlow and Mrs Thorp
<b>Wednesday</b>	Multi Skills	R - 2	Miss Vincent and Miss Starmore
<b>Thursday</b>	Football	1-6	Plymouth Argyle Football in the Community
<b>Friday</b>	Netball	3 - 6	Gemma Cole

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal

Week Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Play; Evening Performance, 5.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch at 12pm followed by Christmas Church Service at 2.30pm

14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Play; Afternoon Performance, 2.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> December - Last day before holidays, non-uniform day and Zumba Disco

18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 - Christmas Holidays! Back to school **3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### **2018**

5<sup>th</sup> January - Non-pupil Day - no school!

12<sup>th</sup> February - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - February Half-Term! Back to school **19<sup>th</sup> February**

20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 talk with Okehampton College

30<sup>th</sup> March - 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Easter Holidays! Back to school **16<sup>th</sup> April**

7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday!

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 6 talk with Okehampton College, with parents

25<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 - May Half-Term! Back to school **4<sup>th</sup> June**

26<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Holidays!

**Holidays** - Please could we ask that any holiday/absences be requested in writing and handed in to the school office. \* **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** - If your child is ill, or will be in slightly 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. \* **Parent Advice Slots** - Our family support advisor, Sue Fairgrieve, will be starting up parent advice slots on Mondays from 3pm. Please see Tracey or Bex if you would like any further information.

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