



Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 2nd February 2018

Together we Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge



Church School

This week, we had a visit from John Searson, Director of Education in the Diocese of Exeter. He has been trying to get around all 132 Church Schools in Devon which has been a rather large job! The children took great pride in showing him around and talking to him about our Christian vision and values. He observed a collective worship which was led by some of Great Links Tor children. They wanted to tell the school all about their plans for developing the school. Thank-you to all of our children for sharing their ideas and thoughts in school, we are very lucky to have such a vibrant, confident bunch of young leaders!

This week our values awards went to the following children:

Kitana Fieldhouse – Kindness for looking after friends during swimming

Charlie Chick – For great responsibility in his learning

Ollie Jennings – For being respectful of others and himself

Dylan Harris – For always going out of his way to look after others and being kind

Macie Haggart – For taking great levels of responsibility for her work

Felicity Pahdi – For being responsible for helping other adults and children

Lizzie Massey – For always being responsible and helping everyone to be organised in class

Guy Pahdi – For excellent responsibility in his reading progress and tidying the classroom

Isabella Back – For kindness in looking after her friends

Attendance

Attendance is a little lower than usual this week at 94.4% to date this year. We know that we have to recover from the high levels of sickness absence which we experienced over the last few weeks. It is good to see a healthier school – staff and children! Please remember that we cannot authorise holidays in school time and if you need to take any time off in the school year you will need to put your reasons in writing so that this can be considered for if we are able to authorise or not. Children's attendance should be over 97% as per school targets wherever possible in order for any essential leave to be authorised.

Yes Tor

Yes Tor class are still asking for any milk lids you may have gathering at home for paint. Moving on from learning teen numbers, Reception children are now learning about adding and taking away teen numbers. It has been great to see our new 2 year olds in pre-school settle so quickly and we are all enjoying having them in school.

Brentor

Phonics assessments are an important part of the year for our Year 1 children who are due to take the statutory phonic test next term. They are making great progress and thank-you to all of our parents and families who regularly read with their Brentor children – it makes such a difference to their learning.

Fox Tor

In Fox Tor the class are focusing on time telling skills. Mr Reeve asks if you could make this a focus at home then this would really support the children. Telling the time is one of those skills that needs regular input from home, especially if children are finding it tricky. Please encourage your child to read both digital and analogue clocks every day. Thank-you.

Great Links Tor

In RE Great Links Tor class have been learning about and using their amazing acting skills to re-enact the stories of the Hindu Religion. This week has also been maths assessment week for all year 5 and 6 children. The year 6 STARS club went over some SAT test questions and also focused on ensuring that children were not feeling anxious about the end of year 6 assessments – we had a long discussion about

doing our best and not putting ourselves under pressure. The children have also been completing their newspaper reports and these will be on display soon. Please could children be encouraged to practice their spellings and times-tables at home. Thank-you.

Toddler Group – The activity for Toddler Group next week is *Valentines Sensory Bucket!* Toddler Group will finish for half-term, and resume on the 22nd February.

School Dinner Arrears – Please can we ask that dinner payments are up to date and **paid for in advance**. This is especially important, as any money not paid has to come out of the school budget, which limits resources and teaching staff. If you have any problems, please see Tracey or Bex in the office. Alternatively, School Money have a helpline you can call – 08453885510 if you are having issues logging in. We do have to ensure that debts are paid promptly to avoid this having an impact on our school budget.

Up to date contacts – please could we ask that all emergency contacts are up to date with the office. This includes mobile, home and work telephone numbers, as well as any medical information that we need to know such as asthma etc, and any contacts for if you know you will be unreachable at all.

Raising Money for Cancer Research – Some of the children have asked to organise a sale of old toys etc in aid of Cancer Research. If you have any donations of books, toys, DVDs or similar, Mrs Dawkins and the children have asked if you could put them to one side, ready for a collection in the next few weeks. More information to follow.

Bude Lifeboat Junior Run – forms have gone home with those children doing Cross Country after school with regards to the Bude Lifeboat Junior Run, which is on **Wednesday 13th June 2018**. If there is anyone who is not part of Cross Country Club, but would like to enter, please see the office for entry forms. If you would like any further information, there is a poster on the noticeboard outside the school hall, or they have a Facebook page *Bude Lifeboat Run*.

Magnetic Putty – We have been made aware that there is a make of Magnetic Putty that has been removed from sale over fears of high levels of Arsenic contained within it. If your child has Magnetic Putty, please be aware of this. You can find more information on this on the BBC news website.

Roblox – This is a very popular game (similar to Minecraft) among many children in school, however, it has come to our attention that players are able to chat to each other and that chat content is not controlled. After seeing this in the press, and after taking the worrying implications of the chat rooms very seriously, the decision has been made to add this game to the list of games filtered by our School Internet Filtering Service. Children will therefore no longer be able to play this game in school. We have also sent out an email to parents with more information.

Drinks Bottles

Can we please ask that all drinks beakers/bottles are taken home frequently (at least once a week) and washed before being returned with your child. This will help limit the spread of bugs.

Wet Weather Coats – Please can we remind parents that all children should come to school with coats suitable for wet weather play.

Gate Book/Fire Book – We have sent letters out this week containing some information on our new systems we have put in place with regards to alternative arrangements for collection of children, and for

when children go home early or arrive late. We appreciate your co-operation on these matters, and hope that these systems work well to ensure the safety of your children.



BIRTHDAYS

Livvy Pearse celebrates her birthday this week. We hope she has a fantastic day!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

12th February – 16th February 2018 – February Half-Term! Back to school **19th February**

20th March – Year 6 talk with Okehampton College

30th March – 13th April 2018 – Easter Holidays! Back to school **16th April**

7th May – Bank Holiday Monday!

22nd May – Year 6 talk with Okehampton College, with parents

25th May – 1st June 2018 – May Half-Term! Back to school **4th June**

26th 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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