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## Lew Trenchard C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter - 10th November 2017

**Toddler Group** - The Toddler session was another great success this week, with so many lovely people coming along! Justine is in her element with babies to hug and toddlers to play with! Next week's activity is *painting with kitchen utensils*, which sounds like great fun! Sessions are £2 per family on a Wednesday morning 9.15am to 11.15am.

**Children In Need** - On 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise funds for Children in Need (donations of £1 per child will go to the charity). In the morning we will be going on a whole school ramble (weather permitting) so please could children bring wellies or other suitable shoes and a coat in to school on that day. To promote our healthy school the children will be making fruit kebabs and we will sell these at break times (profit also to go to Children in Need). These will cost 50p each so please could your child have this money on the day. Instead of a children in need Zumba performance we would like to invite all parents and families to join us for a Zumba exercise class in the hall at 2.30pm (donations also towards Children in need). No-one watching this time - just a massive, awesome workout! Please come along if you can and join in the fun.

**Impetigo** - We have had a case of Impetigo at school, this a bacterial skin infection commonly affecting face, causing weeping lesions which form crusts. These are infectious while the spots are wet and discharging pus, so children should be kept off school until the lesions are crusted or healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics.

**Christmas Cracker** - We regret to inform you that, due to low ticket sales, the decision has been made to cancel the Christmas Cracker event this year. A huge thank-you to Darren and Louise for all of the hard work they put in to organising then event in the first place.

### **Attendance**

At the end of the last academic year our whole school attendance figure was at 95%. We have a Devon wide attendance target of 96% and also an academy target of 97%. We are off to a good start this year as our average attendance across all classrooms is currently at 96%. Please remember that holidays, wherever possible, should be taken outside of term time and you should put requests for time off in writing to Mrs Powell prior to making arrangements as we may not be able to authorise this.

**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.

**Jumble Sale** - Thank you so much for all the donations of items for the jumble sale last weekend, and for all the hard work from volunteers on the day itself. A fantastic £590 has been raised so far. As always, this event cannot be the success it is without the hard work of the FLS and its volunteers, so thank you very much! Thank you to Kay who donated a chicken dinner for the raffle and Steph Hockridge who took the clothes jumble to Plymouth. The rest of the jumble went to the air ambulance charity so thanks to Lin Singer (Joe's nanny) for sorting that.

### **Church School Update**

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Thank-you to everyone who has expressed an interest in our Ethos Group, we are still looking for a few more parents to help us to evaluate the values of the school and help us to implement them.

### Parent/Family Phonics Session

A reminder from Mrs Sutherland that the phonics session for Yes Tor and Brentor parents/families is on Wednesday 15th November at 2.30pm in Brentor classroom.

## BIRTHDAYS

Mya Pearse, Michael Fieldhouse and Elle Abayomi-Royles celebrate their birthdays this week, we hope they have a fabulous day!

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

### School Improvement News

This week's Governor's meeting involved our Governors reviewing their roles and areas of focus in school and we will soon have more information for you all on our website. We have added some new policies and updated other policies -please see the policy section on our school website and please let Mrs Powell know if you have any comments or queries.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

17<sup>th</sup> November - Children In Need, non-school uniform and Family Zumba at 2.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> November - Wreath making at the Victory Hall

1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Fair

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

13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Christmas Church Service

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

18th 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

20th 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!

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**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.

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