



Low Trenchard C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter – 15th December 2017



Toddler Group – Toddler Group continues on Thursday 4th January, with *Monster Playdough!* Other activities next term include Making sensory bottles, Celery Fish painting and Valentines sensory bucket! Thank-you to everyone for joining Justine in the fun!

Christmas Draw Tickets – Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Friends of Lew Trenchard School Christmas Hamper Raffle. The lucky winners were Eva Woodward (Grand Hamper), Melissa Davey (LED TV) and Sharon Hodgson (Chocolate Hamper). Congratulations to all three! The Raffle raised a fantastic £577, so thank you again for your support!

Christmas Lunch – A great big thank you to Linda Johns and her helpers for all their hard work in organising yet another delicious Christmas Lunch – it was delicious!

After School Clubs – there will be no after school clubs the first week back after Christmas, we will be sending out permission slips during that first week, with clubs starting again from the **8th January**.

First Day of Term – The first day back to school is the **3rd January**, but please note that there is no school on the **5th January**, due to staff training.

Swimming – Letters went out last week regarding swimming for Years 1 to 3, if you need another copy, please see the office. The first lesson will be on the **10th January**, please can we ask that swimwear and towels are named to avoid misplaced items.

School Dinner Arrears – Please can we ask that all Dinner Arrears be paid up to date, ready for the new Term. There are currently quite a few payments outstanding, so now the initial teething problems of the new system have been sorted, please can we ask that dinners are paid for in advance. Any arrears will be chased by the Academy, and unfortunately, we will only be able to offer your child an emergency school meal of a sandwich and piece of fruit until payments are up to date. If you have any problems, please see Tracey or Bex in the office.

Uniform – We still have some 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 today will be added to our pre-loved rail. Please could we ask that all clothing/coats etc are named clearly, as this makes it a lot easier to return items to their owners if they are misplaced.

Newsletter – A few people have mentioned that they have not been receiving the newsletter, which has meant that, unfortunately, some key information has not been getting home. In order to try to correct this issue, please could you make sure that you add our email address to your contacts – it is currently **admin@lewtrenchard.devon.sch.uk** however, shortly after the New Year, the admin email address will be changing to **lewtrenchardadmin@andaras.org**. Please let us know if you are still experiencing issues with the newsletter, and we will do our best to solve them.

Breakfast Club – From the beginning of the new Term, this will be payable via School Money in the same way that school dinners is paid for, the cost will be £1.50 so that we can cover our expenses.

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.

Book Amnesty – We have noticed that there are a lot of books from our Libraries missing from school. In the New Year we will place a box outside the office, where any wandering books can be placed to be returned.

Pupil Premium, Free School Meals and Early Years Pupil Premium – Just a quick reminder that if you think you might be eligible to claim for any of these, which can provide funds for school support for your child, or pay for clubs, extra-curricular activities etc, please see Tracey or Bex in the Office.

Milk for over 5s – Just a quick reminder that once children reach the age of 5 they are no longer entitled to Free School Milk, unless they are in receipt of Pupil Premium. If you would like your child to continue having milk in school, please visit www.coolmilk.com to register.

Parking – please could we remind parents not to park along the dropped curb by the pink house just passed the school, as this is affecting the access to and from this house.

Church School

This term has been a strong reminder of how important our Christian values of kindness, respect and responsibility are in our school. We have seen this in the kindness of the children and in the respect they all have for each other and the staff in school. We have seen responsibility in how hard the children have worked in the classroom and their attitude to the Christmas performances. We are reminded daily that we are indeed growing together in wisdom and faith and the children inspire us all to understand and live by our values. The Christmas Church service was beautiful and the children's singing was simply amazing – a real lift to all of our spirits. Thank-you to Father Tim for the reflective service which focused us all on the celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus.

School Attendance

This week has been a very difficult week for many of us with sickness bugs and coughs and colds doing the rounds. This has meant that our attendance is a little lower as a whole school and currently sits at 93.85% but we know how poorly some of the children have been and wish them a speedy recovery in time for Christmas.

Merry Christmas

Thank-you all so much for all of your kind wishes at this festive time. It only remains for all of the staff here to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. We hope that each and every child has a day full of family, love and warmth and please know that our fondest wishes are with you all. We are so lucky to have such amazing children in our school and really supportive families too. Remember this is your school and we always want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Also, if anyone needs any support at all then please remember that we are here to listen and help in any way we can. School will be open most days next week with staff coming and going so please pop in or call if you have any queries or questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Ollie Jennings, Josh Tucker, Alice McCarthy, Kitana Fieldhouse, Sienna Harris, Felicity Pahdi and Connor Peryer, who all celebrate their birthdays in the coming weeks. We hope they all have a fantastic day!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

18th December 2017 – 2nd January 2018 – Christmas Holidays! Back to school **3rd January**

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5th January – Non-pupil Day – no school!

10th January – First swimming lesson for Years 1 to 3

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 of 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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