

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year 3/4 Beech Class

Friday 31st January 2020

## Home learning

Please read with your child daily, practise on Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

It is important for your child to be practising their times tables at home. There is a national times tables test for all year 4 children in June. They are expected to know up to the 12 times tables. Times tables rock stars has been set to ensure that the children are learning all of these a step at a time, please ensure they make the most of this tool.

## Class news

Beech Class have started their journey as artist this week. So far we have explored 'line' and pencil control and how this will help us to create the effect of light in our art work. Please can you send in something the children can wear to protect their uniform from the charcoal – an old adult's shirt or top is a good option.

Our weekly gardening work is going very well with many of the plants already growing!

Swimming was again, as always, a great success. Lots of amazing progress made by all children. Ryan's group enjoyed a good game with the sinking hoops at the end of their session.

Our Silver Certificates this week go to...

- Joshua for a great improvement in his effort in reading and writing this week.
- Alex for always being a responsible learner and setting a great example in all areas of school life.

## Attendance

Walnut	Oak
97.3%	95.4%
Beech	Willow
97.5%	94.4%
Elm	Chestnut
98.5%	96.7%

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.  
Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.*

## Reflections on the week

Beech Class have been further developing their collaboration skills through blindfolded activities. Everyone was able to show very good communications skills when working with a blindfolded partner, guiding them safely through obstacles. The children have also enjoyed reflecting on the work completed so far this term, some being very shocked at how much they have done and progressed throughout January!

## The Week ahead

Next week will be our last week of swimming so please remember to bring your kit!

We will be getting our hands dirty with charcoal whilst practising the skills we will need to produce our art work for the exhibition.



Lisa Borill is the Trust Finance Officer. Because ACE Academy Trust is a not for profit educational organisation, Lisa's role is critical - at a time of really intense pressure on school budgets, Lisa works hard to ensure we can enable our children to thrive in school through a rich curriculum of opportunities, resources and provision. When she's not working, Lisa also loves to go running and kayaking in our beautiful Devon countryside!