

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 2 : Oak Class

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

## Home learning

- The children have their next spelling test on Monday so please help them to prepare for this. The spelling focus is on more common exception words. Apologies for being a little late sending them home this week. Next week we'll be looking at adding -ed, -est and -er to words ending in -y that have a consonant before.
- Don't forget to help your child practise their times tables at home. Remember that the focus in Y2 is the 10, 5 and 2 times tables. Times Tables Rockstars is a brilliant resource you can all use.

## Class news

### The Miracle of Christmas

### EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

2pm (families and young children) 6pm (families – adults only)

Tickets will be available week beginning: 2<sup>nd</sup> December

We're really beginning to get to grips with this year's Nativity. Well done to everyone who has been practising their lines, especially the Kings, Taylor-Rose, Layla and Emerald, who have all done a fantastic job of learning their lines off by heart and can now deliver them with expression and volume! Not too long left before the big show! Keep practising everyone.

On Monday teachers from across KS2 came in to watch one of our Maths lessons. They were bowled over by the positive, enthusiastic and focused attitude of **all** the children in Oak Class. I felt really proud of them. They have come such a long way – well done Oak Class, you are all amazing!

## Attendance

Walnut	97%
Oak	96%
Beech	89%
Willow	98%
Elm	100%
Chestnut	93%

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.*

*Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.*

## Reflections on the week

This week we have been delving deeper into our new learning journey: How can my words and actions challenge injustice in my community? We have been looking at how Jesus did just this. We have reflected on the story The Prodigal Son, which we looked at before half-term and the story of Jonah and the Whale. They have thought really carefully about how these stories impact upon them.

## The Week ahead

More Nativity practice next week, focusing on 'putting on a show'. Children **MUST** know their lines by Monday. We'll also start putting our letters together which are being sent out to those in our community who are experiencing injustice. If you can talk to your child about letters so they are familiar with their layout and content that would be great preparation.

One of the benefits of having the Trust on site is that our teachers at St John's have been involved in high quality training as part of a training hub now established here in the school. In the past few weeks alone, our Champion Teachers group has been working on developing our curriculum so it is more inspiring, more in depth and has greater coverage of subject areas. Year group teams have also been meeting to develop subject knowledge and share teaching strengths.

With the Trust here, there are many new faces coming in and out of our school; starting next week we will outline in Trust News the cross-Trust roles of some of some of our colleagues you will meet.

