

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year 6 - Chestnut Class

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Home learning

Well done to those children who dressed up this week for World Book Day; your costumes were impressive! Thank you also to those children who have spent time this week reorganising our class reading area – it looks so much better than it did! We now need to fill it with exciting books so please bring all your suggestions into school so that we can request them from the School Library Service. In addition to that, please continue to learn your times tables. Some children have come unstuck this week as they cannot quickly recall all of their times tables facts, which has held them up when calculating.

## Class news

Over the last few weeks in our RE lessons, we have been considering the question, 'Why do Hindus try to be good?' The children's enthusiasm for their learning has been obvious from the start and they have shown great interest as they have explored the key ideas of a different faith. This week, the children created 'graffiti walls' to share their knowledge before they went on to write a 'Code of Goodness'. Mrs Burns, our Executive Head Teacher, joined us part way through the lesson. She spoke to the children about their learning and was incredibly impressed with how they articulated their knowledge and by the way that they linked their understanding of Hinduism to their own lives. In particular, she commended Ryley for his insightful views. Teddy and Daisy's understanding was also clear to see in their writing, and they both made the connection between the Hindu concept of karma and the Gospel teaching of Matthew to, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'

## Attendance

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|--------|--------|
| Walnut | Willow |
| 93.9%  | 95.9%  |

|       |       |
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| Oak   | Elm   |
| 94.8% | 95.6% |

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| Beech | Chestnut |
| 92%   | 92%      |

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.*

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

## Reflections on the week

Having returned from our very enjoyable residential trip to Dartmoor, the children have brought their energy back with them. They have been enthusiastic learners this week, particularly in their writing, as they have finished their stories with dramatic endings. A special shout-out goes to Alfie and Georgie for really building the tension before the final outcome.

## The Week ahead

Next week, in Chestnut class, we will begin our new Learning Journey, which will explore the human circulatory system and how exercise affects the health of our bodies.



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### **PARENT/CARER MEETINGS:**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Please note Reception and Year 1 will be held- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

We are arranging parent/carer and teacher meetings to review your child's progress and targets. There will be 10-minute time slots available.

From Friday (6<sup>th</sup> March), there will be a time sheet on each classroom door to allow you to sign up for a convenient slot. This is on a first come first served basis. Many thanks.