

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Willow

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Home learning

Hopefully everyone should now have their logins to Spelling Shed. We have used it in class so the children know how to use it properly. This is an area that needs to improve generally for the whole class.

Don't forget to keep practising times tables. You can login to Times Tables rock stars to help.

Keep up the reading. Little and often is most effective.

## Class news

On Tuesday mornings for the next few weeks, children from Willow and Beech will take it in turns to do some gardening in small groups. Some for the children who had outdoor clothing were able to take part this week. It is essential children are prepared for outdoor learning at any time. We will do this even more as the weather improves.

In class we have been evaluating sources of evidence. The Mayflower Compact was a contract written up and signed by most of the people who sailed on the Mayflower. It states that they will stay together for the general good of the whole colony.

We have also started our weekly trips to the community café at St John's church. A small group of children will go for half an hour each week.

## Attendance

Walnut	Willow
98.3%	96.7%
Oak	Elm
98.5%	99.2%
Beech	Chestnut
93%	94%

Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.

## Reflections on the week

## The Week ahead

Next week, we will be comparing the similarities and differences of the people who travelled on the Mayflower and the indigenous who already lived in the New World.

We will also place key events in history that are relevant to us on a timeline.

As of next week we will send out our newsletter by email only: we will give out hard copies for those without an email address. Please let the main office know your email as we want to be environmentally responsible and only print what we really need to.

Many of you will have seen Rozel Ridgeway around the school. Rozel is our Trust Business Manager and has many roles that benefit the school including enabling training for teachers and support staff from across the Trust and from other schools, helping to make St John's a hub for great teaching practice in our area.

