

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 6 Chestnut Class

Friday 22nd November 2019

Home learning

Thank you to all the children who found or made something at home last week to take to Stafford Court to share with the residents – the children's efforts were certainly appreciated.

This week, please could your child complete a reading comprehension activity at home. The key to success with this is for the children to make sure that they really understand the question that is being asked each time, before they attempt to answer it, and then for them to point to or underline the exact part of the text that has led them to their answer. The answer sheet is included for checking – please could you support your child with this and help them to understand and correct any mistakes.

Class news

Without a doubt, the main news from Chestnut Class this week is the enormous success of our visit to Stafford Court. Within minutes of arriving, all the children were engrossed in conversations with residents, finding out about each other's lives.

Two ladies were thrilled to give their accounts of life as a child during World War 2, and it was obvious that they were enjoying Year 6's company just as much as the children were enjoying the stories. This was evidenced by Ryley, who noted that 'as we were starting to talk together a bit more fluently, she started to smile and laugh' and 'I could tell that she enjoyed reminiscing about her past'. Leo took some really comprehensive notes

of his conversations at Stafford Court, which he has used effectively to contribute to a class discussion about the impact of our visit, and to his own insightful written reflection. Throughout the visit, the children's behaviour was impeccable; as we were leaving, a lady told me she hadn't known what to expect from the children, but she wanted to tell me that they were delightful and a credit to their parents!



Attendance

Walnut YR/1	95%
Oak Y2	99%
Willow Y3/4	94%
Beech Y3/4	98%
Elm Y5	99%
Chestnut Y6	96%

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

Reflections on the week

The children are becoming really quite skilled now at reflecting on all aspects of their learning and experiences. This was clearly shown by their understanding of how their visit to Stafford Court had had a positive impact on elderly members of our local community. However, they also recognised that to really challenge some of the injustices that come with getting older, they need to strengthen and maintain those relationships. As Teddy summed up, "I hope to visit them again so that they remember that there are people in the world who will help them."

The Week ahead

In Maths we will continue to learn about the four main mathematical operations, focussing on factors and multiples and special numbers such as squares and primes.

Our English focus will be punctuation, and the children will apply their skills by planning and writing letters to residents at Stafford Court.



This year we raised a fantastic £109.25. This is a tremendous amount so thank you to all our families at TSJ.

You will be pleased to know that our Disco has been arranged for Friday 29th November. It will start straight after school and run until 5.15. Children are allowed to come to school without school uniform ready to party! Entry to the disco is £2.00 and parents are asked to stay with their child/children. More details will be sent home next week.