

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year R/ Year 1: Walnut

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Home learning

Shadows-

Please explore shadows at home or when you are out and about this weekend. How are shadows made? What happens as you move away from/ get closer to the source of light?

Please share your investigations on Tapestry or bring in a photo to share.

Reading-

Try reading your reading book every day to a family member.....practise makes perfect!!

## Class news

We have welcomed Mrs Wright back to Walnut Class this week! The children (and adults!) were so excited to see her; she will be back to her regular working days after half term.

This week we have been exploring light and shadows as part of our Learning Journey question **How can I use light to create art?** The children have enjoyed using our 'dark den' to make shadows with torches and investigate the objects that let light through and those that create shadows. Lily was able to explain that materials that light travels through are called 'see-through' or 'transparent' and Calleigh could explain how shadows shrink as the object moves further away from the light source!

The children were excited to hear that the outcome for our Learning Journey is to create a shadow puppet show; Percy, Lily, Brianna and Keira have already begun making some puppets!!

**If you have any large boxes (the bigger the better) that you could donate to help make a puppet theatre please bring them in ASAP! Thank you.**

## Attendance

Oak 98%

Willow 91%

Chestnut 97.3%

Walnut 94.9%

Beech 96%

Elm 98.5%

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

## Reflections on the week

The children have been trying hard to stay on green this week and some children have gone above and beyond moving up to bronze, silver or gold! Look out for certificates in their book-bags!!

We would like to mention the following children for always making good choices and being fabulous members of Walnut Class!

Well done to Zayne, Alyssa, Keira and Ashleigh!!

## The Week ahead

Could we please ask that your child does **not** bring any toys, slime or blu-tack into school. If they have something special to show, please hand this to an adult at the beginning of the day. May we also request that if your child is bringing in a snack for break-time it is a healthy snack (no chocolate bars or crisps). We will now be keeping all packed lunches and snacks in the hall until break/ lunchtime so please make sure your child puts their lunchbox and/ or healthy snack in the box each morning.



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Trust news

Sam Ward is the Trust's Food and Nutrition Lead. Sam is often at Totnes St John's working with teachers, children and kitchen staff to develop our curriculum around health and wellbeing. Sam has won many awards for her work with education around food, permaculture and nutrition. She has been instrumental in developing our school gardens area and developing our strategy around improving children's awareness and understanding. Photographs of our Trust central team can be found on the Trust website <https://www.acexcellence.co.uk/our-people>