

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year R/ Year 1: Walnut

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Home learning

Our Easter Service will be held in our brand new School Hall on the last day of term at 2:00pm.

We welcome you to come and join us to mark this most important of Christian celebrations.

In the run up to Easter we are asking Key Stage 1 children to make an Easter Bonnet to bring in to school for a parade of their bonnets at the service, and for Key Stage 2 children to make an Easter garden. These will also be displayed at the service.

There will be Easter egg prizes for the top 3 winning entries in each category, judged by our School Council!

## Class news

It has been a busy week with even ... some sunshine! The children have been spending much time outside, exploring our extensive garden areas, and noticing the changing time of the year. This week the children have also been thinking like Scientists to answer their Learning Journey question- 'How can Science help me to become a healthier person?' In trying to answer this they have explored the qualities of a scientist- what a scientist does and how they do it. They have been learning how to make scientific predictions and followed an experiment using coke and mentoes, looking at what happened (an epic explosive fountain!) and thinking about why it might have happened. The children have also been thinking about the effects of exercise on their bodies, creating, recording and teaching each other their own Zumba moves which they are going to film to create their own Zumba video. Some of the moves have been achievable, some have been more hard to emulate, especially by us older adults! **STAR OF THE WEEK!** Shay has worked really hard this week on making good choices, including fantastic sitting! Well done Shay on starting to show all our school values

## Attendance

Walnut	Oak
94.6%	95.6%
Beech	Willow
95%	96.5%
Elm	Chestnut
96.8%	94.8%

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.*

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

## Reflections on the week

The children continue to reflect on their 'worries' and how to cope with the anxieties of everyday life. We have been using the story 'A Huge Bag of Worries' to role play the story and explore the different kinds of worries- and solutions- for the challenges we all face everyday.

## The Week ahead

Next week we continue to be scientists- with LOADS of experiments involving oil, water, glitter, smells, tastes, textures and movement. The Year 1s will be recording information from experiments and interpreting data. Reception children will be recording their scientific ideas using phonetic sounds and diagrams.



Dear parents, it is a challenging time for all around the increasing concerns raised by COVID-19. As a school we hold our children, families and staff safety and wellbeing as our key priority.

Please rest assured, we are following events and updates very closely. As a school we receive updates from the Department for Education and the NHS twice a day. For the time being Totnes St John's will continue to remain open. We continue to remind children around routines and duration for washing of hands and have built this into our school routine. If you have any queries please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> Many thanks for your continued support and understanding through this difficult time.