

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year 6 - Chestnut Class

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

## Home learning

Most home learning is a chance to practise skills learned during the school day and gives children the opportunity to try out new ideas at their own pace.

It is good to see Chestnut children taking on more responsibility for their home learning as this school year progresses. So many of them seem to have enjoyed the arithmetic challenge which was set this week to enable them to practise a host of different types of calculations. This is an area of learning where the children have made incredible progress this year – keep up the good work!

## Class news

Thank you to all Chestnut friends and family who joined us at Birdwood House Gallery last Friday afternoon as we proudly shared our 'dramatic' Mayflower artwork. Besides seeing our pictures displayed in a real gallery, it was a wonderful opportunity for us to see the amazing artwork that has been produced by children from across the school. Our art was not only appreciated by those we know, but by the general public too: one comment in the visitors' book was, 'Fantastic work, everyone! I would put any of the pictures done by Chestnut on my wall!' Well done Chestnuts – and a big thank you to Mrs Townsend for sharing her time and skills.

This week we started on our new science learning journey about the body's circulatory system and how it links to our health. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be finding out about how the heart and lungs work, and we will be acting as scientists as we investigate the impact of exercise on these organs and on our overall well-being.



## Attendance

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

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.*

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

## Reflections on the week

Our current learning value is 'leadership', which links so well with the elections we held this week for new school council members. Many Chestnut children applied for the role and it was evident from their applications that they already recognise the leadership position that they have as the eldest children in the school. Leah impressed by her desire to 'be a leader by teaching other children' and Alfie said that he wanted to bring 'courage, happiness and friendship' to the role.

## The Week ahead

This week, we started looking at geometry in maths and we will continue with this next week. The children have enjoyed this week's introduction to the topic and some have already shown a particular interest in the subject – well done especially to Emjay for all your contributions so far.



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Trust news

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