

Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

Class: Year 6 - Chestnut Class

Friday 28th February

Home learning

Take some time this week to reflect on your experience at Heatree. Talk to your family and friends about the activities you were involved in, which ones you enjoyed and which ones you found challenging. Think about how you felt when you were challenged and what you did to overcome the difficulty or your fear or anxiety (or what someone else did to help you). Finally, think of something in your life that you would now like to achieve and make a plan towards making it happen. You can share your plan or keep it to yourself. Whatever you choose – Good Luck!



Class news

Our long-awaited Year 6 residential finally arrived this week and we have spent a wonderful few days at Heatree Activity Centre on Dartmoor. Through sun and snow, the children have challenged themselves in so many different ways and have had a great deal of fun along the way. From stargazing to high ropes, the children have participated with a sense of wonder and excitement, enjoying the natural world around them whilst celebrating their successes, both large and small. "I really pushed myself in abseiling and it felt amazing when I made it," said Max, whilst Darcey said, "Every day we went through challenging things and I got more confident every time." In addition to physical achievements, many other life skills were learned whilst at camp as the children took on responsibility for their own well being. For example, Roxy explained that she has "learned how to organise herself." Well done Roxy; that is definitely a skill for life!



Attendance

Walnut	Willow
96.3%	98.2%
Oak	Elm
97.6%	98%
Beech	Chestnut
99%	100%

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

Reflections on the week

Throughout the week, Chestnut children have clearly shown how they have taken on responsibility for their own achievements. What has been even more obvious, however, is how they have seen the extent to which their own actions can help other people to reach their goals. At every opportunity, the children have supported their peers with kind words and encouragement. As Zach explained, "I reached the tenth level on the climbing wall, but I probably couldn't have done it without my friends cheering me on."

The Week ahead

Next week we will return to our usual school routine, progressing our learning in many subjects including maths, writing, reading and PE. After our residential week away, I look forward to watching the children apply the skills that they have learned at Heatree to the challenges that they face within their school learning.



Next week Teign Trees are carrying out some tree surgery work on our Totnes St John's site. The staff will be working closely following risk assessments from Teign Trees to ensure the work is carried out safely. Please be especially vigilant on school drop off, pick up, and please be assured that areas will be clearly marked.