

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year 6 - Chestnut Class

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Home learning

Over the half term holiday, please focus your home learning on becoming fluent with your times tables. It is essential to be able to quickly recall all multiplication and division facts up to the 12 times table. Please refer to your own homework letter to see which tables you need to concentrate on.

Those of you who can already recall your tables at speed - well done! - your task is to focus on writing using a range of sentence starters.

## Class news

Every May, Year 6 children across the country sit a set of standardised assessment tests (SATs). We want our St John's pupils to feel confident and comfortable with taking these tests, so we practise regularly throughout the year. This week, Chestnut children have taken a full set of papers, which they have tackled with the best of spirits. They have been keen to show their knowledge and understanding and now they want to know how they can extend their learning. Every child should feel very proud of their accomplishments this week – and for the great learning that has been going on all year! Tyler L, Beau and Tyler R have made superb progress in reading, whilst Darcey, Daisy, Ryley and Roxy's maths progress is clear to see.

As an antidote to assessment, Chestnut class had an art day on Friday, when they continued to experiment with using charcoal, chalks and pastels to create dramatic pictures. The children's final pieces will be displayed at an art exhibition at Birdwood House, Totnes, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please do put the dates in your diary!

## Attendance

Walnut	Willow
94.9%	98.3%
Oak	Elm
94.2%	99.6%
Beech	Chestnut
97%	98.7%

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.*

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

## Reflections on the week

As this half term comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on our journey so far in Year 6. The children are gaining an increasingly mature attitude towards their learning, which is evidenced many times a day in their learning conversations. Teddy, Leo and Zach are a good example of this, especially in maths, where they often now unpick problems together, challenging each other's ideas and solutions, leading to a greater knowledge and understanding for all of them.

## The Week ahead

We return from half term for our long-awaited residential visit. Please refer to the kit list when packing to make sure that you will have all that you need for the week – and remember that old clothes are best. We will have a talent evening whilst we are there so you might want to start thinking about that over the holidays!



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Trust news

Thank you for all your support this term! We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Whilst we are on half term, do not forget to think about your Roald Dahl World Book Day character costume for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March! We will be holding a whole day of fun-packed reading based events on this day - please see the World Book Day parent letter for details!

We hope you have a restful week, and thank you as always for your continued support, the staff of St John's.