

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week we have managed to get new display boards up in the hall so each class is working hard to create something to go on these - I can't wait to see their creations. Also the outdoor gazebo has had a revamp and can now be used safely as a quieter area for chatting and reading under cover. I had a very productive lunchtime meeting with the school prefects on Monday, and today I have met with The School Council. In assembly we have discussed being kind to our friends; I have noticed politeness and respect towards adults, but maybe not the same towards each other. Rob, the Balloon Man came to join Tuesday's assembly (Rob is also the school caretaker) to talk to the children about the jobs he has had, the ups and downs of different jobs, and his passion in relation to balloon modelling. He very kindly donated three magnificent models to school; the winners of these are Ana Grant, Lexie Smith and Taylor Smith. Well done to everyone who entered January's competition; I was very impressed with the number of entries and enjoyed reading the children's justifications as to why they should win. The winners encapsulated some of my values and the values I want to promote in school; hard work, self-improvement, being proud of personal achievements, being inspired, and being happy. Rob also made a wonderful balloon birthday cake for Alivia-Mae Gregory! Thank you to Rob for being such an inspirational staff member!



BALLOON PARTIES – AFLAIR 4 AIR: Rob is available for children's parties, weddings and celebrations, to make special balloon models on request for special events, balloon modelling workshops. Rob is fully DBS checked and has a portfolio of balloon models that can be viewed on request. A very talented man as he also juggles and rides the unicycle! Call Rob on 07749388398 or

email: aflair4air@gmail.com



SAFER INTERNET DAY, WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY: All children in school will take part in a day of activities designed to reinforce the importance of staying safe online. The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is 'All Fun and Games? Exploring Respect and Relationships online.' All children and

staff will join for a whole school assembly led by Traci Good (i-venger),

and then they will complete four planned activities across the day to develop a deeper understanding around online safety in today's world. These days are always highly successful and really enjoyable for the children. To support parents there is some great information via this link, this will also be available if you need it as paper copies.



<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit>

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CONGRATULATIONS: Very well done Molly Marsh (Teaching Assistant in Mr. Batchford's class) for gaining the qualification to become a fully qualified Forest School's Practitioner!

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS:



Well done Ben Simpson and James Spice for playing extremely well at the weekend with their team Amber Valley Rugby Club. They played against East Retford U11s and Ben scored two tries. They are now training to tackle and did so very well against a very good team.

PALINS VAN COLOURING COMPETITION: Please make sure entries for this colouring competition are brought into school by the end of this term, Friday 18th February. The competition template is attached, but if you want a paper copy of this please collect one from the office.

Palins Van Colouring Competition Derbyshire Catering Service are delighted to announce a colouring competition in conjunction with our trusted local fruit and vegetable supplier John Palin. We have been presented with an opportunity to create designs which will be placed on two of the new John Palin delivery vans. Six images are required in total.

To enter this exciting competition all you have to do is:

- Using the template provided ask your pupils to create a healthy eating themed design for the van that incorporates fruit and vegetables. The design must be completed in felt tip pens, ink or paint as pencil/pastel colours will not transfer onto the van.
- Designs should stay within the print guidelines and can include the child's name and school.

Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Please note there is a charge for these music lessons, and music lessons take place during the school day. If you want any further information please contact James Overend;

 0330 113 0330

 James.Overend@rocksteadymusicschool.com

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Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

UNIFORM: Uniform for both schools can now be ordered through the website under the tab "Tibshelf Schools" or you [can click here to place an order](#)



The Dog House is set at the animal charity Wood Green in Cambridgeshire and has been described as both 'charming' and 'compassionate'. The programme follows prospective owners as they are matched with a rescue dog, specially selected by the expert team of matchmakers at Wood Green. Our new series is currently airing on Channel 4 on Thursdays at 8pm. You can follow this link to watch: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-dog-house>

Breakfast & After School Care: Breakfast Club starts now from 7.30am. The cost for Breakfast Club will be £4 per morning per child. Breakfast will be served until 8.15am. After School Care will finish at 5.15pm from Tuesday 1st March, unfortunately we are unable to keep this going until 5.45pm due to lack of take up for this final half hour.



GET UP & GO: If your child comes to Get Up & Go in a morning, please encourage them to wear a sport's top and bring a change of top. Mrs. Hodson has discussed this with the children as we feel that after exercising, and as it is a very active session, some of them may be starting to feel a little conscientious about then sitting for the day in clothes they have been exercising in. Also they are welcome to bring deodorant if they need to re-apply; Mrs. Hodson will make sure they have the time and privacy to do this.

Pupil Premium Funding: Due to changing global circumstances many more families are experiencing financial difficulties so qualify for this funding. It is means tested and families are not always aware that they are entitled. Funding comes into school if you are eligible to support your child, and we give this support in many different ways depending on need across the year. Our weekly Fareshare food deliveries means we can also make up food bags to support at home. Food bags will be made up on a Wednesday afternoon and can either be collected from the front door, or if it helps these can be delivered for you if you live in the village and are unable to come to school. If you have siblings at The Infant School food bags can be collected from there if you'd prefer. Please let us know if you would like a weekly food bag making up, if you are able to collect it from school, or if you would like alternative arrangements making for collection. You can do this by either speaking to a member of staff on the gate or by phoning the office and letting Mrs. Ward know.



Please make sure your child comes to school every day with a weatherproof coat, warm hat and gloves. Please make sure they have sensible outdoor shoes/boots on days when they will be learning outside. These should come into school with them in a named bag.

COVID-19 update: In line with new Government guidance if your child (children 5 years and older) is in contact with anyone who tests positive please do daily lateral flow tests prior to them coming into school. If the test shows a positive result please keep them off school until day 6/following two negative tests taken 24 hours apart on day 5 and day 6. If your child tests negative in the morning on day 6 and they don't have a temperature then they will be able to come into school

that day. If your child develops any of the three main symptoms, please book and take them for a PCR test, and follow the guidance to isolate until you get the result. I appreciate the changing guidance may be confusing, so please ask if you are unsure. Many thanks for your continued support.

Please find a list of dates below for the coming year. These will be updated as necessary weekly so please do keep checking them for changes/additions.

Day, date, time	Event
Wednesday 9th February	Whole School Safer Internet Day
Friday 18th February	Break up for February holiday week
Monday 28th February	INSET Staff Training NO SCHOOL
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day, Dress up as a book character and bring the book into school School Council book stall / book exchange Raffle to win a collection of books
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief fundraising event - Red Nose Day, more information to follow
Monday 28th March	Road Safety Day - workshops led by Jackie Tyas, Derbyshire Road Safety Officer for our school
Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th March	Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings across school – more information to follow
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th April	Year 5 Bikeability – all children in Year 5 irrespective of whether they have a bike to bring in
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter holidays, collection from 1.15pm
Monday 25th April	Back to school
Monday 2nd May	May Bank Holiday NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 17th May	Class group photographs
Friday 27th May	Break up for May holiday week
Monday 6th June	Queen’s Platinum Holiday Day in lieu of mid-week bank holiday during May holiday week NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 7th June	Back to school for Summer Term 2
Monday 27th June	INSET Staff Training NO SCHOOL

Thursday 21 st July	School break up for Summer holidays, collection from 1.15pm
Friday 22 nd July	INSET Day, staff training
Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September	INSET Day, staff training
Monday 5 th September	Back to school for the new 2022/2023 academic year

Holidays during term time - You should not normally take your child on holiday during term time. GOV.UK has information on [what the law says about school attendance and absence](#).

If you ever need to make contact with school after we have closed please be aware that you can email, headteacher@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk I will usually pick up messages until about 9pm, and of course, if you need me to, I will contact you. If you have a child at The Infant School you are also welcome to message me via the app. Sometimes there may be something worrying or upsetting your child and you might not be able to get to the bottom of it – please do not feel you have to worry all night!

Have a good week,

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