

Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I have had a lovely start to the New Year at The Juniors and it has been great to get to know Town End a little better. Your children have been wonderful; I have enjoyed sharing assembly time with them all, and class time with some of them – everyone has been very patient with me asking lots of questions! The children have had opportunities to be very active at breaktimes and lunchtimes; accessing the outdoor gym, using the play and P.E. equipment – thank you to our wonderful play leaders for helping with this. We also had a very thorough fire practice with the alarm company and the fire brigade responding – I'm sure your children may have shared this with you! We have talked in assemblies about being proud of ourselves as individuals; working hard to 'Leave Town End Juniors better than you found it' and having 'Pride in Performance'. We will continue to think around these themes over the term.



Breakfast & After School Care: From Monday Breakfast Club will be open 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.

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](#)



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: If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding we will notify you by the end of next week. 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,

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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. From Monday 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 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
Monday 10 th January 2022	Back to school
Wednesday 9 th February	Whole School Safer Internet Day
Friday 18 th February	Break up for February holiday week
Monday 28 th February	INSET Staff Training NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 1 st March	Back to school
Friday 8 th April	Break up for Easter holidays, collection from 1.15pm
Monday 25 th April	Back to school
Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday NO SCHOOL
Friday 27 th May	Break up for May holiday week
Monday 6 th June	Queen's Platinum Holiday Day in lieu of mid-week bank holiday during May holiday week NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 7 th June	Back to school for Summer Term 2

Monday 27 th 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
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. 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,

Zoë