

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another super couple of days; made even better by the lovely weather we've had this week! In assemblies I have read a story called 'Refuge'; we have linked this word the word 'refugees' and discussed this. I was super impressed with Aimee W who did some research at home to find the names of famous refugees. We have also emphasised the importance of being polite, kind and helpful towards grown-ups and our friends. The School Council have started to sort and tidy the reading book shelves and I have spoken to the children about making sure everyone takes some responsibility for keeping them tidy by putting books back standing up, with the spines out, and in the correct section.



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

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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/>

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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.

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: 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 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
Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th April	Year 5 Bikeability – all children in Year 5 irrespective of whether they have a bike to bring in
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
Tuesday 17 th May	Class group photographs
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,

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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,

Zoë