

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your support this term. It has been great working with your children since January, and lovely to see their enthusiasm for learning both in school and at home. I have loved seeing what they have been making and creating to link with their topic work, and have been impressed with the entries for the balloon competition and Olympic poster competition. I feel we have had lots of positives over Spring Term 1; more active playtimes and lunchtimes using the equipment, a focus on a prompt start to the school day, breakfast & after school care adjustments, a wide range of clubs on offer next term at the end of every day and at lunchtimes, display boards in the hall updated by each class, reading book shelves sorted and tidied (thanks to the prefects for leading on this).

From the start of next term, Spring term 2; the reward system currently in place will work in slightly different ways so that merits and team points are awarded for personal achievements and hard work, as well as for being kind, polite and respectful. I will be sharing the details of this with the children and staff (teachers and I have worked together over three staff meetings to ensure clarity and consistency) in assembly on Tuesday 1st March, and will send out details to you after this so you are also clear on how these will be given out. Also, you will be able to collect your child/children from the playground as some of you will have done prior to COVID. Years 3/4 children to be collected from the large playground, and children in Years 5/6 from the smaller playground. This will hopefully make the collection experience safer; please make sure pets are not brought onto the school site, and you leave the playground promptly after collecting your child/children. If parents/carers stand back on the playground staff will be able to see you and send your child to you. **Collection from clubs will be from the main front door at 4.15pm.**

We will continue to show racism and any homophobic language the red card; this applies to any words/language/gestures pupils and staff may find offensive. We expect pupils to be tolerant and respectful towards each other, and we really need your support to instil this at home so that our school community is a safe place for everyone. Everyone should be able to come to school to learn in an inclusive environment; we intend to extend our use of age appropriate materials to help every pupil to develop empathy towards, and an appreciation of, different lifestyles, cultures, beliefs and religions. We have, and will continue to have, a zero tolerance approach to anyone using any words that could be considered upsetting and/or offensive.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WONDERFUL TEAM OF ATHLETES WHO REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL SO WELL LAST WEEK! Well done to; Zac, Finley G, Tylar, Adam, Eva, Ellie A, Finley H, Lilly W, Lilly F, Alex, Macey, Ellie W, Catelynn, Isabelle, Leighton, Josh, Freddie, Holly and Ben.

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VALENTINE RAFFLE WINNERS: Leo C – Tobias B – Kayleigh L – Jack U – Robert C – Ellie A - Isabelle G – Mikaela G – Coonie B – Emmeline D – Callum W – Erin W – Jack D – Archie L

CAKE DESIGN COMPETITION: To get us all excited for 'Science week' (11th – 18th March) we would like you to have a go at designing an amazing science themed cake. Your child can pick up a competition entry page from their class teacher, or there is one attached. There will be six winners, one from each class. Five of these winners will get a small prize, but the amazing **Sweet & Spongie Treats Cake Creator** is going to bring the winning design to life for one lucky child to take home. All entries £1, please give the completed cake template and money to your class teacher or a member of staff by Monday 7th March.

Well done girls for doing your Promise at Brownies – proud of you all!



Also very well done to all children who complete any additional work outside school. It's always lovely you doing homework you have been set, but especially great to see you doing that little bit extra, including sharing your positive thoughts around extra things we have done this term like Safer Internet Day. Keep this up! 😊

BOOK CLUB TOKENS: Your child should have brought home a book club token that can be exchanged for one of the World Book Day £1 books for free. These are available from participating retailers.

JUST A REMINDER THAT YOU MUST BE LOGGED INTO THE JOTTER APP TO BOOK YOUR PARENTS CONSULTATION AND RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES – IF YOU NEED LOG IN DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL VIA TELEPHONE, 01773 872306 OR EMAIL, info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk

PARENT/CARER/TEACHER MEETINGS, Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th March: We will be offering face to face or telephone meetings so that you can look at your child's books and we can discuss their progress. If you want a face to face meeting please book a time slot using **THE JOTTER APP – PARENT CONSULTATION LINK**. If you prefer a telephone call meeting please email info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk and your child's class teacher will get in touch to arrange a mutually convenient time. All meetings will be 10 minutes long, and you will have time to look through your child's books either before and/or after your meeting. We ask that wherever possible just one parent attends the meeting and siblings are not brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

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YOU CAN BOOK YOUR CHILD ONTO THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ON PARENT PAY, PLACES ARE LIMITED & IF YOU CAN'T BOOK A PLACE IT MEANS THE CLUB IS FULL.

CLUBS FOR SPRING TERM 2 - 3.15-4.15pm

£4 charge for each AFTER SCHOOL club

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, school will fund the club place

Please use this link to book places <https://www.parentpay.com/>

Monday (Commencing 7th March)

Glee Club (singing & dancing) run by Mrs. Hoskyns

Craft Club (easter crafts) run by Mrs. Wheatcroft

Japanese Club run by Mrs. Crabtree

Tuesday

Multi Sports run by Gill Rowe

Wednesday

Soft archery run by Express Coaching (Commencing 9th March)

Maths Puzzle Club run by Mr. Batchford

Thursday

Football run by Aaron

Friday

Dodgeball run by Premier Sport

Monday lunchtime Cross Stitch Club run by Mrs. Taylor (Commencing 7th March)

There is no charge for this lunchtime club

12-12.30pm – Y5/6

Wednesday lunchtime Coding Club run by Mr. Sharpe

There is no charge for this lunchtime club

12-12.30pm - Y5/6

12.30-1pm - Y3/4

Friday lunchtime Cross Stitch Club run by Ms. Riley

There is no charge for this lunchtime club

12.30-1pm – Y3/4

MOST CLUBS START WEEK BEGINNING 1st MARCH

EASTER EGG RAFFLE: We invite you to support our Easter Egg raffle by donating an Easter Egg/Easter Eggs. These can be sent into school with your child any time. The number of Easter Eggs received will be the number of prizes to be won on Friday 8th April during our whole school assembly. **Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 28th March.**



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



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](#) We have got adult sizes (small, medium, large) – if you will need these larger sizes for September please order as soon as possible as we don’t carry a large stock of these.

Breakfast & After School Care: Breakfast Club starts 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: GET UP & GO WILL RUN EVERY MORNING FROM 1st MARCH. 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. 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.

COVID-19 update: We will continue to keep you updated with Government guidelines.

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
Friday 18 th February	Break up for February holiday week
Monday 28 th February	INSET Staff Training NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 1 st March	Return to school for Spring Term 2 Clubs start this week
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day, Dress up as a book character and bring the book into school School Council book stall – books 20p or 6 for £1 Raffle to win a collection of books
Monday 7 th March	Sweet & Spongie Treats Cake design competition closes – all entries must be in by the end of the day
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief fundraising event - Red Nose Day, more information to follow

Tuesday 29 th & Wednesday 30 th March	Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings across 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	M&M Theatre Company performance for children in school – Treasure Island
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 3 rd May	Mike Copestake, High Sheriff for 2022 to talk to Year 5/6 children about aspiration and careers
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
Friday 24 th June	Wear Bright for Sight Fundraising Day to raise awareness of sight loss – wear something yellow to school, £1 donation
Friday 24 th June, 1.30pm	Sports Afternoon & Summer Fayre – more information to follow
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
Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September	INSET Days, 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 need to request a leave of absence for your child please use this link or go onto the website to complete the Leave of Absence form. <https://forms.office.com/r/qxt3vWiU8V>

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 break next week and we will look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 1st March,

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