

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

After meeting with The School Council last Friday and hearing some of the things they would like for the children at Town End, I have booked the M&M Theatre Company to come into school for the morning of Friday 8th April so that the children can experience a performance of 'Treasure Island'. This will be a lovely way to end Spring Term 2. **The Town End Sports Afternoon & Summer Fayre will take place on Friday 24th June, 1.30pm start.** We are looking at booking educational visits for the Summer term, arranging after school events, and offering a wider variety of after school clubs. Hopefully something for every child to enjoy and look forward to.



JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.50am. THE GATES WILL BE OPENED JUST BEFORE 8.40am SO THAT CHILDREN HAVE TIME TO HANG THEIR COATS UP, WASH THEIR HANDS & GET INTO CLASS READY FOR REGISTRATION AT 8.50am WHEN THE BELL WILL RING. THE GATES WILL BE CLOSED AT 8.50am. IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER THIS YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO USE THE MAIN FRONT DOOR. PLEASE SUPPORT US TO ENSURE CHILDREN GET INTO A GOOD HABIT OF ARRIVING READY FOR A PROMPT START FOR EVERY SCHOOL DAY.



The Winter Olympic Games start today. This is followed by The Winter Paralympic Games starting on 4th March. We will be creating a Winter Olympic display board in the hall and would love your child to create a poster for this illustrating one of the Winter Olympic sports. There will be a prize for winning poster, all entries should be in by Thursday 10th February.



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),



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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>

Fun for children and families - **Thinking about visiting the National Videogame Museum with your family? We believe our galleries are the perfect place for all ages to learn about and play videogames! We have a diverse range of videogames to discover throughout our galleries, which means there is always something for everyone to enjoy. Check out our Exhibitions to find out more! We are a family friendly venue, this means that the playable exhibits are always suitable for young people! There is lots for children to see and do at the Museum. <https://thenvm.org/> <https://thenvm.org/?fbclid=IwAR1HLcVzyqb-ezDLBgdHGmN9EbxXd6auZRbaTda3R9D9uGQDDam35O4Wvll>**



Well done Willow for getting your 10 metres swimming award!

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.

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 when the booking system becomes available. If you prefer a telephone call meeting please let us know on the booking form 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. **Appointments will be able to be booked from next week.**

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.

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
Thursday 3 rd 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 18 th March	Comic Relief fundraising event - Red Nose Day, more information to follow
Monday 28 th March	Road Safety Day - workshops led by Jackie Tyas, Derbyshire Road Safety Officer for our school
Tuesday 29 th & Wednesday 30 th March	Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings across school – more information to follow
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 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](#).

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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,

Zoë