

Thursday 10th March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

A huge **THANK YOU** to you all for supporting our fundraising efforts to support the people of Ukraine whose lives have been devastated over recent weeks. Blue & yellow ribbons are available from the cabin (donations in the bucket please), and your Letters of Kindness are being collected in now ready to post next Friday. To continue our support I have decided that for Comic Relief (Friday 18th March) children can wear red, blue or yellow. £1 donation, with the money being split between Comic Relief and the Ukraine appeal.



SCIENCE DAY: Next Friday, as part of Science week, the children in Puffins, Flamingos & Toucans will be having a Science Day. Mrs. Butler (Science co-ordinator) has planned a day of investigation and experimentation. We will be starting the day with an assembly that will involve getting the children to think about 'What is a Scientist?' Your child may want to come to school dressed as a scientist, ready for a day of Science! (They could wear a red nose)

CAKE DESIGN COMPETITION: Amazing cake designs by all the children that entered! Class winners; Ducklings – Sonni-Jaxx James, Parrots – Erin Woodhead, Penguins – Ashlee-Olivia Dale, Toucans – Finley Upton, Flamingos - Connie Marshall, Puffins – Charlie Housley. The amazing **Sweet & Spongie Treats Cake Creator** is going to bring the winning design to life for one lucky child to take home, and that child is **CONNIE MARSHALL**.



FRIENDS 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 any time. The number of Easter Eggs received will be the number of prizes to be won on Thursday 7th April during our whole school assembly. **Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 28th March.**



EASTER EGG COMPETITION: There were some really wonderful easter egg designs! Class winners: Ducklings(morning) – Olivia Bacon, Ducklings(afternoon) – Amelia-Rose Haywood, Parrots – Umut Celik, Penguins – Alyssa Jones, Toucans – Luca Harris, Flamingos – Leo Holland, Puffins – Eva Sheriff.



PARROTS & PENGUINS: We have arranged an educational visit for the Foundation Stage 2 children to Willow Tree Farm, Shirebrook on Wednesday 30th March 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to spend the day with their class learning outside with a variety of animals. The cost for the day will be £10; this includes the coach and the educational package. Please complete the consent form ([Click here for consent form](#)) and pay

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using THE APP (in the payments section). If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding there will be no charge.

LEA GREEN: Year 1 and Year 2 children will have the opportunity to go to Lea Green 17th June. Year 1 children will go for the day, we are asking for a £20 contribution towards the cost of this educational visit. Year 2 will have the opportunity to go for the day (£20) or to go for the day and stay overnight. If you would like your child to stay overnight we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £80. You are welcome to pay for this educational visit in instalments via the app or in cash (please make sure any money coming into school is in a clearly named envelope).

PARENT/CARER/TEACHER MEETINGS, Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th 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. If you prefer a telephone call meeting please let us know by choosing ****Telephone Call**** and specify your child's name and contact number in the other info section. 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. [Click here to book](#)



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.

Please make sure your child's water bottle only has water in it for school & nursery. It is upsetting for children who bring water and then see their friends having juice, the rule is water except for at lunchtimes when they can have a juice bottle or similar in their lunchbox. Most children will drink water in school, even if they choose not to at home.



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

COVID-19 update: From Thursday 24th February the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has been removed. However, if someone tests positive the advice is to stay at home, and avoid contact with others for at least five full days. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. You may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to your

normal routine. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

100 CLUB: You will be able to reserve your number for the whole of the year by clicking on the link below. How it works – choose the number you want and complete your details – **pay £5 for the rest of the year** (cash only for this). [100 Club - Click Here](#)

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 14 th March	Start of Science week – Science Day for Key Stage 1 children on Friday 18 th March
Tuesday 15 th & Wednesday 16 th March	Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings across school & nursery – please use this link to book a time slot Click here to book
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief fundraising event - Red Nose Day, wear red and or blue & yellow to support Comic Relief & Ukraine
Wednesday 30 th March	FS2 (Parrots & Penguins) – Willow Tree Farm Visit
Wednesday 6 th April, 9.30am & 2pm	Key Stage 1 Easter Performance at church – a medley of music, songs, dance and poetry
Thursday 7 th April	M&M Theatre Company performance for children in school – Treasure Island
Thursday 7 th April	Nursery break up for Easter holidays, usual collection times
Friday 8 th April	School break up for Easter holidays, collection from 1pm – NO AFTER CARE
Monday 25 th April	Back to school & nursery
Monday 2 nd May	May Bank Holiday NO SCHOOL & NURSERY
Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th May	Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School Art exhibition, more information to follow
Thursday 19 th May, 9.15am and 12.45pm	Class group photographs
Friday 27 th May	Break up for May holiday week – usual collection times from school & nursery
Monday 6 th June	Queen’s Platinum Holiday Day in lieu of mid-week bank holiday during May holiday week NO SCHOOL & NURSERY
Tuesday 7 th June	Return to school after May holiday week
Wednesday 8 th June	Whole School Sports Activity Day – children to come in P.E. kit and colour group tops
Friday 17 th June	Key Stage 1 to Lea Green – Year 1 children for the day and Year 2 children overnight

Friday 24 th June	Wear Bright for Sight Fundraising Day to raise awareness of sight loss – wear something yellow to school, £1 donation
Monday 27 th June	INSET Staff Training NO SCHOOL & NURSERY
Friday 15 th July, 1.30pm	School Sports Afternoon & Summer Fayre
Wednesday 20 th July	Nursery break up for Summer holidays, usual collection times
Thursday 21 st July, 10am start	Year 2 Leaver's Assembly followed by picnic lunch for parents and families of Year 2 children
Thursday 21 st July	School break up for Summer holidays, collection from 1pm – NO AFTER CARE
Friday 22 nd July	INSET Staff Paediatric First Aid Training NO SCHOOL & NURSERY
Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September	INSET Day, staff training
Monday 5 th September	Back to school & nursery 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 send a text via School Gateway App or by email, headteacher@tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk I will usually pick up messages from both or one of these sources 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!

You can log onto our website at www.tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk or contact us via email info@tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk or headteacher@tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk, or phone **01773 872571**. If we are not in the office when you phone you will hear a lovely answer phone message from one of our Year 2 pupils – just leave your message and we'll get back to you. Weekly newsletters can also be found on our website.

Have a good week,

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