

Thursday 17th March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,



How to Help UKRAINE



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 tomorrow. 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. **So far we have raised over £600!**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-60557186> - You may find this link useful if your child is asking questions about what is happening in Ukraine.

TIBSHELF CELEBRATES THE PLANTINUM ANNIVERSARY OF OUR QUEEN: I hope your child would like to create a poster to add to the display being created in the Co-op. Please encourage them to make it 'bright & colourful with a royal flavour'. They can use paints, felt pens, crayons or be even more creative and use collage materials! The poster should be on A4 paper and be in school by Monday 4th April. Local businesses are welcome to raise awareness of their organisation by incorporating their logo/information into a 'royal design'.



SCIENCE DAY: Tomorrow, as part of Science week, the children in Puffins, Flamingos & Toucans are 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)

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360 ONLINE SAFETY MARK: After several years of hard work across school led by Alison Husselbee (Computing co-ordinator) I am very pleased to be able to say that we have been awarded the 360 degree safe Online Safety Mark by SWGfL. Yesterday we had two assessors in school for the day to assess the quality on our online safety provision, and after a very rigorous process they agreed we had met the criteria needed. Thank you to everyone who supported us yesterday; one of the many positive comments was around the collaborative and whole community inclusion to keep our children safe online.

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 (thank you for the donations we have already received). 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.** From Monday you will be able to buy an Easter quiz sheet in the cabin for £1. All sheets brought back into school will receive an Easter prize. Thank you to Rachel Hill for arranging this. There is also the opportunity to win a GIANT EASTER BUNNY (you can see him in the cabin) – Guess the name of the bunny £1.

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](#)



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 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: Thank to everyone who was able to either come into school or catch up with their child's class teacher. If these dates didn't suit you, please try to arrange another time to talk about your child's progress, and how you can support their learning. We would really like your feedback following the meetings. [Please complete this online form – Click here.](#)



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>

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 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 3rd & Wednesday 4th May	Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School Art exhibition, more information to follow
Thursday 19th May, 9.15am and 12.45pm	Class group photographs
Friday 27th May	Break up for May holiday week – usual collection times from school & nursery
Monday 6th June	Queen’s Platinum Holiday Day in lieu of mid-week bank holiday during May holiday week NO SCHOOL & NURSERY
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school after May holiday week
Wednesday 8th June	Whole School Sports Activity Day – children to come in P.E. kit and colour group tops
Friday 17th June	Key Stage 1 to Lea Green – Year 1 children for the day and Year 2 children overnight
Friday 24th June	Wear Bright for Sight Fundraising Day to raise awareness of sight loss – wear something yellow to school, £1 donation
Monday 27th June	INSET Staff Training NO SCHOOL & NURSERY
Friday 15th July, 1.30pm	School Sports Afternoon & Summer Fayre
Wednesday 20th July	Nursery break up for Summer holidays, usual collection times
Thursday 21st July, 10am start	Year 2 Leaver’s Assembly followed by picnic lunch for parents and families of Year 2 children
Thursday 21st July	School break up for Summer holidays, collection from 1pm – NO AFTER CARE
Friday 22nd July	INSET Staff Paediatric First Aid Training NO SCHOOL & NURSERY
Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September	INSET Day, staff training
Monday 5th 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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