

Friday 11th 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 still 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.



British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will place between 11-20 March 2022!



SCIENCE WEEK: Next Friday, as part of Science week, Miss Riley (Science co-ordinator) has planned a week of investigation and experimentation. The children will take part in a range of activities that will include growing spaghetti towers and a rainbow, aviation creation and exploring bacteria growth.

CAKE DESIGN COMPETITION: Amazing cake designs by all the children that entered! Class



winners; Mr. Batchford – Jack U, Mr. Sharpe – Laila Mg, Mrs. Taylor/Miss Riley – Isabelle G, Mrs. Crabtree – Connie B, Mrs. Wheatcroft/Mr. Cowell – Abbie R, Mr. Smith – Scarlett B. 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 **ISABELLE GILBODY!**

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.**

YEAR 3/4 EDUCATIONAL VISITS: Mrs. Crabtree's class will go to Chesterfield Urban Studies Centre this coming Thursday. Please make sure your child is in school on time, has appropriate clothing, and brings a packed lunch/drink. The children should be back in school before the end of the school day, so usual collection time/arrangements will apply.

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**

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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.

AFTER SCHOOL & LUNCHTIME CLUBS CAN STILL BE BOOKED ONTO USING PARENT PAY. Places are limited and if you can't book on it means that the club is full. After School Clubs are charged at £4, payable through Parent Pay. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding your child's club place will be funded through school.

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

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

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

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



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

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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](#). You can order adults sizes (small, medium, large). We currently don’t stock all adult sizes but can order them in – if you will need these larger sizes for September please order as soon as possible.

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 finishes at 5.15pm.



GET UP & GO: 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.

AUTISM EDUCATION TRUST: <https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/parents>

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
Thursday 17 th , 24 th , 31 st March	Year 3 /4 Educational visits to Chesterfield Urban Studies Centre to learn about land use – more information to follow
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief fundraising event - Red Nose Day, wear red and or blue & yellow to support Comic Relief & Ukraine
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. [Click here for the form](#)

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*