



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of this academic year I would like to thank you for your support over the past months. Your children have worked hard this year and have achieved some great things – thank you for the support you give them at home, it really does make a difference.

**DISCO & BBQ, WEDNESDAY 4.30-6pm:** There will be additional sweets, crisps & drinks available to purchase during the afternoon, as well as the burger and drink that is included in the cost. Children should arrive and be collected from the gate at the side of school please.

**YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK: Unfortunately, this educational visit has had to be postponed and will be rearranged for the new academic year. More details to follow.**

**JOTTER & PARENT PAY:** Over the summer break we will be moving away from using The Jotter app/Parent Pay, and start using School Comms (School Gateway App) as is used at Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School. We believe this system offers a service that will be easier for us all to use across the two schools, and a one stop for messages, payments, bookings for Breakfast Club, After School Care, Clubs etc. As soon as this is up and running you will receive a notification email and once you have set up your account you will be able to book clubs for the Autumn terms. Clubs in the Autumn term will run from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This does mean that any outstanding debt should be cleared before we break up for the Summer on Parent Pay. If you have any queries, please message us or send us an email to [info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**JUNIOR SCHOOL DAY TIMES FROM SEPTEMBER 2022:** In line with the Government guidelines for the school week running 'for at least 32 ½ hours' Governors have approved the school day starting at 8.45am, and ending at 3.15pm. The gates will open at 8.35am to enable children to get into school and be ready for starting learning at 8.45am. **After a lot of work over the past weeks I can confirm that the bus will continue to operate as per the schedule currently in place.** Our commitment is to ensuring quality learning for every child from 8.45am-3.15pm.



**ALICE IN WONDERLAND SHOW:** tickets can be purchased from [poppetandpearlproductions@gmail.com](mailto:poppetandpearlproductions@gmail.com)

£12 each

And are available from Alex & Dominic Pope's parents.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 4pm  
 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm  
 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 4pm  
 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm

The show is being held at:  
 Create Theatre  
 Vision West Notts College

There is a Facebook page with some photos from rehearsals <https://www.facebook.com/poppetandpearl/>  
**This is an especially exciting show because two pupils from school are in the cast!**



**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022, GADGETEERS:**

Join free at your local library – it's FREE! Sign up to receive a special pack, then read at least SIX library books over the holiday, collect stickers for each book and receive a special certificate and medal when you have completed the challenge! Derbyshire libraries are also running FREE activities for children to take part in.

For more information go to – [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) And remember – **Reading more will make your child cleverer!**



**Congratulations to Scarlett Brown for getting her Dance and Language badges in Brownies this week!**

**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.

**AFTER SCHOOL & LUNCHTIME CLUBS FOR SEPTEMBER, 3.15 – 4.15pm**

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding your child's club place will be funded through school. There will be a range of clubs available including Art Club, Cross Country, Football, Quiz Club, Energise Club. We will notify you when you can book onto these clubs.

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 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Climbing Wall Experience morning and picnic lunch for Year 5 & Year 6 children
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly, 2 adults per child are very welcome to join us for this
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, 4.30-6pm	Whole School end of term disco & bar-b-que, £5 per to include a burger and drink. – other refreshments available to purchase if wanted
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School break up for Summer holidays, collection from 1.15pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day, staff training
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Days, staff training
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to school for the new 2022/2023 academic year
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisations for children, Year 3 – Year 6

**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](mailto: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. You can also now message via The Jotter app. 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 and many thanks for your support since January. It is very much appreciated,**

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