

Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been wonderful having our new starters in Year 3 this week; they have been brilliant as have our next year's Year 4, 5 & 6 children! Transition across school seems to have been very positive; please let me know if your child has had any issues to that need addressing prior to the start of the Autumn term.



WEAR BRIGHT FOR SIGHT DAY: We raised £74.33. Thank you for your support.

The Department for Education commissioned a commemorative book 'Queen Elizabeth: A Platinum Jubilee Celebration' as a gift to all children in state-funded primary school education in the UK. Our books have arrived in school and children will be given the opportunity to take a book home on Monday.

REPORTS: End of year reports will go out at the end of next week.

YEAR 6 ROYAL AIRFORCE SPACE CHALLENGE: Miss Riley (Science co-ordinator) has been successful in applying to be a part of this exciting live stream event (one of only 10 schools across the UK) on Friday 8th July. Please see below for further information -

Run as a half-day, online workshop, students will be guided through an engaging, hands-on project.

Students will work in teams to design, build and test a rocket for launching a satellite into space.

Building teamwork, listening, and problem-solving skills, students will learn how to test these rockets, seeing and learning how different factors such as friction, gravity and other forces act together to impact success of launch.

For 50 years The Smallpeice Trust has been giving young people everything they need to fuel their passion for engineering. It all started with our founder, Dr Cosby Smallpeice, a brilliant engineer that invented the Smallpeice Lathe. We want young people who are into science, technology, engineering and maths to live in a world that celebrates their passion and supports their vision for the future. That's why we do what we do, but we couldn't do it alone. It's all thanks to working with like-minded organisations and the support of the UK's top universities, institutes and corporate companies that makes it all possible.

SWIMMING NEXT WEEK: BECAUSE THE YEAR 6 CHILDREN ARE TAKING PART IN THE STEM CHALLENGE ON FRIDAY, YEAR 5 CHILDREN IN MR. BATCHFORD'S & YEAR 5 CHILDREN IN MRS. TAYLOR'S/MISS RILEY'S CLASS WILL BE SWIMMING THIS WEEK. Please make sure your child brings their swimming kit and towel to school on Friday morning.

NEW SCHOOL: Following on from my meeting with County Councillors Alex Dale and Councillor James Barron where we toured both school sites, I am pleased to be able to confirm that they support the new school development in the village. Bolsover District Councillors Deborah Watson and Ray Heffer, have reassured us that the flats on High St will be demolished as soon as all the utility services are removed, and will let us know the date as soon as it is known. I will keep you updated!

SCHOOL SPORTS AFTERNOON, COMMONWEALTH GAMES THEME: Friday 8th July at 1pm. Once again, this year Mr. Smith has organised an afternoon of sporting events for your child to take part in. If you have siblings at both schools you are very welcome to collect your child from The

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Infants from 12.30pm. Please come round onto the school playground with the afternoon nursery children/parents and wait at the double playground doors or outside the Parrot or Penguin classroom doors.

PLEASLEY VALE: Thursday 14th July – Mrs. Taylor’s & Miss Riley’s class (with Miss Riley) We ask for a voluntary contribution of £25 per child to cover the cost of the coach and the activities; the children will take part in bell boating, canoeing, bush craft and archery, plus team games. This is all organised by The Centre and promises to be a great day of outdoor learning. [PLEASE GIVE YOUR CONSENT USING THIS LINK – CLICK HERE.](#) If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding school will pay for this educational visit and provide a packed lunch if required. Please let us know.

TIBSHELF INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL SPORTS AFTERNOON & SUMMER FAYRE: Friday 15th July at 1.30pm. If you have siblings at both schools you are very welcome to collect your child from Town End Junior School from 1pm. Please come to the main front door and let your child know that they will be collected after lunch. It would be helpful if this could be written in their diary so their class teacher is fully aware. **If you have a small business, or know anyone who has, and might like a stall at this event please contact Jessica Gilbody or myself to arrange this, £10 for the afternoon and anything you make is yours!**



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 And remember – **Reading more will make your child cleverer!**

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.

YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK: Monday 18th July, Year 5/6 and Tuesday 19th July, Year 3/4. There will be no cost for the day as the money in this account will cover the cost of the coaches and admission to the park. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks (no glass bottles please), they will need to wear a school sweatshirt/cardigan, and if they have a school cap please could they wear that. They will not need to bring any spending money. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding a packed lunch can be supplied if you wish; please let us know. If you feel your child would benefit from you accompanying them and you are able to do this, please let me

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know as soon as possible so we can take this into consideration. This could be either on the coach or by them travelling with you in your own car. [PLEASE GIVE YOUR CONSENT USING THIS LINK – Click Here](#)

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CARE BOOKINGS FOR THIS TERM CAN BE MADE BY [CLICKING 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](#) 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 CAN BE BOOKED ONTO FROM NEXT WEEK 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.

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



Autism Information & Advice Service

Autism Awareness Raising Training for Parents and Carers in Derby City and Derbyshire

citizens advice Mid Mercia

Join our **FREE** monthly online course, peer support and Q&A sessions to learn more about autism, parenting strategies & common challenges, and to meet other families living similar lives. The course will cover:

- What to look out for if you believe your child may be autistic.
- Provide insight into professional language to empower you as a parent or carer.
- Practical behaviour, communication, mental and physical well-being advice, strategies and top tips.
- Preparing for emergencies, information around schooling, employment and embracing the positives of autism.

Course dates:

Monday 27th of June 2022
12:00-14:00

Monday 25th of July 2022
10:00-12:00

Monday 22th of August 2022
12:00-14:00

Monday 26th of September 2022
10:00-12:00

Monday 31st of October 2022
12:00-14:00

Monday 28th of November 2022
10:00-12:00

Monday 19th of December 2022
12:00-14:00

(only one session required)

CONTACT US VIA OUR HELPLINE, EMAIL OR WEBSITE TO ATTEND OR USE EVENTBRITE LINK IN BIO.

HELPLINE: 01332 228790

EMAIL: AUTISMSERVICE@CITIZENSADVICE MIDMERCIA.ORG.UK

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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.

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Day, date, time	Event
Friday 8 th July, 1pm	Sports Afternoon, you are very welcome to join us. Gates open from 12.45pm
Thursday 14 th July	Year 5/6 - Mrs. Taylor & Miss Riley's class to Pleasley Vale Outdoor Education Centre, £25 per child
Monday 18 th July, leaving school at 9am leaving The Park at 2.30pm	Year 5/6 educational visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park, no cost to parents for this day out
Tuesday 19 th July, leaving school at 9am leaving The Park at 2.30pm	Year 3/4 educational visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park, no cost to parents for this day out
Wednesday 20 th July, 9.30am	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly, 2 adults per child are very welcome to join us for this
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Climbing Wall Experience Day and picnic lunch for Year 5 & Year 6 children
Wednesday 20 th July, 4.30-6pm	Whole School end of term disco & bar-b-que, £2 per child plus spending money for burgers & refreshments.
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. 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,

Zoë