



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

After yesterday's very sad news in relation to the passing of Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II we have shared our sadness and thoughts during assembly today. The thoughts of everyone at the Tibshelf Schools are with the Queen's family, friends and all those whose lives she had a profound impact on.

The school will observe the mourning period and continue to support our students, families and staff. As information is announced, I will keep you fully updated as to any arrangements in place.

A great first week back! Your children have settled into school really well and we are very pleased with their positive attitude and general behaviour during this first week. Just a reminder that **school starts at 8.45am**; the gates at the back of school will be open from 8.35am, and staff will be in classes to welcome children into school from then. Please make sure your child is in school on time so they don't miss important learning at the start of the school day.

Collection at 3.15pm will be from the playground; Years 3 & 4 from the large playground that is accessed by coming in through the back gate and going left round the school building, Years 5 & 6 from the small playground directly as you come through the gate. Every child getting home safely is one of our main priorities, so please bear with us as we question and clarify what is happening if we or your child is unsure, especially for our new children.

Attendance week beginning 5th September 2022 – 'Attendopoly

Mr Smith 99%

Mrs Hoskyns/Miss Riley 98%

Mrs Crabtree 100%

Mr Sharpe 96%

Mrs Taylor/Mr Dovey 94%

Mr Batchford 98%

Between September and December Mr. Sharpe's class will be going swimming. Swimming this year will be on a Wednesday afternoon at Sharley park. Parents/Carers of children in Mr. Sharpe's class will have forms emailed to them for information and some for completion. Please complete these online and return them via email.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CARE: You can book these sessions through School Comms. If you have any problems with this please let us know by text message or by email. Sessions must be booked in advance whenever possible to ensure adequate staffing.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE AUTUMN TERMS CAN BE BOOKED FROM THROUGH THE APP. ALL CLUBS 3.15-4.15pm & ARE £4 PER SESSION. YOU NEED TO BOOK FOR THE TERM – PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE WEEKLY OR TERMLY. CLUBS START WEEK BEGINNING 5th SEPTEMBER (except gymnastics which starts week beginning 12th September). COLLECTION AFTER CLUBS FROM THE FRONT DOOR PLEASE.

Monday – Energise with Mr. Smith

Art with Mrs. Crabtree

Glee (singing and dance) with Mrs. Hoskyns – lunchtime club (no charge)

Tuesday – Year 3/4 Cross Country with Mrs. Hodson

Gymnastics with Kelly (KJ Dance & Cheer)

Wednesday – Maths Puzzle Club with Mr. Batchford

Online Quiz Club with Mr. Worrall

Thursday – Year 5/6 Cross Country with Mrs. Hodson

Computer Coding with Mr. Sharpe – lunchtime club (no charge)

12-12.30pm Year 5/6 & 12.30-1pm Year 3/4

Friday – Dance led by Jessica from Express Coaching

TUCK SHOP: Children may bring 20p per day/ £1 per week to purchase a piece of fruit or healthy snack from the Tuck Shop. Our Tuck Shop is sponsored by The Co-Op and we are very grateful for their support. Bottles of water can also be purchased for 50p.

MOBILE PHONES: We do not encourage children to bring mobile phones into school, however we respect that you may want your child to carry a mobile phone if they are walking to/from school. If your child brings a mobile phone or any other personal electronic device to school they must bring it up to the office when they arrive in school. The phone will be held securely until the end of the day when they may collect it just before they leave school. Personal mobile devices must not be used on the school site; if your child needs to contact you before they leave the site they will be able to use the school landline.

WATER BOTTLES: Please make sure your child comes to school every day with a bottle of fresh water. Please make sure your child gets into the habit of bringing their water bottle home after school so it can be refilled. Water bottles should be clearly named so your child can easily identify their bottle. **YOUR CHILD SHOULD ONLY HAVE WATER IN THEIR WATER BOTTLE. BOTTLES ARE ABLE TO BE REFILLED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**

LUNCH: It is entirely up to you as to whether your child has a hot school meal or brings sandwiches for their lunch. Unlike The Infant School children are not automatically entitled to a free School Meal. **School meals cost £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. Your child may be eligible**

for a free school meal if parents/carers are receiving certain benefits; if you are not sure about this please contact the school office.



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](#)

A lot of high street stores stock burgundy uniform, if that is a preferable option for you. Pre-owned uniform can be purchased or exchanged in the cabin at Tibshelf Infants & Nursery School; there is a large amount of stock there (including larger sizes) in the boxes and hanging on the rail. This can be brought to Town End on request.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM IS CLEARLY NAMED AS THERE ARE ABOUT 200 CHILDREN IN SCHOOL CURRENTLY. Please also encourage your child to look after and respect their uniform; we will also do this in school as we know how many items of clothing are mislaid over a school week and end up in the lost property box. You are always welcome to check this; it is located just inside the doors off the small playground outside the wheelchair accessible toilet.

Please make sure your child comes to school every day with a waterproof and weatherproof coat. NO SCARVES PLEASE.

HEADLICE: Please make sure you check your child’s head on at least a weekly basis. It is really important that you treat your child’s head immediately if you find any sign of headlice. You will be able to get further information Facebook @OnceAWeekTakeAPeek

ONLINE SAFETY: Keeping your children safe online in school, and educating them about how to stay safe online at home is a key focus for us. You can support us by being aware of and engaging with games they are playing and their online activity so that they can talk to you about what they are accessing and sharing online. You can find more information in relation to online safety at

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

OPEN EVENING AT TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL: We will be welcoming Year 5 and 6 students and their families into school on Thursday 29th September, 6 – 8pm for our Open Evening. This is a fantastic opportunity to come into school and experience our offer. Families will have the opportunity to view our amazing facilities and meet passionate and expert staff ahead of making decisions for secondary school placements. I hope to see many of you on the evening as we open our doors and welcome in the community. Further information will follow.

Please find a list of dates below for the coming year. These will be added to as other events are arranged so please keep checking them on a weekly basis.

Day, date, time	Event
Tuesday 27 th September	Year 5 & 6 Education Visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park – postponed from Summer Term
Wednesday 28 th September	Year 3 & 4 Education Visit to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park – postponed from Summer Term

Town End Junior School – Alfreton Road, Tibshelf, Derbyshire, DE55 5PB
www.townend.derbyshire.sch.uk 01773 872306 info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher: Zoë Andrews

Tuesday 18th October, 3.30 – 6pm	Open Evening for parents/carers
Friday 21st October	Wear Red Day 2022, Show Racism the Red Card, £1
Friday 21st October	Break up for October holiday week, usual collection times from school & nursery
Monday 31st October	Back to school & nursery, Autumn Term 2
Monday 14th November	Flu immunisations for all children in school with parental consent
Friday 18th November	BBC Children in Need 2022, Together, We Can Wear Yellow or Spots, or come to school in Pudsey clothing, £1
Friday 25th November	INSET Day, Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) staff training
Monday 19th December	Christmas lunch for children in school
Tuesday 20th December	Pantomime at The Derby Playhouse, Aladdin
Thursday 22nd December	School break up for Christmas, collection from 1.15pm – no After School Care
Monday 27th February 2023	INSET Day, Focus TBA
Monday 26th June	INSET Day, Focus TBA

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](#).

Your child's safety, well-being and happiness will always be a top priority for us throughout the year. If there is something worrying your child, please let us know – little things can quickly escalate if they are not dealt with. If you are not able to speak to your child's class teacher at the beginning of the day please feel that you can catch me, Mrs. Alton or Chris or catch me around school if you have any concerns or worries about anything you feel may affect your child's education. It is very important we are kept informed so that we can ensure your child receives the best care and education. Please also remember to let us know if your immediate contact details change, especially mobile phone numbers.

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, ZAndrews@townend.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!

Town End Junior School – Alfreton Road, Tibshelf, Derbyshire, DE55 5PB
www.townend.derbyshire.sch.uk 01773 872306 info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher: Zoë Andrews

You can log onto our website at www.townend.derbyshire.sch.uk or contact us via email info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk or ZAndrews@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk, or phone **01773 872306**. If we are not in the office when you phone you will hear a lovely answer phone message from one of our Year 6 pupils – just leave your message and we'll get back to you. Weekly newsletters can also be found on our website.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow,

Zoë