

Thursday 17th November 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support this week, it has been very much appreciated and our Ofsted inspector has been very pleased to read all your positive comments about the school. Your children were a credit to the school; they behaved well in class and around school, they spoke confidently about everything we do to keep them safe and support them to understand what they can do to keep themselves safe online, and they talked with enthusiasm about their learning and how they are excited to learn and be a part of our school. We should have the report from Ofsted to share with you before Christmas.

Following a rigorous and timely recruitment process by joint school governors the appointment for the Interim Executive Headteacher across Tibshelf Infants & Nursery School and Town End Junior School has been made. On behalf of the Governors, I am delighted to announce that Mrs. Rachel Boswell will be taking over the role in January. Currently Rachel is the headteacher at Blackwell Primary School, and because of this I have worked closely with her over the years as part of the 5 Pits Partnership of Schools. There will be several weeks now for us to liaise so there is a smooth transition for her, and she feels well informed about the two schools, and all the wonderful things that are happening across them.

TOMORROW: BBC Children in Need 2022, Together, We Can - Wear something Yellow or Spots, or come to school in Pudsey clothing, £1 donations very gratefully received. School uniform is not required tomorrow.



CLOTHING COLLECTION TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER: Whether you just cleaned out your wardrobe, your kids have outgrown their clothes, or you want to raise money for your local school or charity, why not consider getting cash for your clothes? It'll help the environment too since they won't get thrown into landfills. Please collect a bag from the cabin and bring any full clothing bags there as well. Thanks in advance.

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP: Next Thursday your child can come to schools in sport's kit to celebrate the first week of the World Cup.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE: Please make sure that you apply for a Year 3 place if your child is currently in Year 2, or a Reception place if your child is born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. You **MUST** apply by midnight on 15th January to get them a place. [Apply online at by clicking here.](#)

THE FRIENDS CHRISTMAS SHOP: Earlier this month your child should have brought home a personalised envelope – if were in a club, in after care or absent their envelope will be in the cabin for you to collect. A shop will be set up in school with small gifts that children can chose to buy for family, friends, pets. The gift will be wrapped and labelled (with who it is for and who it is from) and your child will bring these home to put under the Christmas tree. Each gift is £1. Your child

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will then 'go shopping' with a member of staff when their class has 'the shop'. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the front of the envelope (if you want to add more people/dogs/cats please continue on the back) and return to school by **24th November**.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Just a reminder to place your order for photographs as soon as possible. Everybody who makes an order with us will automatically be entered into our Easter Prize Draw, **where the winner will receive a brand new bike!**



PANTOMIME: This year our pantomime day is on Thursday 15th December. All children in school have a seat booked, the cost per child is £13. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding school will pay, but you must complete the consent form, if you have problems with this please let us know. There are some seats available for nursery children (who must be accompanied by an adult) and for adults of children in school. These extra seats will be allocated on a first come basis. We will let you know when they are on School Gateway to book. Your child will need to bring a snack box and a drink. Children in school will have lunch on their return to school but this is not until after 12.30pm. In the past The Friends have provided a snack bag, but with so many differing tastes and dietary requirements, it has been easier over past years to ask children to provide their own.

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. All staff have had the required annual training this month. 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>
internetmatters.org
<https://nspcc.org.uk>

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES ARE IN A TABLE BELOW, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THESE SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING DURING THIS BUSY TERM.

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

EVENT & DAY	YEAR 2	YEAR 1	FS2/RECEPTION	FS1/NURSERY
Christmas Shop – complete your child's envelope & return to school with the correct money by Thursday 24 th Nov.	☺	☺	☺	☺
Friday 2 nd December, from 8am-9am and from 2pm – Friends Christmas Market with Santa & his reindeer, Christmas ice-cream van, stalls and gifts. (Junior School children can visit at the start of the day without getting a late mark or can be collected from 2pm)	This event is for all children to attend if accompanied by a grown up at the start or end of the school day. Children to be brought to the nursery gate, FS2 classroom doors, Y1/Y2 playground doors as usual after visiting The Market with you. Collection from the usual places any time from 2pm if you want to visit The Market at the end of the day.			

Friday 2 nd December – Elf Day, Your child can dress up as an elf, wear a Christmas jumper, or wear Christmas clothes/colours to get into the Christmas spirit!	😊	😊	😊	😊
Thursday 8 th December, Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation for Save the Children	😊	😊	😊	😊
Tuesday 13 th December - Reception nativity, A Wiggly Nativity, 9.15am and 2.15pm in school. (Two grown ups per child for each performance)			😊	
Thursday 15 th December, Pantomime at The Pomegranate for all children in school - £13 per child - £15 for adult tickets, allocated on a first come basis Open on School Gateway for payment and consent <i>(School will pay for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding but you must complete the online consent form)</i>	😊	😊	😊	😊 ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY A GROWN UP
Friday 16 th December, Pantomime Dance Workshops (West End in Schools) ALADDIN	😊	😊	😊	
Tuesday 20 th December, Carols at Church 9.30am & 2pm	😊	😊		
Tuesday 20 th December, Christmas lunch	😊	😊	😊	😊
Wednesday 21 st December, Nursery Christmas parties & break up day				😊
Wednesday 21 st December, Santa visiting school	😊	😊	😊	😊
Wednesday 21 st December, 2pm - Mike & Band – carols on the playground (Parents/Carers very welcome to join)	😊	😊	😊	😊
Thursday 22 nd December, Break up for Christmas holidays – collection from 1pm	😊	😊	😊	



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE AUTUMN TERMS CAN BE BOOKED FROM THROUGH THE APP. CLUBS ARE OPEN FOR YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHILDREN. ALL CLUBS ARE £4 PER SESSION. YOU NEED TO BOOK FOR THE TERM – PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE WEEKLY OR TERMLY. ALL CLUBS WILL APPEAR WITH SUMMER 2022 AT THE START. Last day for clubs Wednesday 14th December. LAST DAY FOR CLUBS LED BY A TEACHER IS TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER.

Monday – Football with Aaron
Computing Club with Mrs. Alton & Mrs. Husselbee
Singing Club with Mrs. Moody

Tuesday – Gymnastics with Premier Sport
ECO Club with Mrs. Butler
Music Club with Mrs. Austin & Pete

Wednesday – Clay Creators (You will book this directly with Clay Creators - derby@claycreators.com)

Thursday – Dodgeball/Multi Sports with Alex

Friday – Dance with Kelly

P.E. Days

FS2 – Thursday

Year 1 – Thursday

Year 2 – Monday

**YEAR 1 CHILDREN WILL CONTINUE TO GO TO THE ALLOTMENT ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS.
YEAR 2 WILL RESUME THEIR VISITS TO THE ALLOTMENT IN SPRING TERM 2.**

Please make sure your child comes to school in suitable P.E. kit on those days. Hair should be tied up and **if your child usually wears ear-rings these should be removed or covered prior to coming to school.**

NURSERY/DUCKLINGS – WELLY BOOT WEDNESDAY: On Wednesdays your child should come to nursery wearing their puddlesuit and wellington boots. They will be outside all session so please make sure that as the weather gets colder they are well wrapped up and have gloves and hats.



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](#)
Pre-owned uniform can be purchased or exchanged in the cabin, there is a large amount of stock there in the boxes and hanging on the rail.

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. On the occasions that you may forget to send your child to school with a water bottle you will be able to purchase a bottle from the office at a cost of 50p. If your child needs a bottle of water during the school day Chris will send you a text to let you know one has been given and money is owing. Water bottles should be clearly named so your child can easily identify their bottle. Your child’s water bottle should be put in the trolley under where the reading books are stored. You will see it is clearly labelled. **YOUR CHILD SHOULD ONLY HAVE WATER IN THEIR WATER BOTTLE. BOTTLES ARE ABLE TO BE REFILLED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY WITH WATER FROM THE CLASSROOMS, THIS IS SUITABLE FOR DRINKING.**

SNACK: During the morning your child will be offered a piece of fruit as provided through the Free Fruit School Scheme. There is a variety provided during the week which consists of apples, pears, oranges, carrots, bananas etc. as in season. Your child will also be encouraged to drink their water throughout the day.

CLOTHING: Please make sure any uniform your child wears to school is clearly named. This is especially important for sweatshirts, cardigans and coats. It may be a good idea to attach a keyring with a small figure to the zip pull to help your child to recognise their coat more easily! If your child comes out of school at the end of the day without their cardigan or sweatshirt, please send them back in to collect it – having items named makes this so much easier! Clothes that are left at the end of the day will be hung on your child’s peg (if named) or put onto the trolley that is put outside nursery every morning. **Please make sure your child comes to school every day with a waterproof and weatherproof coat. NO SCARVES PLEASE.**

JEWELLERY: CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR ANY JEWELLERY TO SCHOOL. THIS INCLUDES TOY JEWELLERY, BRACELETS, WATCHES (unless your child can tell the time) & EARRINGS (other than plain studs). Please support us with this. Thank you.

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

COMMUNITY HELP
WINTER 2022

WARM BANK → **TIBSHELF VILLAGE HALL**

Starting from 1st November, Tibshelf Village Hall will open its doors to the public on Tuesday afternoons, 12:30pm to 3pm, each week of the winter. This is initially to test demand, and could be extended to more days and times if needed. The Hall will offer a warm space so that people can turn off their heating for a few hours. Join us for bingo, pub quiz, board games and a children's toy corner. We ask that residents in genuine need attend, although we will not turn people away.

COMMUNITY CAFE → **TIBSHELF VILLAGE HALL**

A Community Café will be open at the Village Hall during the Warm Bank and operating out of kitchen hatch. It is planned this will provide teas and coffees, as well as food being on offer. It too will initially test demand and would be extended if the Warm Bank is. We also ask that residents in genuine need attend, although none will be turned away.

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
Week beginning 21 st November	Road Safety week, THE THEME THIS YEAR IS 'Safe Roads for All'
Tuesday 22 nd November	Rags to Riches clothing collection
Thursday 24 th November	Come to school in Sport's Kit to celebrate the first week of the Football World Cup

Friday 25 th November	INSET Day, Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) staff training – NO SCHOOL OR NURSERY
Friday 2 nd December, from 8.15am and 2pm	The Friends Christmas Market – Santa and his reindeer, reindeer food on sale, Christmas ice cream van and more
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation to Save the Children charity – children may also wear their Christmas jumpers for the last week of term.
Friday 9 th December from 1pm	Town End Junior School Christmas Fayre
Thursday 15 th December, 10.15am	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime at The Pomegranate Theatre, Chesterfield
Tuesday 20 th December, 9.30am & 2pm	Christmas carols with Pete and band at church
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas lunch for children in school
Wednesday 21 st December	Santa visiting school & Nursery
Wednesday 21 st December, 2pm	Mike and band at school singing on the playground with school & nursery – parents/carers welcome to join
Wednesday 21 st December	Nursery Christmas parties Break up for Christmas, usual collection times
Thursday 22 nd December	School break up for Christmas, collection from 1pm – no After School Care
Monday 27 th February 2023	INSET Day, Focus TBA
Monday 26 th 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.

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.

If you ever need to make contact with school after we have closed please be aware that you can send a text via the 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 10pm, 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!

Have a good week,

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