

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



**ELF DAY:** Tomorrow your child may come to school in Christmas jumpers, elf costumes, or Christmas clothes – sensible shoes please. The children will be ‘elves for the day’ – making and creating things to be sold at Town End next Friday

at The Christmas Fayre, 1.30 – 3pm. It is the Christmas Market at Tibshelf Infants tomorrow so the gates will open at 8am and you are welcome to have a wander round, see Santa and his Christmas pony, buy your reindeer food & hot chocolate, and enjoy a festive start to the school day before dropping your child as usual. The gates will also be open at The Infants at 2pm for you to enjoy these festivities at the end of the school day. Children attending this event with you will not get a late make if they are dropped off at Town End late, and they can be collected from the main front door anytime from 2pm, if you want to come to The Christmas Market at the end of the day.

**THE FRIENDS CHRISTMAS SHOP:** Your child will have the opportunity to visit The Christmas Shop over the next couple of weeks if you returned their envelope detailing the presents they needed to buy. These can still be sent into school if you missed the deadline.

**HOME SCHOOL DIARIES:** IF YOU PUT A NOTE IN YOUR CHILD’S HOME/SCHOOL DIARY, PLEASE TELL YOUR CHILD THAT THEY NEED TO SHARE THIS WITH THEIR CLASS TEACHER. TEACHERS ARE NOT ABLE TO CHECK EVERYONE’S DIARY EVERY DAY.



**PANTOMIME:** This year our pantomime day is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. There are some seats available for adults of children in school if you would like to join us. 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 packed lunch as we will not be back at school till close to the end of the day. A packed lunch can be provided by school for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please let us know as soon as possible if you would like this arranging for your child.

**BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** You can book these sessions through School Gateway app. 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.

**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.



**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. COLLECTION AFTER CLUBS FROM THE FRONT DOOR PLEASE. The last day for clubs next term will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. IF THE CLUB IS RUN BY A MEMBER OF STAFF THE LAST DAY FOR CLUBS IS THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.**

**Monday** – Energise with Mr. Smith

Art with Mrs. Crabtree

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

**Tuesday** – Year 3/4 Multi Sports with Mrs. Hodson

Gymnastics with Kelly (KJ Dance & Cheer)

**Wednesday** – Maths Puzzle Club with Mr. Batchford

**Thursday** – Year 5/6 Cardio Fit with Mrs. Hodson

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

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

## CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

EVENT & DAY	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Christmas Shop – complete your child’s envelope & return to school with the correct money as soon as possible	😊	😊	😊	😊
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December at Tibshelf Infants, from 8am-9am and from 2pm – Friends Christmas Market with Santa & his reindeer, Christmas ice-cream van, stalls and gifts.	This event is for all children to attend if accompanied by a grown up at the start or end of the school day. <b>Junior School children can visit at the start of the day without getting a late mark or can be collected from 2pm from Town End</b>			
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December – Elf Day, all classes making & creating Christmas treats for Christmas Fayre	😊	😊	😊	😊
<b>Your child can dress up as an elf, wear a Christmas jumper, or wear Christmas clothes/colours to get into the Christmas spirit as their classrooms become Christmas workshops for the day!</b>				
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation for Save the Children	😊	😊	😊	😊
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1pm-3pm, Christmas Fayre at Town End Juniors	😊	😊	😊	😊
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December, Carols at church – 9.30am Years 5 & 6 – 2pm Years 3 & 4 – parents welcome	😊	😊	😊	😊
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December, Pantomime Dance Workshops (West End in Schools) CINDERELLA	😊	😊	😊	😊
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December, Christmas lunch	😊	😊	😊	😊
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December, Pantomime at The Derby Playhouse for all children in school - £13 per child - £15 for adult tickets, allocated on a first come basis <i>(School will pay for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding but you must complete the online consent form)</i>	😊	😊	😊	😊
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December, Break up for Christmas holidays – collection from 1.15pm	😊	😊	😊	😊

**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.**



**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.

**We keep a good stock of uniform at Tibshelf Infants, so usually what you have ordered will be at Town End within a couple of days. When you have paid your child’s uniform will be given to them, but please remind us if this has not happened.**

**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.**

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
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Elf Day at Town End Junior School – all classrooms will become Christmas Workshops making & creating for The Christmas Fayre next Friday
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, from 8.15am and 2pm	The Friends Christmas Market at Tibshelf Infants – Santa and his reindeer, reindeer food on sale, Christmas ice cream van and more
Week beginning Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Bikeability – more information to follow

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm	Singing performance by Mr. Smith's class, parents/carers of these children welcome to join us for this at school
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December, 1 – 3pm	Town End Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am & 2pm	Christmas carols at church – parents/carers welcome to join 9.30am – Year 5/6 2pm – Year 1/2
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime at The Derby Playhouse, Aladdin – ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH (if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding school will provide a packed lunch if requested in advance)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Santa visiting school
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School break up for Christmas, collection from 1.15pm – no After School Care
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school, Spring Term 1
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	INSET Day, Focus TBA
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	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](mailto: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!

You can log onto our website at [www.townend.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.townend.derbyshire.sch.uk) or contact us via email [info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk) or [ZAndrews@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto: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.

Have a good week,

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