



Newsletter 2



Wednesday 1st February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I am delighted to have been appointed the permanent Executive Headteacher for the Tibshelf Schools Federation. I am looking forward to working with Mr Worrall (Head of School), all the staff and children. Mr Worrall and I will both be sending out a newsletter monthly to keep you up to date with the latest news and events. Karen Waring, the Chair of Tibshelf Schools Federation will be sending a letter to all parents in the next few days.

Parent drop ins

Thank you to the parents and carers that attended the afternoon/evening drop in session to meet me and share their thoughts and ideas for the future. I will be sharing these with the Governors to help us with school improvement going forwards.



Rewards

I have enjoyed learning about all the ways the children here are rewarded for their hard work and effort. As well as being told well done and receiving stickers, here are other ways your child receives rewards:

Team points:

Each child at school receives team points for anything that has made them be noticed in a positive way - it could be holding a door open, being kind, helpful, their work etc. A team point equals a sticker on a bookmark. When the bookmark is filled up, these are handed in and the children get a prize from the box and a new bookmark. These bookmarks are displayed in the school hall. If a child has a bookmark at the end of July, this is carried on to the following year, so they do not need to start again!

Merits:

A child can receive a merit sticker for outstanding effort or work in class. They bring their work to Mr Worrall or me so we can also see it and congratulate them. Children can save these stickers up and get to choose a prize from the 3 sticker, 5 sticker or 10 sticker box.

Raffle tickets:

If children have read 5x weekly and had this signed by a parent/carer, this is celebrated in Monday's assembly. They then are given a raffle ticket each time they do so. The raffle tickets are popped into a class box and at the end of a half term, a raffle ticket is drawn from each class box in assembly and they receive a prize.

Star of the week:

Every Friday, the class teacher chooses a pupil who has shone out during the week. It may be for manners, attitude, behaviour, work or effort. They receive a certificate in assembly and parents/carers will be sent a text from school so they are aware too.

Headteacher award:

Every week, 1 child from each year group is chosen by myself or Mr Worrall as we have spotted them displaying the Town End values. They are given a certificate and gold badge (they can wear these on their jumpers if they would like to) and a text is sent home to let parents know.

Help!



We are in the process of purchasing new Forest Schools resources for the children - if anyone has spare wellies which they could donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you for those that have already been sent in!

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly. Whilst we understand children will be away at times due to medical appointments or being poorly, it is something that all schools have to monitor rigorously. Please do let the office know by 9.30am if your child is absent from school so we can use the correct register code. Children are now considered to be 'Persistent absentees' if they have attendance below 90%. If this is the case, we will send a letter so you are aware of this and please do contact Mrs Hodson at school who can offer support. Attendance is an area that we continue to monitor as a school to ensure that we are above the National average of 96%. The latest guidelines from the Government can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>



Online safety

There may be times that adults or children are worried about something that they have seen or been sent online. If so, you can visit CEOP at www.ceop.police.uk or contact the Internet Watch Foundation at www.iwf.org.uk. You can also contact Childline on 0800 1111 - you are able to download the app on a smart phone. We talk regularly to the children about keeping safe online but if you have any concerns, please do let us know.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day - the children will be having an assembly around this and then activities in class in the afternoon
Thursday 9 th / Friday 10 th February	Partake visit to school for Y3/4 (an email has been sent today) Mr Smith's class - Thursday 9 th February Mrs Hoskyn's and Miss Riley's class - Friday 10 th February Mrs Crabtree's class - Friday 10 th February
Monday 27 th February	INSET day - no children in school
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day - children can come to school dressed as their favourite character!
W/b Monday 13 th March	Science week - there are lots of exciting activities planned for the week around science!
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day - details to follow closer to the time
Friday 31 st March	Break up for Easter

We are confirming other dates currently for the academic year. These will be shared in the next newsletter.

School holiday dates

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSURES (Last Day)	SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Children Return)
February Half Term	Friday 17 th February 2023	Tuesday 28 th February 2023
Easter Holiday	Friday 31 st March 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023	
Spring Bank Holiday	Friday 26 th May 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023
Summer Holiday	Friday 21 st July 2023	TBC

INSET DAYS
Monday 27th February
Monday 26th June

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Boswell (Executive Headteacher)