

Newsletter 25th September 2023



Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 5th October** – Harvest Festival Celebration at Tibshelf church from 1:30pm for Year 1 and Year 2 classes and parents/carers. Please can donations of dry, tinned or long-life food be taken directly to the church and placed in the donation box.
- **Wednesday 18th October** – Parents/Carers from Mrs Austin's Flamingo Class are invited to have a school lunch with their child. Only 1 adult please, due to space. Adult meals cost £4:26 please book your place and pay via the school app.
- **Monday 23rd October and Wednesday 25th October Parents Evening for Foundation Stage 2 (Parrots and Penguins), Year 1 (Toucans and Toucan Too) and Year 2 (Puffins and Flamingos).** [Click here to book an appointment](#)
- **Friday 27th October** – break up for half term at 3:00pm.
- **Monday 6th November** – return to school at 8:20am.

Packed Lunches

A number of parents have asked about packed lunches and how much food to send in with their child. All children are unique and have different likes and dislikes but generally less tends to be more. Usually something like a sandwich, or crackers, or pasta accompanied by three other things such as crisps, a cheese string, fruit, yogurt, or a biscuit is more than enough. Sometimes children can come with lots of choices that overwhelm them, and they don't know where to start.

We encourage children to try and eat at least three things from their lunchbox including the most substantial item and will let you know if they haven't wanted to eat their lunch that day.

Can we ask that if children are eating grapes, they are cut in half, so they are not a choking hazard. Thank-you.

Cauliflower cards

Cauliflower cards is a Christmas card printing company. As in previous years, children this year, will be making a card. All children will complete their card in school. Children will bring their card home with on or before Friday 20th October. You will then be able to place your order if you wish to make one and pay for your order online. If you don't choose to place an order you don't need to return your child's card. If you have placed an order, you must return your child's card to school so that the Cauliflower Card Company can collect them to process your order. Friday 27th October is the last date for cards to be returned to school. Thank-you.

Start of the school day

Emotional well-being is important for children. If children feel confident in their surroundings, they are more likely to learn productively and develop in a healthy way. We have made changes to the start of the school day in Years 1 and 2 to support this. Teachers will be at the door to meet children as they arrive in school. Children in Year 2 will then go into the hall for a 'Wake and Shake' session. Children in Year 1 will go into their classroom for a settling in morning activity.

Uniform

We do our best to return children's belongings to them at the end of the day, but this can be tricky if children's belongings aren't labelled with their name. In each class there can be 25 jumpers that look the same and are the same size. When we find clothing in school with children's names on, we put it on their peg. Please help us look after your child's belongings by labelling everything with their name.

Early Help

Early help describes any service that supports children and families as soon a difficulty or problem emerges. Examples of Early Help might include help with parenting support, emotional health and well-being, play and activity groups or communication and language support. Early Help is voluntary and can provide support at any stage in a child's or young person's life. At Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School we are committed to supporting all of our families. We can support families if they feel they would benefit from Early Help. In addition, we can offer support through Positive 4 Young People.

If you feel that you would benefit from a little extra help, please speak to myself, Mrs Boswell or Chris Cafferty and we can discuss what support we can put in place.

Mrs. Alton

Head of School