



Tibshelf Schools Federation Newsletter 1

Monday 4th September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Summer and a warm welcome to our new families that will join us either at Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School or Town End Junior School. We will do our best to help the children settle in and we are looking forward to watching them grow and flourish through the year. Please do let us know if you have any concerns or questions and the staff will be happy to help. Here is some important information about the year ahead - apologies for the length but there is a lot to let you know!

The school day

	Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School 8.30am-3pm	Town End Junior School 8.45am-3.15pm
Start of the day	<p>Gates and doors are open from <u>8.20am</u> ready for registration at 8.30am. Lessons start promptly straight after registration so please support us in ensuring your child is in class by 8.30am so they do not miss valuable learning time.</p> <p>Change this year: <u>The back gate will be locked in the morning but all entrances at the front of the school will be open.</u> Chris/Sarah (in the office) will be at the front entrance and Mrs Alton (Head of School) or Mrs Boswell (Executive Head) will be on the playground if you do need to pass on any</p>	<p>The side gates open from <u>8.35am</u> ready for registration at 8.45am. Lessons start promptly straight after registration so please support us in ensuring your child is in class by 8.45am so they do not miss valuable learning time.</p> <p>Please drop off your child at the gates - staff will be on the gate to take any messages and make sure your child gets safely into school.</p> <p>The council have put in an extra disabled parking spot in the carpark next to the</p>

	<p>messages and to ensure the children are safely in school. <i>Whilst we know you will want to make sure your child gets to the right place initially, when parents of Year 1 and 2 wish to, they can drop their children at the front entrance to walk around to their classrooms. Nursery and Reception children must be taken to the class entrance by an adult please.</i></p>	<p>school for a pupil joining us in Year 3. We appreciate your support in keeping this spot clear at the start and end of the school day.</p>
<p>End of the day</p>	<p>The back gates and the front gates will open at 2.50pm for parents to wait near the classrooms. <i>Year 1 parents to wait in the front car park please by the school entrance door.</i> Teachers will line up your children in school and then release them when they see you to ensure they are safe.</p>	<p>The side gates will be open for you to come onto the playgrounds approximately at 3.15pm <u>after</u> the school bus children have been released. Y5/6 children will be brought outside to the small playground by their teachers. Y3/4 children will be brought onto the main playground by their teachers.</p>
<p>NURSERY</p>	<p>(Nursery children staying all day, please follow above start and finish times) Morning children: Please follow above for start of the day. At pick up, the front entrance gates will be open at 11.30am for you to then go to the Nursery entrance to collect your child. Afternoon children: The front entrance gates will open just before 12pm for you to take your children to the Nursery entrance. Please follow the finish times above for the end of the day.</p>	

PE days and uniform/Outdoor Learning

There will be no PE at either school this week. There will be no Forest Schools this week for the Junior School or Gardening at the Infants this week. Please can children come to school dressed in PE kit on their PE day. However, if it is not their PE designated day BUT they are attending a club please can they bring sportswear to school to change into and wear school uniform in the daytime as normal.

Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School	Ducklings (Nursery)	Parrots/Penguins (Reception)	Toucans (Y1)	Toucans Too (Y1)	Flamingos (Y2)	Puffins (Y2)
"Welly Wednesday" Please send children with wellies and wet weather gear! Friday - please send children in trainers for activity session		There will be no formal PE until next term. Children will have regular outdoor activities.	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday	Monday
			Wednesday-Gardening. Please send child in school top/jumper but old jogging bottoms/leggings etc and wet weather gear where possible. They will also need a change of footwear (eg: wellies) as it may get muddy!	Wednesday-Gardening. Please send child in school top/jumper but old jogging bottoms/leggings etc and wet weather gear where possible. They will also need a change of footwear (eg: wellies) as it may get muddy!	Thursday-Gardening. Please send child in school top/jumper but old jogging bottoms/leggings etc and wet weather gear where possible. They will also need a change of footwear (eg: wellies) as it may get muddy!	Thursday-Gardening. Please send child in school top/jumper but old jogging bottoms/leggings etc and wet weather gear where possible. They will also need a change of footwear (eg: wellies) as it may get muddy!
			Thursday am - Tai Chi session. Children <u>do not need PE kit</u> for this.			
Town End Junior School	Mr Smith Y3/4	Mrs Crabtree Y3/4	Mrs Hoskyns/Miss Riley Y3/4	Mr Batchford Y5/6	Mr Sharpe Y5/6	Mrs Taylor/Mr Dovey Y5/6
	Tuesday Wednesday	Wednesday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday	Monday Wednesday Swimming will start 20 th September	Monday Friday	Monday Tuesday
	Wednesday - Forest Schools. Please send child to school with wellies/boots/old trainers - they may get wet and muddy!			Monday - Forest Schools. Please send child to school with wellies/boots/old trainers - they may get wet and muddy!		

Tibshelf Infants: School PE top (any colour), sport shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms. Earrings need to be either taken out or covered with tape for PE/sports activities please. Please support us in not sending children with football/rugby kits on PE days as these are expensive items which can be damaged.

Town End Juniors: For PE, your child will need to wear a Town End Junior PE top (or a t-shirt of the correct colour), sport shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms. Parents should have been told which house colour their child is in. Please support us in not sending children

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After school clubs These start w/b 11th September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School	Football with Owen		Gymnastics with Alex		Dance with Kelly
Town End Junior School	Energise 3.15pm-4.15pm	Girls football 3.15pm-4.15pm	Multi Sports/cross country 3.15pm-4.15pm	Boys football 3.15pm - 4.15pm	

School dinners

As was mentioned in the July newsletter, the County Council provide meals to schools across Derbyshire. We have been asked by Derbyshire Catering Services to inform parents that there will be an increase to the cost school dinners for children. This will increase to £3.25 from September 1st 2023. Universal school meals (for children from Reception to Y2) and children eligible for free school meals will not be affected. For information about the catering service, or to check if you may be eligible for free school meals, the link to their website is <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/cateringschool-meals.aspx>

Tibshelf Infants: Children have universal free school dinners. Parents can choose for their child to have a dinner or bring a packed lunch from home. During registration every day, the children will be asked if they want a dinner or if they are sandwiches from home. For our new starters, they will be helped with this until they are used to the routines! Derbyshire provide our catering service and [Click here for School Lunch Menu](#)

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Payment for school dinners can be made on the school gateway app. If you have any questions or cannot access this, please contact the school office.

Important Reminders/information

- ❖ Please name all your child's possessions to ensure that they can be identified and returned to their owners if they are misplaced.
- ❖ **Nursery and Infant** children will still be provided with fresh fruit each day. **Junior children at Town End** can bring snacks for break, but please can you support us in ensuring that these are healthy too such as fruit, dried fruit, vegetables or a plain cereal bar. **At Town End** there is also a tuck shop run by the pupils at break time and it is 20p per item. Please also send your child with a water bottle (no juice please).

The children can fill these up during the day using our water filter. Water can also be purchased from the tuck shop for 50p per bottle.

- ❖ **Year 6 pupils at Town End - parents must apply for a Secondary School place by midnight on 31st October.** Apply online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or call [01629 533190](tel:01629533190)
- ❖ If you have changed your mobile number/had a new phone over the Summer, please do let us know so that we have the correct details for you if we have to call you in an emergency. Please provide us with at least two numbers so that we can contact someone if we are unable to get hold of you.

Absence

If your child is away due to ill health, please do inform us via phone call or via the school app before school starts. Please also let us know daily if they continue to be absent. Where a child does not arrive at school, communication is made to parents after the close of registration and pupils are marked as unauthorised if we do not hear anything by 9.30am.

Holidays in term

As is the case with all schools, just a reminder that holidays and days out are not permitted in term time and cannot be authorised unless there is a clear and valid reason. Holidays taken in term time may result in a fine, per pupil, per parent. Schools have a duty to report all holidays that are known or that School are made aware of to Derbyshire and any fines are kept by the council, not school. The Government is very clear that children should be in school unless there is an exceptional reason. If you do take holidays in term time, please understand that letters will be sent to you and there is a real chance you will receive a penalty notice.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

Please find below a message that the Department for Education have asked us to share with our families regarding the Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). We want to reassure you that we do not feel this is an issue at Tibshelf Schools Federation. As a Federation we have already contacted Derbyshire County Council who have confirmed that DCC do not historically have any properties with this construction, and this has been reported back to the DfE.

"You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

The DfE has been helping education settings and responsible bodies (such as local authorities and multi-academy trusts) to identify and manage the potential risks of RAAC since 2018. You can find more in the Education Hub article published by DfE.

We appreciate the concern this may raise, and we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff."



Dates for your diary (in red are where Parents/Carers are invited)

Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Tuesday 19 th September	Valley Cids assembly for pupils	Wednesday 20 th September	Mr Batchford's class swimming starts Y5/6 football at Tibshelf Secondary 3.45pm (letters will be sent out to those involved)
Thursday 5 th October	Harvest Festival at Tibshelf Church 1.30pm for Y1 and Y2 (Toucans and Toucans Too, Flamingos and Puffins)	Thursday 5 th October	Y5/6 dodgeball 3.45pm at Frederick Gent (letters will be sent out to those involved)
Wednesday 11 th October	Parent/Carers in Mrs Austin's Flamingos class are invited to have dinner with their child (only 1 adult please due to room!). Details will follow in Mrs Alton's newsletter	Tuesday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival at Tibshelf Church 1.30pm
Monday 23 rd October	Parents Evening (details to follow closer to the time)	Wednesday 11 th October	Parent/Carers in Mr Smith's class are invited to have dinner with their child (only 1 adult please due to room!). Details will follow in Mr Worrall's newsletter Y3/4 football 3.45 Tibshelf Community (letters will be sent out to those involved)
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents Evening (details to follow closer to the time)	Thursday 12 th October	Y5/6 girls football 3pm Mansfield (letters will be sent out to those involved)
Tuesday 14 th November	Individual and sibling class photos	Tuesday 24 th October	Parents Evening (details to follow closer to the time)
Wednesday 15 th November	Parent/Carers in Mrs Lyle's Puffin class are invited to have dinner with their child (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 25 th October	Y5/6 Tag Rugby 12.30pm (letters will be sent out to those involved)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day - non-uniform	Thursday 26 th October	Parents Evening (details to follow closer to the time)
Tuesday 28 th November	Valley Cids assembly	Tuesday 7 th November	Individual and sibling class photos
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 15 th November	Parent/Carers in Mrs Hoskyns/Miss Riley's class are invited to have dinner with their child (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Thursday 14 th December	Pantomime School trip	Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day - non-uniform
w/c 11 th December (tbc)	Tibshelf Schools Federation Christmas Fayre	Friday 24 th November	Whole school trip to Olympics at Sheffield (details will follow nearer the time)
w/c 18 th December	Christmas Parties	w/c 4 th December	Y5/6 Bikeability week

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Longer term dates			
Wednesday 24 th January	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Moody's Toucans class (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 24 th January	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Crabtree's class (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Wednesday 24 th March	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Smith's Toucans Too class (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 20 th March	Parent/Carer dinner for Mr Sharpe's class (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Wednesday 22 nd May	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Husselbee/Mrs Alton's Parrots class (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 22 nd May	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Taylor/Mr Dovey's class (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Wednesday 12 th June	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Watson's Penguins class (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 12 th June	Parent/Carer dinner for Mr Batchford's class (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Monday 15 th July	Sports Day (pm)	Monday 15 th July	Sports Day (am)
Monday 15 th July pm (after Infants Sports Day) Tibshelf Federation Summer Fayre			
Monday 22 nd July	Alternative date if Sports Day and Summer Fayre is cancelled due to weather the week before	Monday 22 nd July	Alternative date if Sports Day and Summer Fayre is cancelled due to weather the week before
Thursday 18 th July	Y2 Leavers assembly	Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers assembly (am)

School holiday dates

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSSES (Last Day)	SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Children Return)
Summer Holiday		Wednesday 6 th September 2023
October Half Term	Friday 27 th October 2023	Monday 6 th November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 21 st December 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024
February Half Term	Friday 16 th February 2024	Monday 26 th February 2024
Easter Holiday	Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
May Half Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024	Tuesday 4 th June 2024
Summer holiday 2024	Tuesday 23 rd July	TBC

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September
 Tuesday 5th September
 Friday 22nd December
 Friday 24th May 2024
 Monday 3rd June 2024

I will be sending out a monthly Federation newsletter and you will also receive a monthly newsletter from each Head of School (Mrs Alton or Mr Worrall).

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 😊

Mrs Rachel Boswell (Executive Headteacher)