



## Tibshelf Schools Federation Newsletter 2

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### **Dear Parents/Carers,**

We are already into the second month of the academic year and the children have settled well, have been working hard and are established in their new classes. Now the weather is starting to turn a little cooler, please do send your child with a coat 😊



### **Harvest Assembly**

Thank you for everyone who attended the Harvest Festival events - it was lovely to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed it. We really appreciated the donations on the day of tins or packets. The gifts were distributed to our local food bank who were most grateful for the contributions.

### **Remembrance Day** 🇸🇰

Poppies and other merchandise for Remembrance Day have recently arrived in school. They will be on sale at Tibshelf Infants in the cabin and they will be on sale at Town End Juniors at the end of the day tomorrow in the playground near the main gates. Traditional Poppies are available with a recommended contribution of £1. Snap Bands and Wrist Bands are available for a recommended contribution of £1.50. Other poppy accessories are available.

### **Calling all budding writers!**



The BBC's 500-word competition is back for another year! It is open for ages 5+ and is the UK's largest writing competition. If you'd like to find out more, follow the link below to take part.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

The closing date is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Parents Evening & Book Fair at Town End Junior School**

We have rearranged the book fair, and this will now take place week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. It will also be available during parents evening on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Each class will also be allocated a time slot during Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November providing another opportunity for children to purchase books.

### Important information

**Nursery & Year 2 pupils** - Admissions will open for a reception & junior school places on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and closes on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>. [Click here to apply from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.](#)

**Year 6 pupils at Town End** - parents must apply for a **Secondary School place by midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Apply online at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions) or call 01629 533190

### Important reminders

- Please name ***all of your child's possessions*** including bags, clothing, shoes and coats to ensure that they can be identified and returned to their owners if they are misplaced.
- Please do send your child with a named water bottle - children can fill these during the day as they need to
- If you have changed your mobile number/had a new phone, 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.

### Help & Support for families

#### Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 08000198668



Free online mental health and wellbeing support, 7 days a week, for parents & carers of children & young people who live in Derby & Derbyshire.

#### The Sleep Charity Helpline

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

The free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (S.E.N.D). They can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

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

<b>Tibshelf Infants</b>		<b>Town End Juniors</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 children - fundamental team games at Alfreton Leisure Centre. Coach picks up at 12:30pm back for the end of the school day.	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and sibling class photos
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and sibling class photos	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Parents Evening</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Parent/Carers in Mrs Lyle's Puffin class are invited to have dinner with their child (only 1 adult please due to room!).</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day - non-uniform
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day - non-uniform	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school trip to Sheffield - English Institute of Sport (details will follow nearer the time)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Valley Cids assembly	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Parent/Carers in Mrs Hoskyns/Miss Riley's class are invited to have dinner with their child (only 1 adult please due to room!).</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception to Year 2 Flu immunisations. More information to follow.	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 to Year 6 Flu immunisations. More information to follow.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Rock Steady Concert - Starts at 2:30pm. More information to follow.</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime School trip (please note change in date)	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> December (tbc)	Tibshelf Schools Federation Christmas Fayre	w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> December (tbc)	Tibshelf Schools Federation Christmas Fayre
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance at Tibshelf Church am performance is 9.30am pm performance: 1.15pm</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day for children
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day for all children	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime school trip (please note change in date)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas performance (in the Nursery) <i>Morning session - 9am until 10am Afternoon session - 1pm until 2pm</i>	w/c Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>FS2 Nativity in the hall am: 9.15am pm: 1.30pm</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Y3/4 Christmas carols at Tibshelf Church 9.30am-10.30am Y5/6 Christmas carols at Tibshelf Church at 10.45am-11.45am</b>

w/c 18th December	Christmas parties		
<b>Longer term dates</b>			
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Moody's Toucans class (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Crabtree's class (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Smith's Toucans Too class (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer dinner for Mr Sharpe's class (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Husselbee/Mrs Alton's Parrots class (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Taylor/Mr Dovey's class (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent/Carer dinner for Mrs Watson's Penguins class (only 1 adult please due to room!).	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent/Carer dinner for Mr Batchford's class (only 1 adult please due to room!).
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (pm) - Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July pm (after Infants Sports Day) Tibshelf Federation Summer Fayre	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (am)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Alternative date if Sports Day and Summer Fayre is cancelled due to weather the week before	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Alternative date if Sports Day and Summer Fayre is cancelled due to weather the week before
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Leavers assembly	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers assembly (am)

### School holiday dates

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

### INSET DAYS

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

*Mrs Rachel Boswell (Executive Headteacher)*