



Newsletter

13th November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Upcoming dates:

W/C Monday 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for anti-bullying week is ‘Make a noise about bullying.’

Tuesday 14th November and Thursday 16th November. Parents Evening. Appointment days and times remain the same as previously set.

Thursday 16th November – Individual and sibling photos - The photographer will be in the hall from 8:00 am and available for any sibling photos. If you are arriving for these photos early, please come to the front entrance and ring the bell. Children should wear school uniforms for their photos and bring PE kit separately if this falls on this day.

Friday 17th November – Children in Need. The theme this year is ‘Spotacular’. It is a non-uniform day and children can come to school dressed as they wish. Please give donations for Children in Need to Mr Worrall and Mrs Hodson at the gate. Donations can also be made on the school Gateway App in the payments section.

W/C Monday 20th November – Road Safety Week. Children across the school will be learning about why road safety matters and talking about how they can make healthy and safe journeys.

Friday 24th November – Whole School Trip to the English Institute of Sport. More details can be found via email from Wednesday 8th November, school website under newsletters or by [clicking this link](#).

Wednesday 29th November – Mrs Hoskyns and Miss Riley Parent/Carer Lunch. Mrs Hoskyns and Miss Riley’s class are invited to have a school lunch with their parent/carer on Wednesday 29th November. Only 1 adult per child please, due to space. Adult meals cost £4.26, and this can be booked via the school Gateway App. Please join us from 11:40am at the main entrance.

Wednesday 29th November - No Pens Day. This is a national day that promotes speaking and listening skills across schools as children put down their pens for the day.

W/C 4th December – Bikeability – More information will follow on a separate letter from Mr Smith.

Tuesday 5th December - Rock Steady Concert. Lots of rock bands have been working hard this term and will be performing their songs on this day! Adults are welcome to join us from 2:30pm.

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their usual school jumper on this day. Please give donations for Save the Children to Mr Worrall and Mrs Hodson at the gate. Donations can also be made on the school Gateway App from 4th December.

Thursday 7th December – Singing Concert for Mrs Crabtree’s class. Mrs Crabtree’s class will be performing songs in the school hall that they have been practising this half term! Adults are welcome to join us from 2.15pm

Thursday 12th December – Pantomime School trip. All children from Town End Junior School will be attending the pantomime at Mansfield on this day. Cost of the trip is £16. For those entitled to Pupil Premium, the cost of the trip will be covered by this. The payment section is now open on the School Gateway App. [Please complete this consent form by clicking here](#).

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day. All children are invited to eat a Christmas dinner during lunch. Children who will not enjoy or eat a Christmas dinner can bring sandwiches to school on this day. You will need to book your child’s Christmas Dinner via this link by the end of tomorrow. A message has already been sent out, therefore if you have already done this, you do not need to do it again. [Christmas Dinner Form- Click Here](#).

Friday 15th December – Tibshelf School's federation Christmas Fayre. This year, we are having a federation Christmas Fayre. The Fayre will be held at Town End Junior School, and it starts at 1:00pm. Parents and carers wishing to collect children from the Infants can collect them if they choose from 12:45pm on that afternoon. More detailed information will follow in the coming weeks.

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Carols.

Year 3 and 4 – 9:30am to 10:30am.

Year 5 and 6 – 10:45am to 11:45am.

Parents / Carers are welcome to join us at the Church.

Thursday 21st December – last day of school. Children break up for Christmas at 3:15pm. Breakfast club and aftercare will run as usual on this date. Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Wider Curriculum

On **Thursday 10th November** and **Friday 10th November**, we took part in lots of problem-solving activities! Each class had two different lessons which challenged them to work as a team to solve a range of problems. The instructor was very complimentary of how the pupils behaved and how they applied themselves to each task. Pupils focussed on the Tibshelf Values and Learn to Learn skills throughout these tasks. Well done everyone!

Remembrance Day – We held a two-minute silence on Friday to pay our respects and remember the sacrifices of servicemen and women who lost their lives in the First World War and conflicts that have followed. Thank you for your kind donations by purchasing Poppy products. These donations have now been passed on to The Royal British Legion.

Scholastic Book Fair – Just a reminder that the book fair will take place this week. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to look at and purchase any books during both Parents Evenings. The books will be in the hall and you will be able to purchase these with cash or online through the Scholastic website. We would recommend that you bring cash if possible, just in case the website link does not work on the day. Thank you.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) – The content for this term being taught will be 'celebrating differences'. If you would like to find out any more information on this, then this can be found on the school website: <https://www.tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/pshe/>

School Council – The School Council would like to thank you for all the baking that took place in the last week of half term. As a result of this and your kind donations, we were able to raise a grand total of £205.30! This money will be used to support classes in purchasing enterprise resources for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. School Council will then meet and discuss how any future fund raising could be best used.

Uniform reminder

We do understand that some children have sensory issues around uniform. There are shops that provide adaptive uniform such as ASDA, Fledglings, Marks and Spencers and Sensory Smart Store, as well as many others. Please contact school if you have any questions regarding this.

As well as uniform, we would also encourage children to use book bags where possible, to place their books and reading records. Rucksacks or bags are more likely to be needed for activities such as swimming and Forest School lessons.

We have noticed a slight increase in jewellery. Please note that only studs can be worn in ears at school. There have been previous incidents where injuries have occurred. Please do not wear dangly earrings. Any jewellery should be removed for any practical lessons, such as PE. Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Worrall (Head of School)