

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 – Individual and sibling photos

The photographer will be in the hall from 8:00 am for any sibling group photographs. Please wait at the main front entrance if you want group photographs. For those that have had the photographs taken, please can you remain with your child on the playground until the playground doors open at 8:20am as teachers will be setting up for the day until then. Year 1 Toucan and Toucan Too children should wear school uniforms and bring PE trainers in a bag for dance in the afternoon. Anyone not having sibling group photographs, please come at the normal time to the normal drop-off points.

Wednesday 15th November – Puffin Class Parent/Carer Lunch

Please come to the main entrance at the front of the school at 11:15. You will meet your child and have lunch with them in the hall. Parents/Carers will then spend some time in the Puffin Classroom with their child. At 12 o'clock you will leave through the front door and the children will have a play on the playground.

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 teachers at the door. Donations can be made on the School Gateway App in the payments section.

W/C Sunday 19th 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.

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.

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 teachers at the door. Donations can also be made via the School Gateway App from the 4th December.

Tuesday 12th December – Pantomime School trip

Reception (Parrot and Penguin Classes), Year 1 (Toucan and Toucan Too Classes) and Year 2 (Puffin and Flamingo Classes) are going to the pantomime at Mansfield on this day. The link to pay for the pantomime is now open in the school Gateway App. The trip costs £16. For those entitled to Pupil Premium, the cost of the trip will be covered by this. [Please complete the consent form by clicking here.](#)

There is a limited number of tickets for parents to accompany their children. If you would like to accompany your child on the trip, at the bottom of the consent form there is a box to express your interest.

Thursday 14th 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 the 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.](#)

Thursday 14th December – Year 1 (Toucan and Toucan Too Classes) and Year 2 (Puffin and Flamingo Classes) Christmas Performance

Two performances lasting around one hour will be held at Tibshelf Church. The morning performance begins at 9:30 am and the afternoon performance begins at 1:15pm. There is capacity at the church for every child to have 2 adults attend either or both performances. Parents/carers are welcome to take children home with them directly from the church after the afternoon performance has finished. Children can wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes to school on this day.

Friday 15th December – Tibshelf School's Federation Christmas Fayre

This year we are having a federation Christmas Fayre. The Fayre will be held at Townend Junior School, and it starts at 1pm. Parents and carers wishing to collect children from the Infants can collect them if they choose from 12:45pm on that afternoon. Please complete the form ([Click Here](#)) so we know who will be collected early on that day.

Monday 18th December – FS2 Nativity Performance

Please bring children to school as usual on this day. The morning performance is at 9:15am and the afternoon performance is 1:30pm. Performances will be held in the school hall. Doors will open 15 minutes before performances start. There is capacity in the hall for 2 parents/carers of every child to attend either or both performances.

Tuesday 19th December – Nursery Nativity Performance

Please bring children to nursery as usual on this day. The morning performance is from 9:00am to 10:00 am. The afternoon performance is from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. The performance is being held in the nursery building, there will be space for two parents/carers for each child to come the performances.

Thursday 21st December – last day of school

Children break up for Christmas today at 3:00pm. Breakfast club and aftercare will run as usual on this date. Children return to school and nursery on Monday 8th January 2024.

PE

A reminder that Year 2 classes (Puffin and Flamingo Classes) have PE on Mondays. Year 1 classes (Toucan and Toucan Too) have PE on Tuesdays. FS2 Classes (Parrot and Penguin Classes) have PE on Wednesdays. On PE days please can children come to school wearing their PE clothes. Children who wear studs in their ears can have them removed on PE days or they should have tape put over them

before they come to school. This is to ensure that children stay safe during PE as they may use large and small equipment that an earring could catch on. Please remember that children should not wear hoops or dangly earrings in school for that same reason.

Safeguarding News

School anxiety

If your child is sometimes worried or anxious about coming to school. You may find the following link useful. It contains tips and ideas to support children's mental health.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/>

The following links contains advice and support for Parents/Carers in helping them understand why children might not want to come to school and how you can get your child the support they need.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/education/school-university/coping-school-refusal/>

Music Club

Every week in Year 2 the children enjoy music lessons with Pete. If you think your child would enjoy attending an after-school music club with Pete please speak to Mrs Austin. This club would be suitable for Year 2 children who have music lessons with Pete. The club will run on a Tuesday night from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Alton (Head of School)