

Newsletter January 2024

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 31st January Toucan Class (Mrs Moody) Parent/Carer Lunch – you can now book a school lunch for yourself if you choose via the gateway app. Please arrive at school at the main entrance at 11:15am. You will be able to eat/sit with your child in the hall and spend a little time with them in the classroom afterward. At 12pm children will go outside to play, and adults leave via the front door.
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 16th February – break up for half term
- Monday 26th February – return to school
- Thursday 4th March- World Book Day
- Wednesday 27th March Toucan Too (Mrs Smith) Class Parent/carer Lunch
- Friday 29th March – break up for the Easter Holidays
- Monday 15th April – return to school

Celebrating achievements outside of School

We love to hear about children's interests and achievements outside of school. Children are welcome to bring equipment, clothing, certificates, trophies, and awards that they have received outside of school so that we can celebrate their successes in school.

Enrichment activities we have enjoyed this school this academic year....

Across the school, children have enjoyed lots of enrichment activities this year including balance bike training, drama sessions, participating in fun runs, cricket, Tai Chi and football skills.





Attendance

Thank you supporting us with attendance. Government guidelines state that attending school is the key to your child doing well in school and establishing good routines for later life including the working world. Derbyshire County Council states that any child with attendance below 90% (whether authorised or unauthorised) is a persistent absentee and statistics show that children who are persistent absentees are less likely to achieve their full potential.

We do have a duty of care to follow up if children are not in school and to regularly inform parents/carers of their child's attendance. We promote attendance in a variety of ways including, class attendance races, celebrating good attendance, talking about the importance of coming to school and creating personalised plans to support individual children.

We open our gates in the morning at 8:20 am ready for the children to be in class at 8:30 am. Please speak with us if you are finding it tricky, for whatever reason, to get your child to school on time and we will do our best to support you and your child whether that is with morning routines or worries about coming to school.

Attendance for September to December 2023

Parrot Class – 94%

Penguin Class – 92%

Toucan Class – 93%

Toucan Too – 95%

Flamingo Class – 95%

Puffin Class – 95%

We strive to achieve 96% attendance.

Illness

We appreciate that sometimes children are ill, and this can impact their attendance. It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off nursery or school. The NHS offers this guidance to parents/carers which you may find useful - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Clubs

Monday – Football Club

Thursday – Gymnastics

Friday – Dance

Clubs run from 3 – 4 pm. Children attending school can be booked into a club session via the gateway app.

Currently, all clubs are undersubscribed so we have spaces available.

Safeguarding – Internet Safety Day 2024

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity for children to celebrate the fantastic things that technology can help them with and talk about any worries that they might have about using technology. It is important that everyone feels safe when they go online and that children know what they can do if things change online, including:

- Talk to a grown-up
- Always ask before downloading
- Pause a device or turn it off

Tell someone if they see something online that upsets them.

Friends of Tibshelf

The Friends of Tibshelf help make the Tibshelf Schools Federation a better place for the children. Their fundraising this year has enabled us to buy new Little Wandle reading fluency reading books for children to read in book club.

New members are always welcome to join the group who alternate meetings, held during the day, between the Infant and Junior School. Friends are arranging a time to meet at the Infant School later this term and would love you to come along. Please look out for a message via school comms later in the term. If you have any questions, please speak to myself at drop off or pick up.

Mrs Alton
Head of School