

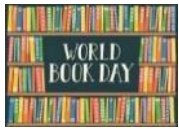


## Tibshelf Schools Federation Newsletter

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**



On this day, if they would like to, your child is welcome to dress up as a character from a book or come in their pyjamas, ready to read or listen to books in their class. Please do not feel that you must buy anything new, as this day is about celebrating reading and taking part in activities! All children will be given a World Book Day £1 token to take home with them. If you have any children's books you could donate to the school, we will be selling these from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to the children during break times at 20p a book 😊

#### **Parents Evenings**

Tibshelf Infants - [Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Click here to book a slot](#)

Town End Juniors - [Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Click here to book a slot](#)

#### **Uniform**



Just a reminder that we always have lots of free, pre-loved uniform at both schools - if you require any, please contact the office and we will help. We appreciate your support in sending your child in uniform and with flat, black footwear.

**PE and Forest School/Outdoor** learning days remain the same for Spring term 2- please continue to send your child in PE uniform or suitable clothing if it is Forest Schools. *If your child is at a sports club before or after school, please send them in or with school uniform to change into for the school day.*

## Clubs

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February the following clubs will be available. They will be able to book from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

	<b>Infants (FS2, Y1 &amp; Y2)</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
Monday	Football Club	Multi Sports
Tuesday		Girls Football
Wednesday		Cross Country / Energise
Thursday	Gymnastics	Boys Football
Friday	Dance	

## Free School Meals

Derbyshire County Council website has a link that can provide instant eligibility check for free school meals. It is important that all parents with children in nursery, infants and juniors to check this entitlement. This check also links into pupil premium. For those in nursery and infants, this is especially important to make sure you check. Pupil premium funding is additional funding for schools to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in England. Use this link to check:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

## Staffing Update - Infants

We are pleased to let you know that we have employed an experienced infant teacher to cover Mrs Lyle's maternity cover for the rest of this academic year. Mrs Lyle is due to go on maternity mid-March and Mrs Sacco will be working alongside Mrs Lyle before this date to meet and work with the children to ensure a smooth transition / Mrs Sacco will also be attending the parents' evenings to meet the class parent/carers.

**Juniors:** We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Hodson will be returning to school after half term 😊

## Household support fund grants

Households facing financial hardship can apply directly to the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund for help towards their food, and energy costs. Households can access up to 3 awards in a 12-month period. Payments are £64 per household plus an extra £20 will be provided for a partner or spouse, and each dependent child aged under 19.

How to apply:

Residents can apply to receive support from the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund by phone 01629 533399.

## Internet Safety Day

On 6<sup>th</sup> February, the children celebrated Safer Internet Day by using a range of resources to highlight the importance of staying safe online. If you are concerned about how your child is using technology or would like more information about how you can change settings on your child's phone, tablet, gaming device or other technology, visit the internet matters site <https://www.internetmatters.org/> where there is lots of information and guides to help.

## 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.

The Sleep Charity Helpline is free and run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. They can talk to young people directly, or parents (they can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-1pm. The number is 03303 530 541.

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

Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School		Town End Junior School	
Nursery	Welly Boot Wednesday Friday (please send children in suitable clothing for mini sports session with Bradley from Kixx)	Mr Smith Y3/4	Monday (PE) Wednesday (PE and Forest Schools)
Parrots and Penguins (FS2)	Garden time "Muddy Monday" - please bring wellies and puddle suit/old coat etc Wednesday (PE)	Mrs Crabtree Y3/4	Wednesday (PE and Forest Schools) Thursday (PE)
Toucans and Toucans Too (Y1)	Tuesday (PE) Wednesday (Allotment) Please wear uniform on top and joggers/old trousers etc. Please bring wellies and puddlesuits/old coat etc	Mrs Hoskyns/Miss Riley Y3/4	Wednesday (PE and Forest Schools) Thursday (PE)

Flamingos and Puffins (Y2)	Mon (PE)	Mr Batchford Y5/6	Tuesday (PE and Forest Schools) Friday (PE)
		Mr Dovey/Mrs Taylor Y5/6	Monday (PE) Tuesday (PE and Forest Schools)
		Mr Sharpe Y5/6	Monday (swimming from 15/01/24 but please send in PE kit from 08/01/24) Tuesday (PE and Forest Schools)



### Tibshelf Values

This half term we will be focusing on our value 'Imaginative'. We will be looking at this value in assemblies and discussing what this means. Staff will be awarding stickers, team points etc when they spot the children really embracing this value - I have no doubt we will have lots of children who will show this daily 😊

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

Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="#">Parents Evenings - Click here to book a slot</a>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="#">Parents Evenings - Click here to book a slot</a>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day - children can come to school dressed in red if they wish too for a small donation of 50p which will go towards Comic Relief	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day - children can come to school dressed in red if they wish too for a small donation of 50p which will go towards Comic Relief
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer dinner 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!).

Longer term dates			
		W/c 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 21st May	Parent/Carer dinner for 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 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) Tibshelf Federation Summer Fayre
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)
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 2024	TBC

**INSET DAYS**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

We wish you a lovely half term break and see you on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 😊

*Mrs Rachel Boswell (Executive Headteacher)*