

Newsletter

March 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March - Parents Evening - Click here to book a slot

Friday 15th 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.

Tuesday 19th March - Rock Steady Concert. Lots of rock bands are working hard this term and will be performing on this day! Adults are welcome to join us from 2:30pm at the main entrance.

Wednesday 20th March 11:45am to 12:30pm – Mr. Sharpe's class, parent / carer lunch. Please book and pay by Monday 11th March. Parents and carers are welcome to bring their own lunch if you do not want a school dinner. Please send us a message on the School Gateway app to let us know if you are.

Thursday 28th March — Children break up for the Easter holidays. Breakfast club and aftercare will run as usual.

Monday 15th April - Children return to school.

w/b Monday 13th May - Year 6 SATs week.

Wednesday 22nd May - Mrs Taylor's/Mr Dovey's Parent/Carer lunch.

Thursday 23rd May — Year 6 Residential

Friday 24th May – Inset Day.

Monday 3rd June – Inset Day.

Wednesday 12th June - Mr Batchford's Parent/Carer Lunch.

Monday 15th July - Sports Day (AM).

Monday 15th July - Tibshelf Federation Summer Fayre.

Monday 22nd July - Alternative date if Sports Day and Summer Fayre is cancelled due to weather.

Tuesday 23rd July - Y6 Leavers assembly (AM).

Wider Curriculum

World Book Day. On Friday, alongside other schools around the country, we celebrated this year's World Book Day! Please do remember to use your World Book Day tokens by **Sunday 31 March 2024**. Participating retailers include:

- Local independent bookseller
- Asda
- Blackwell's (selected stores only)
- Sainsburys
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith

This will allow you to swap your token for your chosen 'World Book Day' book for FREE!

Parents Evening

As stated in the upcoming dates. Parents Evening will be taking place at Town End Junior School this coming week. This will give you the opportunity to speak directly to your teacher regarding your child and to find out how they are progressing this year. Most appointments have been booked. However, there are still some appointments available until 6pm this evening. To make an appointment click here.

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.

At the end of each half term, we will put any lost school uniform that is not labelled at the gazebo near the school gate entrance. We will then pass uniform to the Infant school, where it will become part of the second-hand uniform in the 'cabin'. Any other items of clothing will be donated to charity.

We would also encourage children to use book bags where possible, to place their books and reading records. We have noticed an increase in rucksacks or bags. This is then sometimes knocking coats and bookbags off pegs in the corridor, which can become a hazard. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day highlights the importance behind feeling safe online and knowing what to if you do not feel safe. However, we appreciate that this does only highlight problems. We are aware that there has been an increase of incidents online that have concerned adults at home, particularly through social media apps such as WhatsApp, Snapchat, TikTok and Discord.



To increase peace of mind regarding your children's safety online, 'Family Link' is recommended as an app that can support parents and carers with Android devices. It is a family parental controls service that allows parents to adjust parameters for their children's devices. The application allows parents to restrict content, approve or disapprove apps, set screen times, and more. If you have an Apple device but your child has an android device, you can still use 'Family Link' from your Apple device. Click here to find out more about 'Family Link'



For those that just have Apple devices you can set 'Family Sharing' on the device your child uses. Go to Settings > Family > [child's name] > Screen Time. Tap the child for whom you want to set up Screen Time. Tap Screen Time, then follow the onscreen instructions. Screen Time isn't just the length of time they are on the device. Within this setting is allows you to control sensitive content restrictions, purchases, communication, passcodes and much more. Click here to find out more about Apple Family Sharing.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Worrall (Head of School)