



Newsletter

26th April 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Sports Update

Over the last term, we have celebrated the achievements of many of our pupils across a range of sports both in and out of school. We first took a small group of pupils to the Arc Leisure centre, Clowne to take part in the annual district swimming gala. Children had to compete in a range of strokes against many schools and we are proud of both their determination and their techniques! The children earned themselves 3rd place! Well done to Frankie S, Ella C, Joel C, Regan D, Elizabeth H, George C and Autumn R.

This term saw the County Finals of the Cross-Country event where for the second year in a row, we have beaten the record for how many children qualified for this event! This year, we had 3 teams qualify which is a fantastic achievement. The children worked incredibly hard against the top teams in Derbyshire and showed all our school games values. Well done to all the children in the y3/4 girls, y5/6 boys and the y5/6 girls team.

Further updates

FareShare - Unfortunately, our weekly FareShare deliveries have now stopped. Whilst this has been a very difficult decision, this is due to a substantial increase in costs which has a big impact on the school budget and what we would be able to offer going forward. If you feel that you may need further support, then please get in touch with the school, where we will be able to advise of local food bank options.

Leavers Hoodies – This year, we will once again be offering the opportunity for parents and carers to purchase Y6 leavers hoodies. Mrs Hodson has spoken to each pupil about the hoodies and all children have tried on example sizes. Each pupil confirmed which colour they would like and what size. This information can be found in the reading record. We also have that information at school. All orders need to be in and paid for on School Gateway by 19th May. [Click here to complete the form.](#)

Attendance update - On 29th February, the Department for Education published a new attendance document called 'Working together to improve school attendance'. Thank you for your continued support in getting children to school each day and on time. We are delighted that our overall attendance is currently above national average. For more information, this document can be accessed from the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_applies_from_19_August_2024.pdf

Upcoming dates

Thursday 9th May – Year 6 Residential meeting with parents at 3:30pm (main hall).

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

w/b Monday 20th May – Curriculum Enrichment Week. More details to follow.

Wednesday 22nd May - Mrs Taylor's/Mr Dovey's Parent/Carer lunch – book on School Gateway

Thursday 23rd May – Friday 24th May – Year 6 Residential.

Friday 24th May – Inset Day.

Upcoming dates

Monday 3rd June – Inset Day.

Tuesday 4th June – Class group photos.

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

w/b Monday 24th June – Transition week

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).

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of term.

Staffing update

I'm sure you will have seen Mrs Boswell's letter, stating that I will be leaving this summer. Town End Junior School has a talented team of staff and I have no doubt the school is in a strong position for the next appointment to build on. Please be assured that there will be a smooth transitional period, enabling the school to continue to move forward.

It has been a pleasure to work at Town End Junior School and I wish the children, parents and staff at Town End Junior School nothing but the best in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Worrall (Head of School)