Twyford C of E School





He will be called Immanuel which means 'God is with us'

Matthew 1:23













Dear Parents

Firstly I want to say an enormous 'thank you' to all the ladies who organised the Pamper Evening, especially Rachel Seago and Daniella Cannon who co-ordinated the event and everyone else who worked so hard to make it such an enjoyable evening. Many ladies were pampered and others came to browse. The hall looked very festive and the food and drink all helped to make a wonderful atmosphere. I believe that around £700 was raised which is an amazing amount. Thank you again to everyone who supported this event.

Rehearsals are now well underway for the nativity play. Do keep learning the lines with the children to ensure they don't forget and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 15th.

This Sunday the church are holding a Christingle Service at 9.30am. In the past Rev Hiscock or Rev. Mann have held one on the Monday just for the school but this year they felt that it would be nice to have everyone attend on the Sunday. Please do try and come along as the children love this service and as a church school it is important that we support our local church.

On Friday 11th December we have our whole school Christmas Lunch. All children will be provided with a roast turkey lunch cooked by the PTFA. It is always delicious and such a treat. We have a list of children's dietary requirements so any children who can't have turkey or any of the other items will have an alternative, if you have any concerns please contact the school office. Nursery children can then join us at 1.30pm, with a parent, for the entertainer. On this day children come to school as normal in their school uniform and bring party clothes to change into before lunch.

We are pleased to announce that Steve Elcock has been appointed as our new Caretaker. He takes up the position immediately and will be a great asset to the school in ensuring it is maintained.

We thank Donna Glass for her many years of service to the school keeping it clean and tidy and wish her well in her new job. We also thank her for the cherry trees she has presented to the school. These will be planted in the grounds and will hopefully give us many years of fruit as a lasting reminder of her contribution to the school.

I am very pleased to confirm that we have appointed three new Governors to the Governing Body, Katie Ellison, Alexandra Lee and Helen Betts. Russell Wood, our Chair of Governors, and I had some very productive discussions with them about their future role and look forward to the contribution and skills they will bring to our school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster Headteacher

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NATIVITY

TWYFORD C OF E SCHOOL



Warmly invites you to join us for,

Children of the World A Nativity Story

Tuesday 15th December 2015 2.00pm and 6.30pm

St.Mary's Church, Church Street, Twyford

Twyford C of E School Church Street Twyford Buckingham MK18 4EU Telephone 01294 730305 Emoil <u>office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk</u> www.twyforschool.ora.uk



NATIVITY ARRANGEMENTS

Nativity performances take place on **Tuesday 15th December**. The afternoon performance is at **2pm** and the evening one is at **6.30pm**. Children wearing costumes will need to be at the Church for 6.15pm in order to get changed. There will be no-one to meet the children before 6pm.

Nursery children are involved, if they would like to participate, in both performances. They will need to return to school for 1.30pm for the afternoon performance if they are not usually in school on a Tuesday afternoon.

Before the Nativity performance the Key Stage 2 Singing Club and Years 5 & 6 will be singing carols. Could they please arrive at the church in the evening between 6pm and 6.15pm, ready to start singing at 6.15pm. The children will be dressed as carol singers so will need their outfits in school on Tuesday 15th to wear for the afternoon performance too.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX



The Christmas Postbox is now open. It is situated near the school library. Please include the full name and class on the envelope to help ensure the post gets to the correct recipient.

END OF TERM - 18th DECEMBER 2015

Just a reminder that we will be closing at 1.30pm on 18th December 2015.



KS2 - ADVENTURE STORIES

Years 3 and 4 were asked to use their imaginations to write an adventure story.



In a beautiful bright meadow two Ladybirds called Sam and Max were starting to get hungry, the only thing keeping them alive was hope. One day they decided to go

to find some food. So they flew as fast as their little wings could carry them. Four hours later they could see the shimmering sunset on the open sea...........



SPORTS CLUBS



Miss Leslie is looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to run a lunchtime or after school sports club. If you have any experience of a particular sport we'd welcome your help to encourage more of our children to take part in a variety of sporting activities, and the opportunity for them to try different sports.

You don't need to have any official coaching qualifications as we will support you to set up and run the sessions. Enthusiasm for your chosen sport and wish to encourage participation are much more important. Please contact Miss Leslie directly or contact the school office, office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk



Outdoor learning dates for the rest of the term are:

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09/12/15
Reception and Year 1 & 2
Christmas Decorations

We no longer need wire coat hangers or foliage for our Outdoor learning but would appreciate any clean pine cones. Please bring them to the school office.





SWAN TEAM JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Like having fun with your friends and meeting new people? Then Junior Youth Club is for you!

Junior Youth Club usually meets in Marsh Gibbon Village Hall every other Monday during term time. We take part in lots of fun activities including indoor hockey, craft-making, cooking, ice skating trips, bowling trips, rounders, big board games and lots of other games.

We sometimes have visitors who share their hobby with us. Recent visitors have shown us how to do first aid and how to bake bread. Junior Youth Club is open to any child aged 7 to 11 who goes to Twyford School or lives locally. It is organised and funded by the local Anglican Churches. We meet from 6.30pm - 8.00pm on Monday evenings.

Our next meeting is on Monday 7th December and will be a Christmas craft evening. The cost is just £1 per session but your first visit is free. Should you want more information please contact Jackie Lewis on 01869 278 490 or Revd David Hiscock on 01869 277 297.

PARENTING COURSE

Parenting course starting in January.

Children don't come with an instruction manual but we could all use a little help and advice from time to time.

Why do a parenting course?

Parenting courses are for everyone - there are no such things as perfect parents! Parenting courses are for every mother, father, step-parent, prospective parent and carer of children. We all do the best we can and courses can offer new ideas or fresh perspectives on family issues we may be facing.

Taking a parenting courses doesn't mean you're not a good parent, it simply shoes your desire to do the best for your child, BECAUSE WE ALL WANT THE BEST FOR OUR CHILDREN,

COURSE NAME: Parenting Children, Twyford FOR PARENTS/CARERS of CHILDREN AGES: 0-10 years

LENGTH of COURSE: 5 Weeks
START DATE: To be confirmed, possibly Monday
mornings in January 2015

LOCATION: Twyford C of E School RUN BY: Alexandra Lee COST: Free

For further information please speak to Alexandra Lee.

HOT LUNCHES

The deadline for ordering for the week commencing Monday 4^{th} January is the morning of Tuesday 15th December.

Chartwells will be having a Hot Dog day on 21st January 2015. Please order by Monday 11th January in the usual way.

Menu's and order forms are available via the school website <u>www.twyfordschool.org.uk</u> or from the school office.

<u>ALLERGEN ADVICE</u> - If you have any concerns about the ingredients in any of the meals you can contact Chartwells Customer Care Line for advice. Please note that the meals are all nut free.

If you need to CANCEL for any reason ring Chartwells Customer care line before 9am 0121 457 5455, they require 48hrs notice and you will then be issued with a credit note.



Order by 7th December 2015





PTFA CHRISTMAS LUNCH 11th DECEMBER 2015

Due to the increase in numbers Nursery children will unfortunately not be able to join us for Christmas Lunch this year. The children are very welcome to come along at 1.15pm when the PTFA have organised an entertainer for all the children. You will need to stay with your child.

FLORA TUBS 4 TABLETS



We will once again be taking part in the Flora/Tesco Tubs 4 Tablets campaign.

Promotional packs of 500g Flora contain a token on the inner foil which can be exchanged for Galaxy Tablets. We need 50 tokens for each tablet so please let family and friends know that we are collecting so we can try and meet that target.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 18 DECEMBER 2015

On the last day of term, 18th December 2015 we will be supporting the Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day which this year supports Save the Children, Macmillan Cancer Support and Make-A-Wish UK.

Everyone will be asked to make a small contribution to the charity to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school that day.

Jumpers don't have to be from a shop, we're looking forward to seeing some of your own creations. Perhaps you could decorate an old jumper with your own unique design!

For some design templates go to http://www.itv.com/_data/documents/PDF/002.Jump er_decorating_template.PDF

ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2016



STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Application deadline is 15 January 2016

WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN

1 SEPTEMBER 2011 AND 31 AUGUST 2012?

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from 4 November 2015. Visit our website www.buckscc.gov.uk to apply for a school place.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to ao to.

Helpful information about starting school for the first time is in the 'Starting School and Moving to Junior School' guide for parents which will be available on the web from the end of Orcher.

If you cannot apply online you can fill out a paper application form.

Open days for primary school are available now on our

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT DEADLINE



4th November 2015 Online application process opens at www.buckscc.gov.uk

15th January 2016 3pm is the application deadline

18th April 2016 Reception class places are

Reception class places are offered. If you applied online you will receive an email to confirm your child's school place or you will be able to check on which school has been offered. Offer letters are posted to those who made a paper application.

PHONICS SUPPPORT SESSIONS

Don't forget Miss Chilton's Phonic Support Sessions on a Monday afternoon from 3.00pm - 3.15pm in the school hall.







PTFA NEWS

- Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 12th January at 8pm at school. We will be discussing our fundraising activities for the Spring term, but also talking about our Big May Event. If you enjoy the challenge of helping to organise events please come along for a glass of wine. We would really welcome some new faces and new ideas.
- A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped out at the Pamper Evening. We would especially like to thank Rachel Seago who put in an enormous amount of effort to make the evening such a success. We have raised an amazing £637.47, so well done to Rachel and her team.
- Thank you to Corrina Megenis and Miss Leslie for organising DVD night. The children had a great evening and there was a great deal of giggling going on! We raised £77, so well done everyone.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE



We are looking for donations to make up four Christmas Hampers, one for each class. These hampers will have a colour theme, so donations can either have the colour for its packaging or the name/product itself.

For example a packet of shortbread with green packaging, a jar of Gold Blend Coffee, a bottle of red wine etc. Any donations can be dropped off in your child's classroom or with the school office. The colours for each class are as follows:

Nursery and Reception Red
Years 1 and 2 Green
Years 3 and 4 Silver
Years 5 and 6 Gold

The hampers will then be raffled off on Friday 18th
December, the last day of term. The PTFA will be
serving mince pies and mulled wine from 1.00pm when
we will draw the raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale
from Monday 7th December from the school office or in
the playground at drop off.

We are also holding a "Name the Clown" Competition. The winner will also be drawn on Friday 18th December.

The clown, kindly donated by Sue Manders, is currently on display in reception.

If you are able to make or buy some mince pies then please bring them along at drop off on the 18th.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & PARTY DAY



Katie will be sending out an e-mail asking for volunteers for specific tasks, so if you would like to help either watch out for Katie's e-mail or speak to one of us: Katie Ellison on K3llisOn@hotmail.com or Katherine Rollason on ksrollason@hotmail.com. We will need help with peeling veg on Thursday afternoon, helping to set up on Friday morning after drop off, serving the lunch, washing up, more washing up and probably even more washing up. If you haven't helped before - don't worry! Although it will be very busy, it is a really fun day.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th January, 8pm at school

CLASS REPS

We now have our Form Reps for each year group, who are as follows:

Nursery – Katherine Rollason Reception – Sarah Miller

Year 1 & 2 - Imogen Cyster and Katie Glass

Year 3 - Rachel Seago

Year 4 - Rachel Handford

Year 5 - Denise Wade

Year 6 - Katie Ellison

If you have any questions or want to get more involved in the PTFA, helping out at events etc...then please talk to your Form Rep.

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 8th December at 9am

In the staff room. Please come along for a cup of coffee, slice of cake and a chat. All parents welcome

and if you want to bake some goodies they will be gratefully received. During the coffee morning we will be assembling the favours for the children that will go on the tables at the Christmas Lunch, so any help will be very gratefully received.



CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN



You may have noticed the new clothing bin in place at Twyford Village Stores. The bin can take: CLOTHES, SHOES/TRAINERS (tied together please), HATS, BELTS, BAGS, CURTAINS, TOWELS and BED LINEN (no duvets or pillows please). Please put in bags and tie together before putting in the bin. Large 'full' bin

liners may not fit so please keep bundles small. This will raise money for Twyford C of E School PTFA and our chosen charity Starlight, which will help to brighten the lives of seriously and terminally ill children.

If the bin is full, please let Rachel Seago or the school office know ASAP so that we can get the bin emptied. Please don't leave bags around the bin, keep them in the boot of your car until the bin is emptied!

THE GIVING MACHINE

Calling all online Christmas Shoppers!

Before you do anything log on to The Giving Machine website.

This is a website that will make a percentage donation to the PTFA for every purchase made through them. It takes 2 minutes to set up an account (we know because we have just done

it) and then you can shop at your leisure at



numerous high street websites such as Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Sainsbury's, Boden, Argos, Tesco, M&S and Boots. For example if you do an online food Tesco shop through The Giving Machine, Tesco will donate up to £4.25 the first time you do it. So when you are doing your Christmas shopping over the next few weeks please do it through www.thegivingmachine.co.uk. Please, please consider doing this as we could raise an incredible amount of money if everyone took part.

WISH LIST

If you would like to submit a 'wish' for purchasing new equipment and resources for the school, please fill in an application form and either pass to a member of the PTFA committee, or in the school office. Application Forms can be found in a folder in the front entrance.

The 'wishes' will be discussed at the next PTFA Committee meeting which you are welcome to attend, and decisions will be fed back to you.

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR NEXT TERM.....

- Paella night in The Crown
- Sponsored fundraising event
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Film Club Night



TERM DATES - 2015/16 and 2016/17				
	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon on:		
Autumn Term 2015	Thursday 3 rd September 2015	Friday 23 rd October 2015		
Autunin Term 2013	Tuesday 3rd November 2015	Friday 18 th December 2015		
Spring Term 2016	Tuesday 5 th January 2016	Friday 12 th February 2016		
Spring Term 2010	Tuesday 23rd February 2016	Thursday 24 th March 2016		
Summer Term 2016	Tuesday 12 th April 2016	Friday 27 th May 2016		
Summer Term 2010	Monday 6 th June 2016	Thursday 21st July 2016		
4 1 2 7 2014	Monday 5 th September 2016	Friday 21 st October 2016		
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 31st October 2016	Tuesday 20 th December 2016		
Spring Term 2017	Thursday 5 th January 2017	Friday 10 th February 2017		
	Monday 20 th February 2017	Friday 31 st March 2017		
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Friday 26 th May 2017		
	Monday 5 th June 2017	Friday 21 st July 2017		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Sunday 6 th December		Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church, Twyford 9.30am
Tuesday 8 th December	New	PTFA Coffee Morning 9-10am in the Staff Room.
Wednesday 9th December	New	Year 6 Health and Wellbeing Survey and heights and weight with the School Nurse.
Thursday 10 th December	New	Year 5 & 6 singing carols at Lime Tree Court
Friday 11th December		PTFA Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Tuesday 15 th December	New	Last date to order hot lunch for the week beginning 4 th Jan 2015
Tuesday 15 th December		Nativity, St. Mary's Church 2pm
Tuesday 15 th December		Nativity, St. Mary's Church 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December		Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December	New	Christmas Party Day
Friday 18 th December		Text Santa - Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 th December	New	PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle and Name the Clown, 1pm in the school hall.
Friday 18 th December		Break up for Christmas Holiday – School closes at 1.30pm
Tuesday 5 th January		School re-opens after Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 12 th January	New	PTFA meeting, 8pm at school
Friday 15 th January		Deadline for applications for Reception class 2016 places.
Thursday 21st January	New	Chartwells Hot Dog Day
Tuesday 26 th January	New	Barnado's Assembly
Tuesday 2 nd February	New	Young Carers Assembly
Friday 5 th February		Year 5 Sports with Padbury School
Friday 12 th February		School closes for Half Term
Monday 22 nd February		Inset Day
Tuesday 23 rd February		School re-opens after Half Term
Thursday 3 rd March		World Book Day
Friday 11 th March		Year 6 Sports with Padbury School
Tuesday 15 th March		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 17 th March		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd March	New	Chartwells Easter Special menu
Thursday 24th March		Easter Service, St. Mary's Church, Twyford 9.15am
Thursday 24th March		School closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 11 th April		Inset Day
Tuesday 12 th April		School re-opens after Easter Holiday



Monday 18 th April	New	Reception class places are offered direct from Buckinghamshire
		County Council.
Wednesday 20 th April	New	Faith Tour, Years 5 and 6
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th May		Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 19 th May	New	Chartwells Italian Day Menu
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May		Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Friday 27 th May		School closes for Half Term
Monday 6 th June		School re-opens after Half Term
Thursday 9 th June		Whole School Photograph
Tuesday 14 th June		Sports Day & Picnic - Recreation Ground, Twyford
Wednesday 15 th June		Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Thursday 30 th June		Grandparents Afternoon - Foundation (Nursery & Reception)
Monday 4 th July	New	Chartwells American Day menu
Tuesday 5 th July		County Induction Day
Monday 11 th July - Friday 15 th July		Children's Choice Week
Friday 15 th July		Camp Out Day
Monday 18 th July		End of Year Celebration Service, St. Mary's Church 2pm
Tuesday 19th July		Whole School Ramble
Tuesday 19 th July		Open Evening
Thursday 21 st July		School closes for Summer Holiday
Monday 5 th September	New	School re-opens after Summer Holiday
Friday 7 th October		Individual School Photographs

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2016 New Year! New Career! Make Their Future – Your Future!

Thinking of Qualifying as a Teacher?

Have had a range of classroom experience and you are already an established classroom practitioner?

You have the already got the full support of you school to support you with your training?

Have you considered the Assessment Only Route into teaching?

Then come along to our

Assessment Only Route Information Day - 14th December 2015

at the Buckingham Partnership SCITT
Royal Latin School
Chandos Road
Buckingham
MK18 1AX



Our friendly team will discuss with you how you can Train to Teach in both Primary and Secondary. How to apply and prepare for interviews and how our programme is tailored for your needs.

Why don't you visit us to see how your passion to help children and support their future can become Your Future too!

E-mail: hhinchcliffe@royallatin.org to book a place! Tel: 01280 827 377

Follow us on Twitter: @bpscitt

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Return to Teaching Day — 7th December 2015

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