

# Twyford C of E School



Pray that you  
won't fall into  
temptation.

*Luke 22.40*



Our value  
for this  
week is  
"Politeness"



Dear Parents

As we reach the end of the spring term we look back on a term with several unexpected changes. However we look forward now, to a new term with our new staff. Mrs Caroline Blake is to be the permanent teacher in Years 1 and 2 whilst Mrs Hannah Grace will take over in Reception 3 days a week and I will cover the other 2 days. Both teachers come highly recommended. Mrs Grace has also accepted our offer of a permanent supply position from September to provide cover as needed. We have employed a full time teacher from September for Reception, Miss Zoe Chilton, she has been teaching at a school in Bletchley and is looking forward to joining Twyford in the Autumn.

We wish Mrs Knight-Benjafield all the best as she leaves for her new school, and we thank her for all her hard work whilst here at Twyford.

Red Nose Day saw a sea of red children enjoying their mufti day. We raised a magnificent £143.29 which has now been sent off to Comic Relief.

Film night was a great success again with 2 films this time to now accommodate our older children. Have you all posted your reviews?

The Easter service was lovely yesterday. Thank you to Reverend Hiscock for leading the service. On Tuesday Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a drama workshop around the events of Holy week giving them an insight into what happened leading up to Easter. This is always a popular and thought provoking activity as the children learn to understand why Easter is a celebration. I know there were several deep questions which were asked by the children.

I hope everyone enjoys the Easter Egg Hunt this afternoon. We are just hoping that the weather stays fair for it.

Year 5 went to Waddesdon on Thursday after school, competing in a very competitive badminton tournament. They came a very commendable 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done!

I hope everyone has a fantastic Easter break. We will see you all back here on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** for an exciting new term, with Shakespeare day, a science day and many sports activities for the summer term. Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster  
Headteacher



End of Spring Term 2015 Newsletter  
[www.twyfordschool.org.uk](http://www.twyfordschool.org.uk)

## Governors Update - March 2015

The Governing Body has been undergoing quite a few changes in recent months, not only have the Governors who joined us in 2013 been finding their feet (Jules Dixon & Charlie Wood - with Avril Jones having left us at the end of last summer). But also Governors new to this academic year have been getting involved, with Andrea Hodges (Foundation), Katie Glass (Parent) and Sarah O'Brien (Staff) joining last October and Charlotte Gurney (Associate) from February. This has meant increased workloads for the more experienced Governors as well as the Chair & Head Teacher, but all requirements have been covered without concern, the school nicely increasing in numbers to now around the 100 mark.

Regretfully for us, in February. Robert Boughton, after 16 years of exemplary service to the school governing body decided to stand down. Robert has seen the school through from a very unhealthy roll call of about 25 to the present day position and has decided that having helped to get the school to its current healthy state it was a good time to step down from his position as Foundation Governor. Obviously it is very sad to see him go but we thank him so very much for all his hard work.

Therefore at present the four key Committees within the Governing Body - Welfare, Curriculum, Finance & Personnel & PR & Strategy are in a state of flux whilst the new Governors settle into their positions and it is fully decided where everyone's experience and skills best fit.

In the next month or so Governors will be going on two significant group training sessions, one for Special Needs (SEND) and the other to give us advice on the new OFSTED requirements to prepare us for the future.

Obviously there has also been a great deal of activity in school which the Governors have also been supporting:-

- The new build completion with just the Conservatory and outside classroom to be re-erected.
- The new Year 5 influx (& Year 6 ready for September).
- The new National Curriculum and making sure it is embedded appropriately within the school.
- The ongoing challenge of managing a financial budget constraints.

This being in addition to all the normal activities that the Governors need to monitor such as Health & Safety, Policy updates, School Development Plan, Pupil Progress and Performance etc. to name a few.

There has been significant focus in supporting The Headteacher and teaching staff with regard to recruitment this term, ensuring that the school was able to meet the needs of the school with additional teaching expertise on very tight timelines for the summer term but also then into September and beyond for the next academic year. Such recruitment has also had an impact on budget planning. Consequently the Finance committee met on the 24th March to review the new budget for next year and any implications to ensure we are fully and adequately provided for.

As you may be aware, there has also been a consultation by County to clarify the local catchment areas, particularly affecting Twyford, Marsh Gibbon and Grendon Schools. We support the recommendations and these will hopefully be adopted thereby clarifying all historical confusion regarding the schools on this subject as well as any school transport issues.

The Spring Governing Body meeting was held on Tuesday evening 10th February and covered a lot of the aspects already mentioned, in addition the SEND policy review was discussed as well as the Headteachers report and the School Development Plan and self-evaluation. All the previous committee minutes and any points arising that needed to be reviewed at the full meeting discussed. Particular time was spent around the recruitment challenges and the budget status and impacts.

The School Governors are there to not only help and support the School and staff but also its Pupils and Parents. Each Governor is affiliated with a year group and would welcome parents input or questions on any aspect of School life.

**Russell Wood, Chair of Governors**  
**Charlie Wood, Parent Governor**  
**Laura Charles, Foundation Governor**  
**Jules Dixon, Community Governor**  
**Andrea Hodges, Foundation Governor**

**Katie Glass, Parent Governor**  
**Steve Elcock, Parent Governor**  
**Sarah O'Brien, Staff Governor**  
**Maria Bristow, Staff Governor**  
**Mick Baker, Associate Governor**  
**Charlotte Gurney, Associate Governor**

## SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS



This year's Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers will be available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online, between

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

There is a collecting box in the foyer or please send them in via your child's book bag

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Following some concerns from parents about the school jumpers for our Year 5 and 6 children we are currently trialling two different 100% acrylic jumpers. Our testers are wearing, washing and tumble drying the jumpers to see how they cope with the demands of school life in our Upper Key Stage 2 class and we will let you know a decision on these as soon as possible. The cost of both of these jumpers is slightly less than the current cotton mix jumper.

Our uniform suppliers have also advised us that they will be increasing the cost for all the uniform. We are negotiating with them to try and keep these increases to a minimum without affecting the quality of the items they supply. The increases will take effect from September 2015.

We have looked at the costs from other suppliers and believe that we are still getting good value for money, particularly as they are willing to continue to supply small numbers of items at a time and provide a high level of service.

## CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

If your employer provides a Childcare Voucher scheme as part of your staff benefit package we are able to accept these for both Nursery fees and Breakfast Club.

These schemes provide a tax efficient way of paying for childcare and we are registered with several of the companies providing employee schemes. If you would like to discuss this further please contact the school office with details of the scheme your employer uses. We can check if we are registered or can arrange a registration to enable you to pay for Nursery fees or Breakfast Club in this way.

## HOT LUNCH

**REMEMBER NO HOT LUNCH ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY AS IT'S CAMP-OUT DAY - BBQ WILL BE PROVIDED**

### The menu for the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May

Monday	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Veg Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Jacket Potato - Cheese
Tuesday	Chicken & Tomato Bake with tiger roll Quorn Mince Lasagne with tiger roll Jacket Potato - Cheesy coleslaw
Wednesday	Baked Ham with sliced potatoes Margarita Pizza on wholemeal base with slice potatoes Jacket Potato - Tuna and salmon mayonnaise
Thursday	Beef Bolognese with pasta BBQ Roasted Quorn strips with pasta
Friday	Breaded Fish with Diced Potatoes Cheesy Omelette with Diced Potatoes

### The menu for the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April

Monday	Pepperoni Pizza on Wholemeal with Sliced Potatoes Quorn and Potato Bake Jacket Potato - Baked Beans
Tuesday	Chicken Korma with Rice Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice Jacket Potato - Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Beef with Mash and Gravy Roast Quorn with Mash and Gravy Jacket Potato - Chicken Mayo
Thursday	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Vegetable Ravioli with Garlic Bread Ranch Style Vegemince in BBQ Beans
Friday	Fish Fingers with Potato Pom Poms Vegetarian Pastry Roll with Potato Pom Poms Jacket Potato - Cheesy Hoops

### The menu for the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> April

Monday	Pork Sausages with Sliced Potatoes Popeye Pizza with Sliced Potatoes Jacket Potato - Cheese
Tuesday	Chicken Provencal with Pasta Quorn Mince Bolognese with Pasta Jacket Potato - Cheesy Coleslaw
Wednesday	Roast Turkey with Mash and Gravy Vegetarian Sausages with Mash and Gravy Jacket Potato - Tuna Mayo
Thursday	Beef lasagna with Garlic Bread Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread Jacket Potato - Baked Beans
Friday	Fish Cakes with Diced Potatoes Quorn Burger with Diced Potatoes Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

The deadline for ordering is the **MONDAY** of the previous week. The only exception to this is lunches for the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April which can be ordered up to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**ALLERGEN ADVICE** - If you have any concerns about the ingredients in any of the meals, we have a list of ingredients and possible allergens within the office, please feel free to pop in and see us. If you require a "special dietary allergy meal" we also have request forms in the office. 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.

**SWIMMING LESSONS  
GOGGLES AND SWIM HATS**

Years 3, 4 and 5 will begin swimming lessons at the Swan Pool, Buckingham in the Summer Term. If your child intends wearing goggles for the lessons could you please ensure they know the correct way of putting them on and taking them off to avoid any injury from stretching the straps with wet fingers. Goggles should be British Standard Approved and in good condition. There may be occasions during the lesson when the children are asked to remove them to perform certain activities.

Swimming hats are compulsory for the lessons. Hats may be purchased from the Swan Pool at a cost of £2. Please send the children in on the first day of swimming lessons with their money in a named envelope.

If you have any questions please speak to Miss Leslie or Mrs O'Brien.

**FOOTSTEPS - ROAD SAFETY TRAINING**

We would like to re-start our Footsteps road safety training. It is a scheme designed to teach children an awareness of road safety delivered by volunteers in school.

For the scheme to be successful volunteers are needed to attend a short training session and then to deliver training to the children in school and some sessions outside, within the village. Full support is given so it should be an enjoyable learning experience for both our volunteers and the children.

Obviously the more volunteers willing to take part the less onerous the time commitment will be. Sessions can be arranged to suit our volunteers availability, so if you would be willing to give up just a small amount of time to teach children a very important life skill we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact the school office or drop us an email [office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk).

**DAFFODIL COMPETITION**

There was a beautiful display of daffodils in school on Monday for the judging of the TWYGS Annual Gardening Competition.



There will be a special presentation of the prizes after the Easter holidays and we will let you know then the individual winners for each year group and who has won the Roger Harlock Cup as the overall winner.

Well done to everyone who had success growing their bulbs.



**SUNDAY AT 4**

The Swan Group of Churches' *Sunday at 4* is for children aged 5 to 11 years. We meet monthly at 4pm until 5.30pm for fun, games, Bible stories, craft activities, music, prayer and refreshments

Dates and venues for 2015

19 April	Twyford Village Hall
17 May	Grendon Underwood Village Hall
14 June	Preston Bissett Old School
12 July	Charndon Community Centre
20 September	Twyford Village Hall
18 October	Marsh Gibbon Village Hall
22 November	Grendon Underwood Village Hall

*Come and join us!*

*Further details from Revd David Hiscock 01869 277297 [david@s3d.co.uk](mailto:david@s3d.co.uk) or Revd Angela Mann 01296 771100 [angela.mann@o2.co.uk](mailto:angela.mann@o2.co.uk)*



Outdoor learning dates for the next few weeks are:

15 <sup>th</sup> April	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	29 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5	Reception	Year 1 & 2
Making pencils	Spring Walk	Spring Walk



**WANTED: any old adult shoe or boot laces**

**ANYONE FOR TENNIS!**

**Marsh Gibbon Tennis Club Easter Activities**

30<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April

4-8 years - 10am until 11.30am

9-15 years - 12 noon until 1.30pm

Prices £8 per session

For further information contact

Peter Cowley on: 07539244155

**LOST PROPERTY**

We have a few items of lost property:

**Pink bobble hat**

**Pair of blue gloves with a red bow**

If any of these belong to you please collect them from the school office. If they are not collected by the end of term they will be going into the Bag 2 School collection.

## Easter Holiday Activities at Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

### Messy fun for all the family!



#### Spring Crafty fun!

Mon 30 March: Easter Chicks  
Tues 31 March: Spring Flowers  
Wed 1 April: Easter Egg Decorations  
Thurs 2 April: Easter Goody Bags  
Fri 3 April: Easter Egg Cosies



#### Ancient Egypt Activities

Mon 6 April: Egyptian Jewellery  
Tues 7 April: Canopic Jar Heads  
Wed 8 April: Make a Mummy  
Thurs 9 April: Shabti Statues  
Fri 10 April: Egyptian Hieroglyphics



All activities are **£3 per child - No need to book.**  
Adults not making anything are **FREE!**  
Drop in between 10am and 12 noon or 1pm and 3pm.  
All children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities

**Bucks County Museum & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery**  
Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP **Tel: 01296 331441**  
**Facebook.com/BucksMuseum @BucksMuseum**  
**www.buckscountymuseum.org**



# PARENTS TEACHERS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

### NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting 8.00, **Tuesday 21<sup>ST</sup> April**  
at The Crown Pub

We always welcome new members, come along and see what we are up to, and perhaps bring some ideas of your own!

### QUESTIONNAIRE

If you haven't yet completed your PTFA questionnaire it's not too late, we'd still love to hear from you.

All parents are members of the PTFA and the committee really value your opinions on what we are doing well and even what might not be going quite so well. We are a very successful PTFA and one of the things we want your input on is what we should be spending our fundraising on. We want to make sure that the money we work hard to raise is spent really enhancing our children's education and experiences. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please get in touch either directly with a member of the committee, or via the school office.

### FILM CLUB



Next Film Club Night  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

We will have a separate film showing for Key Stage 2 children only.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Jules, Rachel, Ali and Tracey for organising this event, and for our EGGSTRA special Easter bunny - Mrs Hope.



### JOB ADVERTISEMENT



## JOB VACANCY

OUR COMPANY ARE LOOKING TO RECRUIT  
FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

Position: Food Service Assistant.  
Term time only, uniform provided.

Area: Twyford C of E School

Total Hours: 4 hours per week  
over 2 days

Salary: £6.50 per hour

Please email: [Anne.reardon@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Anne.reardon@compass-group.co.uk)

Mobile Number: 07787894039

For further details and an application form.

## TERM DATES - 2014/15 and 2015/16

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon on:
Summer Term 2015	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2015
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2015
Autumn Term 2015	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2015	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2015
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2015	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
Spring Term 2016 (Provisional)	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
Summer Term 2016 (Provisional)	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April		School re-opens after Easter Holidays
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April		1st Team Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon (Away) 3.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April		School place offers for September 2015 are released
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April		Swimming Lessons for KS2 begin
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April		Girls Football, Years 3/4/5 3.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April		PTFA Meeting
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April		KS1 Athletics at Waddesdon 3.45pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April		Last date for parents to accept September 2015 Reception place offers.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May		School Class Photographs
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		Perform for Schools, Shakespeare Workshop
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 5 & 6 Rounders with Marsh Gibbon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May		Film Club Night
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May		Bag 2 School Textile collection
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June		INSET
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		School re-opens after Half Term
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June		PTFA Meeting
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June		PTFA Cream Tea
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Day and Picnic
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Olympic Day at Padbury
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		Grandparents Afternoon for Nursery & Reception class
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July		County Induction Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>New</i>	Year 5 Science Fair at Royal Latin School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July		PTFA Mad Hatters Tea Party
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July		Open Evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		KS2 Production
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		KS2 Production
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Camp Out Day (BBQ Lunch)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Year Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		Whole School Ramble
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Break up for Summer Holidays
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September		School re-opens after Summer Holidays
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September		Individual School Photographs

