

Twyford C of E School



Pray that you
won't fall into
temptation.

Luke 22.40



Our value
for this
week is
"Tolerance"



Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. The children certainly seem to have enjoyed it.

As we return to school we have just achieved 100 pupils here at Twyford for the first time ever, a real milestone for us. We would like to welcome new staff members Mrs Eldridge and Mrs Horder. Both will be working in the Reception class as support assistants. Mrs Laszlo will be working in nursery to cover whilst Mrs Morris is unable to work. It's lovely to have Mrs Glass back fit and well, I think Mrs Marra is very pleased as she has been covering the cleaning last term. A massive thank you goes to Mrs Marra for stepping in to this role, along with doing breakfast club and lunchtime supervisor. Thank you also to Bella Cox who has been covering lunchtimes for the last few weeks.

Welcome also to our new children in nursery Kori, Theo, Ethan, Emily, Finlay, and Chloe. I am sure they will have a great time exploring all the opportunities on offer in nursery.

Good news on the hot lunch front. There will be a tasting session for all parents on Tuesday 20th January at 2.45pm. This will give you an opportunity to see and taste the sort of lunches the children will be offered. A menu will then be sent home for you to fill in as before and hot lunches are planned to start on Monday 2nd February. All children in Reception and KS1 are offered them free and KS2 can have them at a cost of £2.40. I have seen an example of the lunches at Padbury school and they really did look good and the children really enjoyed them. Please also note the advert for the job enclosed. We will need someone to help so if it appeals to you do apply.

This term is, as always a busy one. We have lots of exciting topics planned and some visits hopefully. You should receive a topic letter from your child's teacher within the week telling you what they will be doing. One of our big focuses this term will be on spelling. This is something you can support your child with at home. In Reception it is through practising their phonic sounds, playing "I spy" and generally talking about letters and sounds. As they begin to take home spellings, encourage your child to write the spellings out and make them in to sentences. Right the way through the school applying their spelling words makes them relevant and helps children remember them beyond the test. You could also look on www.phonicsplay.co.uk for activities your child can do playing with sounds.

We look forward to a busy term with lots of activities and learning and exciting challenges for all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster
Headteacher

Don't forget to look on our website for of the Grand Opening, Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum trip and for Twyford School at Christmas.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

The aerial photograph that was taken in the Summer term of all the children out on the playground is now up in the hall. Please feel free to pop in and have a look at it. Many thanks to Mr Cyster for the lovely job he has done framing it, and putting it up.

If you would like to order a 10" x 8" copy of the photograph we will be doing an order at the start of next term. Please complete the slip below if you would like to order a copy. We would appreciate a small donation (we suggest a minimum of £1.50) to cover the cost of the professional printing.

PARKING



Please could you ensure you do not park on or opposite the zig zag lines. Also please do not park in the staff car park at ANY time of the day. The bus driver needs to be able to access the car park and manoeuvre without obstructions on either side of the road.

This is for the safety of all the children, including yours! PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

CREATIVE KITCHEN COMPETITION

Chartwells our school lunch provider will be having a colouring competition for all children having a packed lunch on Thursday 15th January 2015, to win one of two Garden train planters.



Every packed lunch that is ordered on this day will have a competition entry form and a pack of crayons. All entry forms returned will go into a draw to win the train for their school. Competitions forms will need to

be returned by Friday 23rd and the draw will take place at random on Wednesday 28th January.

If you would like your child to have a lunch on this day and they haven't yet ordered please let the school office know.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT



JOB VACANCY

OUR COMPANY ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Position: Food Service Assistant & Admin person to process meal orders. Term Time only, uniform provided.

Area: Twyford C of E School

Total Hours: Per Week 10 for the service person and 3 for Admin

Salary: £6.50 per hour

Please e-mail: Anne.reardon@compass-group.co.uk

Mobile No: 07787894039

For further details and application form.

NUT ALLERGY ALERT

We have a child in school who has a severe allergic reaction to nuts. Please be aware of what goes into your child's lunchbox and please try not to put in anything which obviously contains nuts. This includes cereal bars.



Please also reinforce to your child that he/she should not share their lunch with other children. Thank you

FOUNDATION NURSERY CLASS

Spaces are now available on a Monday afternoon in our Nursery class.

From January 2015 we will be running five morning sessions from 9.00am and 12.00pm and four afternoon sessions on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12.00pm until 3.00pm. It is possible to combine a morning and afternoon session and those children staying for a whole day or just doing an

afternoon session may bring a packed lunch to eat at lunchtime.

If you are interested in your child attending on a Monday afternoon please contact the school office who will be able to discuss availability with you.



Outdoor learning dates for the next few weeks are:

12 th January	19 th January
Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4

The children will be tree planting.
Weather appropriate clothing needed.

EMERGENCY CASCADE

In the rare event of the school having to close unexpectedly in an emergency, we will use an emergency telephone cascade. This cascade enables the school to contact all parents very quickly. You will be contacted by a member of staff who will advise what the situation is. In the event of severe weather, information may also be given out on MIX '96, the local radio station and the Bucks CC website.

SICKNESS

Please remember that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea we have a **48 hour** absence policy. This is in line with government recommendations and is crucial to avoid the spread of illness. Please contact us to let us know your child won't be in and then you will need to send a letter with your child when they return.

SENDING MONEY INTO SCHOOL

If you need to send money into school would you please make sure it is in a named envelope to help us keep track of whose money it is. It doesn't need to be a new envelope; we would be very happy for you to recycle an old one. Just add your child's name and what the money is for.



TUBS 4 TABLETS

Last Autumn Flora and Stork, in partnership with Tesco, began an amazing scheme called **Tubs4Tablets**.



Collect tokens from special tubs of from early October and exchange them for FREE touch screen tablets!

We need to collect as many tokens as possible, these can be found on promotional 500g tubs of Flora Original, Light and Buttery and Stork. Just 50 tokens will get our school one brand new Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.0" Wi-Fi 8GB tablet. Help us to claim as many as we can.

Spread the word - if friends, neighbours, work colleagues and family can help too we could collect even more tokens to exchange for tablets.

KNITTED HATS



We have some knitted ski type hats with the school logo if you would like one for the colder months.

They are available from the school office for £3.50.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Starting School in September 2015

Apply online www.buckscc.gov.uk

Children born between 01/09/2010 and 31/08/2011 will be starting school for the first time into Reception in September 2015.

Date	Activity
15 Jan 2015	DEADLINE! This is the latest date to submit your online application (Buckinghamshire residents only), you have until 3pm. If you are posting your application it must reach us by 3pm on this date.
16 Apr 2015	If you applied for your child's school place online you will receive an email to let you know what school you have been offered. If you applied via the post your offer letter will be posted out to you.
7 Jul 2015	County Induction Day, your child will be offered the chance to spend the day in school as part of their induction.

For applications for school places in school years other than Reception please contact admissions@buckscc.gov.uk regarding the process of in-year admissions. These applications will be accepted from the beginning of May and applications should be sent to them by the end of May at the latest to receive confirmation of your child's school place before the end of this school year.



PTFA NEWS

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting 8.00, Tuesday 13th January
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!

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

There are only 3 of the LIMITED EDITION tea-towels left, if you would like one please contact the School Office. ASAP!

The Giving Machine

Don't forget to use www.thegivingmachine.co.uk whenever you're shopping online.. It won't cost you anything, just an extra click via The Giving Machine. You will find more than 100 different shops including all the favourite High Street stores. Perfect for the January Sales!

FILM CLUB

INTO FILM

We have an exciting new film club starting in January. More information coming soon.....

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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

I would like to order a copy of the aerial photograph and include a donation to cover the cost.

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

TERM DATES - 2014/15 and 2015/16

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon on:
Spring Term 2015	Tuesday 6 th January 2015	Friday 13 th February 2015
	Monday 23 rd February 2015	Thursday 26 th March 2015
Summer Term 2015	Monday 13 th April 2015	Friday 22 nd May 2015
	Tuesday 2 nd June 2015	Wednesday 22 nd July 2015
Autumn Term 2015	Monday 7 th September 2015	Friday 23 rd October 2015
	Monday 2 nd November 2015	Friday 18 th December 2015
Spring Term 2016	Tuesday 5 th January 2016	Friday 12 th February 2016
	Monday 22 nd February 2016	Wednesday 23 rd March 2016
Summer Term 2016	Monday 11 th April 2016	Friday 27 th May 2016
	Monday 6 th June 2016	Thursday 21 st July 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 15 th January		Deadline for Nursery parents to apply for their child's school place.
Thursday 15 th January	<i>New</i>	Chartwells' Creative Kitchen Competition
Friday 30 th January		Film Club Night
Friday 13 th February		Break up for half term
Monday 23 rd February		School re-opens after half term
Thursday 26 th February		Year 3 and 4 Hockey Tournament at Waddesdon
Tuesday 3 rd March		PTFA Meeting
Wednesday 4 th March		PCSO visiting to talk about CEOP
Thursday 5 th March		Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament
Tuesday 10 th March		Parents Evening 3.00 - 6.00pm
Thursday 12 th March		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday 13 th March		Inset Day
Thursday 26 th March		Break up for Easter Holidays
Thursday 26 th March		PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 26 th March		Year 5 Badminton Tournament at Waddesdon
Monday 13 th April		School re-opens after Easter Holidays
Tuesday 21 st April		PTFA Meeting
Thursday 16 th April		School place offers for September 2015 are released
Thursday 7 th May		School Class Photographs
Tuesday 19 th May		Bag 2 School Textile collection
Friday 22 nd May		Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1 st June		INSET
Tuesday 2 nd June		School re-opens after Half Term
Tuesday 9 th June		PTFA Meeting
Friday 12 th June		PTFA Cream Tea
Tuesday 16 th June		Sports Day and Picnic
Thursday 2 nd July		Grandparents Afternoon for Nursery & Reception class
Tuesday 7 th July		County Induction Day
Friday 10 th July		PTFA Summer event
Tuesday 14 th July		Open Evening
Wednesday 15 th July		KS2 Production
Thursday 16 th July		KS2 Production
Monday 20 th July		End of Year Celebration Assembly

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