# Twyford C of E School





Jesus said, "You are set free from your sickness" Luke 13.12







Our value for this week is "Politeness"





Dear Parents

The weeks are just flying as we now move into February. There are some fantastic learning experiences happening in school which are wonderful to observe, children using Cheerios to make bloodcells, exploding volcano's, a snow queen story and an amazing fire engine to play in.

Mrs Hope attended a presentation evening in January along with Charlie Wood one of our Governors. At this evening they were presented with a cheque for £460 from the Rotary Club. Many thanks to everyone who helped Father Christmas in December. The money will go towards our fundraising for an interactive whiteboard for the hall.

We are joining with Book Aid International to celebrate World Book Day this year on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The children can come to school dressed as a book character in return for a £1 donation to the charity. Please have a look at the details further on in the newsletter for some dressing up ideas and details of how Book Aid International use the money they raise. We would like the children to bring the book with them, remember we are looking for book characters and not superheroes!

BBC Radio 2 run a competition each year for story writers, called 500 Words. Is it aimed at children between 5 and 13 years. We have some lovely writers in our school and think it would be great if they would enter. If you go onto the BBC Radio 2 website, http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1 and look at the details we would encourage you to enter.

Please could you check your child's name is clearly labelled in all clothes but especially jumpers and cardigans. We waste an awful lot of time reuniting jumpers with their owners and it is expensive for you.

Can I draw your attention to the school's Social Media Policy which has just been approved by the Governing Body. It sets out how the school uses social media and our expectations for both children and their parents in relation to school information. The details are included further on in the newsletter and I would appreciate you reading this so you are aware what these expectations are. This includes a request from the PTFA not to put images of other people's children onto Facebook.

Please remember not to park in front of the pedestrian gate at the front of the school. This is the only safe exit from the school and parking there blocks it and could cause an accident.

We will have some new faces joining us for the next half term. We have two student teachers joining us for six weeks, one in Key Stage 1 and the other in Lower Key Stage 2.

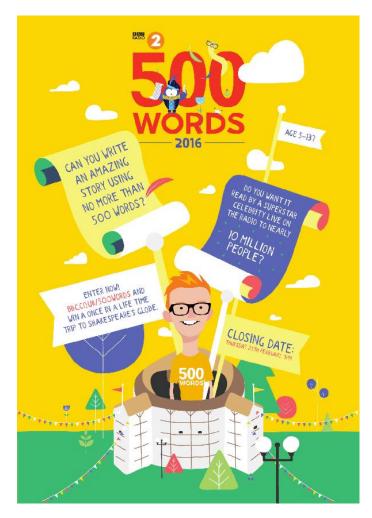
Remember school starts back after half term on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Have a good break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster
Headteacher



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Reception and Nursery Parents - If you are having any difficulties logging on to the Tapestry online journal please let us know.

Pictures of multiple children are pixelated automatically by the system. Even if the picture is of only your child it may still be pixelated if the system perceives it to be of more than one child, for instance if the background is particularly busy.

#### LOST PROPERTY

We have a few items left from last term in our lost property box, they include;

Grey cardigan
White polo neck top
Navy jacket
Striped knitted hat
Single black glove
Shin pads
and a sock!

If any of these items are yours would you please collect them from the school office.

#### 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 Buckinghamshire County Council website.

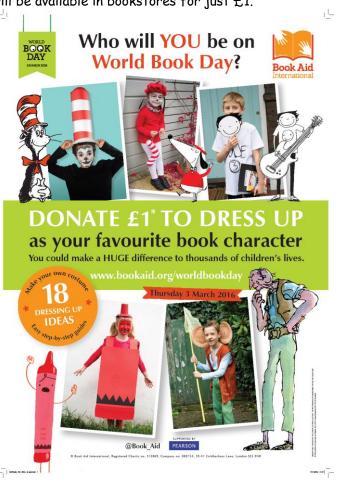
#### WORLD BOOK DAY - 3rd MARCH 2016

In many communities in Africa, children have no access to books. Book Aid International believe that every child should have the opportunity to read. They aim to provide as many children as possible in Africa with books to help them learn and progress through school.

Book Aid International have put together some dressing up ideas for World Book Day, follow this link for lots of great suggestions.

http://www.bookaid.org/get-involved/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/

The children should come to school dressed as a character from a book they enjoy and we would love them to bring the book with them so they can show it to their class. By sharing their enjoyment of a book it may encourage other children in their class to try new titles. The children will all receive a World Book day token to spend on a book and there are six titles that will be available in bookstores for just £1.







Outdoor learning dates for the Spring 2016 term are:

10/02/16	Years 1 & 2	Pebble Pets
24/02/16	Years 3 & 4	Pebble Pets
02/03/16	Years 5 & 6	Pebble Pets

When it is your child's Outdoor Learning session could they bring a **cardboard box** into school, a shoe box would be ideal. Once they have made their Pebble Pet they will be scavenging in the school grounds for materials to create a habitat for it.

Please could the children have suitable clothing for being outside for these sessions, wellies are always a good idea and warm/waterproof clothing. They will be painting so an old shirt to use as an overall would also be a good idea.

#### SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS

## "Let's get collecting."

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, until  $3^{rd}$  May 2016.

**Spread the word** to friends and family and encourage them to collect as well!

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

It's really worthwhile collecting, last year we managed to get lots of lunch time play equipment.

#### SCHOOL TRANSPORT



If you would like to discuss your child's eligibility for school transport please contact the Buckinghamshire County Council Admissions team on 01296
383250 or email

<u>admissions@buckscc.gov.uk</u> who will be able to assist you.

Children become eligible to use the school bus on the term after their  $5^{th}$  birthday.

#### PARENTING COURSE

Parenting course starting after February half term. The first session will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

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 course doesn't mean you're not a good parent, it simply shows 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: 0-10years
LENGTH of COURSE: 5 Weeks
START DATE: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 9.15am
LOCATION: Twyford C of E School

RUN BY: Alexandra Lee COST: Free

For further information please speak to Alexandra Lee. Email, <u>alexandraeh.smith@gmail.com</u>, or telephone 07971512075.

#### HOT LUNCHES

Menu's and order forms are available via the school website <a href="https://www.twyfordschool.org.uk">www.twyfordschool.org.uk</a> 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 your child's lunches due to illness please call Chartwells Customer Care Line on 01908 615705 each day of your child's absence. A credit note is issued from the second day of absence.

Please return orders by 9am on Tuesday for the following week. If possible please order for the whole half term.

#### 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.





#### SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The complete policy is available in the school office or via the school website <a href="https://www.twyfordschool.org.uk">www.twyfordschool.org.uk</a>.

The main points are;

All members of the school community should bear in mind that information they share through social media, even if it is on a private space, is still subject to copyright, data protection and Freedom of Information legislation, the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and UK Libel and Defamation laws.

#### Use of sites

It's important for everybody's safety that we are clear about how we use these sites and what is acceptable behaviour from the people who choose to follow us. We use our social media sites to publish information that is of general interest. We do not believe it is an appropriate place to discuss personal matters that are specific to individual members of our community, whether that be children, parents or staff.

#### Respect

- We will not tolerate any form of bullying on our social media accounts.
- We will not allow posts or comments that refer to specific, individual matters between the school and members of its community.
- We will not tolerate any comments or posts that are defamatory, rude or abusive towards any member of our school community, whether that be children, parents, staff or governors.
- Parents are requested <u>not</u> to post images (photos and videos) of pupils other than their own children on social media sites unless they have the permission of the parents of other children pictured.

#### Our rules

- Where allowed by the site, we welcome comments on the information we post.
   However, we reserve the right to delete comments and ban further comments from anyone who breaks the terms of our policy
- We will ban and report anyone who breaks the terms of service of the relevant social media platform. For example, Facebook's Terms of Service do not permit people under the age of 13 to open an account.



#### For Channel 4

Parents, are you at your wits' end with your children's behaviour?

Do their tantrums, fussy eating or bad behaviour drive you mad?

In a new series of the successful Channel 4 TV show, Liberty Bell Productions are offering families the chance to work with Kathryn Mewes, a highly experienced parenting expert and author of 'The Three Day Nanny'.

If you'd like to know more, please contact:

nanny@libertybell.tv

or call 020 7598 7267

Please Note: We will use and store the personal details contained in your email and any further response in

Dear Mums and Dads,

My name is Lindsay Hinton and I work for a television production company called Liberty Bell. We produce television programmes such as Kids with Cameras: Diary of a Children's Ward (ITV1) and Scrappers (BBC1). Liberty Bell Productions is part of Avalon TV to find out more please visit our website at: http://avalontelevision.com/factual.html

I'm writing to you to let you know that we are currently producing the third series of **Channel 4's The Three Day Nanny'.** In case you missed the last two series, here's brief summary of the show:

The Three Day Nanny is a six-part series for Channel 4, offering expert help to parents. The programme is fronted by childcare expert Kathryn Mewes. Kathryn has over 20 years' experience of working with children and families (14 years as a Norland Nanny) and is a bestselling parenthood book author.

The show follows Kathryn as she offers to help families who are struggling with common parenting challenges. She deals with everything from fussy eating and toddler tantrums through to difficult bed time routines. Whatever the problem, Nanny Kathryn works closely with parents and children to offer bespoke trouble-shooting advice.

We are currently inviting parents to apply for Kathryn's expert help by taking part in this programme. Therefore, we'd love to hear from you if you feel you could benefit from Kathryn's help. For a non-obligatory chat with a member of the production team to find out more about the programme then please call 0207 598 7267 or email nanny@libertybell.tv

Kind regards, Lindsay Hinton, Casting Assistant Producer





#### PTFA NEWS

- Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8pm at school. We will be discussing our fundraising activities for the rest of the Spring term. 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.
- The PTFA have recently purchased a new blackboard for the front of the school. During the Summer term we hope to have an art project involving all the children to design and make a mosaic surround for it.

#### DECORATE THE OWL COMPETITION



Look out for details of our latest sponsored event in book bags. Please encourage your child to take part as there are prizes to be won.

#### PAELLA NIGHT - SATURDAY 19TH MARCH

Come along to The Crown for a delicious dish of home-cooked Paella. Tickets will be on sale soon.



#### COFFEE MORNING

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the Staff Room

Please come along for a cup of coffee, slice of cake and a chat. All parents are welcome regardless of whether your child is new to the school.

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 8pm at school.

#### MAY BALL

Watch out for more information coming out after half term. Remember to use <a href="https://www.thegivingmachine.com">www.thegivingmachine.com</a> when you are looking for that special outfit!



Twyford C of E School PTFA

### MAY BALL



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Poundon House, Poundon



## EASTER EGG HUNT - THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 3.15PM

Donations of chocolate eggs (not nuts please) are gratefully received from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The event is for all children to enjoy. There is a separate hunt for the Nursery children in their playground at the same time. Watch this space for competition news.

#### FILM NIGHT - FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Please ask your children to go online and vote for the film that they would most like to see via the IntoFilm website <a href="www.intofilm.org">www.intofilm.org</a>. Popcorn and drinks will be served in the interval. £2 per child. Nursery children are welcome to come, but need to be accompanied by an adult.

#### 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.



TERM DATES - 2015/16 and 2016/17					
	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon on:			
Spring Term 2016	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016			
Spring Term 2010	Tuesday 23rd February 2016	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016			
Summer Term 2016	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			
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Friday 21st October 2016			
	Monday 31st October 2016	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2016			
Coulos Tours 2017	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017			
Spring Term 2017	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017			
C T 2017	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017			
Summer Term 2017	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017			

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	New	PTFA Coffee Morning 9-10am	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February		School closes for Half Term	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February		Inset Day	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		School re-opens after Half Term	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		PTFA Meeting at School, 8pm	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February		PTFA Film Night	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		World Book Day	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 Sports Tournament	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		Tennis Tournament at Waddesdon, Year 3 & 4	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March		Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Waddesdon, Year 3 & 4	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 Sports with Padbury School	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March		Science Oxford Workshops	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		PTFA Paella Night at The Crown	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March - Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Easter Week / RE Week	
March			
Monday 21st March	New	Parents meeting for Year 6 SATs tests in May, 7pm	
Monday 21st March	New	Parents meeting for Year 5 & 6 residential Visit, 7.30pm	
Monday 21st March	New	Rev. Hiscock leading an Easter Workshop for Years 3 and 4	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Rev. Hiscock leading an Easter Workshop for Years 3 and 4	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March		Chartwells Easter Special menu	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Service, St. Mary's Church, Twyford 9.15am	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		PTFA Easter Egg Hunt 3.15pm	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		School closes for Easter Holiday	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April		Inset Day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April		School re-opens after Easter Holiday	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April		Reception class places are offered direct from Buckinghamshire	
		County Council.	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April		Faith Tour, Years 5 and 6	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May		PTFA Summer Ball	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May		Key Stage 2 SATS Week	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May		Chartwells Italian Day Menu	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		School closes for Half Term	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		School re-opens after Half Term	



Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	New	Transfer Testing (11+) Meeting for Parents of Year 5
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June		Whole School Photograph
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Day & Picnic - Recreation Ground, Twyford
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June		PCSO Hayley Morgan, CEOP talk with Year 6
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Grandparents Afternoon - Foundation (Nursery & Reception)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	New	Roald Dahl Parade in Aylesbury
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Chartwells American Day menu
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		County Induction Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Children's Choice Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Camp Out Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Year Celebration Service, St. Mary's Church 2pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Whole School Ramble
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Open Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		School closes for Summer Holiday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September		School re-opens after Summer Holiday
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual School Photographs

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