# Twyford C of E School



















# Dear Parents

As usual the end of term has been a busy time in school. We have had new children visiting our nursery and Year 6 finding out which school they will be attending next year, all exciting times. Outdoor Learning has been lovely over the last few weeks. All children have had the opportunity to walk down to the farm to see the lambs who have just been born. I don't think it matters how old you are, the awe and wonder of new born lambs never fails to amaze.

On Sunday we had Groundforce Day when many staff and parents gave up their time to help improve the grounds for their children. The playhouse was painted, posts put in for a fence to be put up to protect against the prickly hedge, gardening took place and new boards put around the flower beds. Thank you to everyone who came long. We can't do this alone and your help is much appreciated.

Last Wednesday we had Science Day. Science Oxford came in and worked with each group on a variety of activities from changing properties of sugar to a crime scene investigation and discovering materials. The children had a great time being scientists for the day.

Sport Relief raised £128 with the children dressed in sports gear and running in the morning. It was great to see all the children supporting each other and encouraging everyone along despite the cold weather. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Sport Relief Sweepstake competition. The winners were Mrs Rollason and Mrs Tilbrook

The Bake off for Key Stage 2 was a great success. Overleaf are the winners but Mrs O'Brien and Miss Leslie were so impressed with the effort and skills that the children used to produce amazing standard in cake decorating. Well done to the winners and thank you to all who took part.

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an Easter workshop with Rev. Hiscock and Rev. Mann on Monday. Through drama and songs they reenacted the Easter Story bringing it to life and helping them understand the meaning of the crucifixion.

Could I request that parents and children do not use the playground after school. We do have clubs that run straight after school and it is difficult and dangerous if other children are running around. Also please remember that children should not cycle or scoot within the school grounds, especially on the pathways as there are too many children around.

I hope you enjoyed the Easter Service this morning. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday  $12^{th}$  April.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster
Headteacher



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# END OF TERM AWARDS

We are very pleased to announce the winners of the class awards for this term as follows;



Upper Key Stage 2 Effort - Clara Improvement - Rory Achievement - Sophie M





Lower Key Stage 2 Effort - Sophie T Improvement - Aaron Achievement - Kim





Effort - Ruby Improvement - Ben Achievement - Erin

Key Stage 1





Reception Effort - Mason

Improvement - Joe Achievement - Isla

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Pen Licences were also awarded to: Rory Jasmine Hannah A

# Can You Help?







in the Nursery/Reception Playground



We need old pots and pans, tin lids, racks,

If it can make a noise when tapped. bashed, drummed, strummed or scraped we're interested.

Musicality is not important, anything from Miss Maria's soprano to Mr Elcock's

It needs to be weatherproof, resilient, breakable not breakable and consistent with the health and safety of Nursery aged children. (no glass, sharp edges, shatterproof ect.)











# SPORT RELIEF - BAKE-OFF



On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Key Stage 2 were inspired to hold a Bake-Off competition.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with cupcake baking and provided the decorating materials.

Callum with the help of our very own Mel and Sue, Miss Leslie and Mrs O'Brien, judged the competition. The winners were announced at the end of term assembly.



For Uniform Cupcakes Rowan T & Louis D Dylan Luka, Max & Jake E



For Effort Izzie & Mair Clara Quinn



For Overall Originality Lucy E Lottie & Rowan C





After the Easter Holidays we will be cooking on an open fire. We will let you have the dates for each class when we are back in April.

# 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.



# **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.

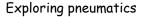


#### SCIENCE OXFORD

On 16<sup>th</sup> March Science Oxford came to school to run different experiments with each year group from Reception to Year 6.



Creating a tornado







Paper Plate Monsters

Crime Scene Investigation





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Changing Materials





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#### LUNCH



Can I just remind everyone that we are a Healthy School and we encourage everyone to be part of this lifestyle. Lunches are a time when we are especially attentive, Key Stage 1 and Reception children are entitled to their free healthy

hot lunch which adheres to Government guidelines on healthy eating, Key Stage 2 are welcome to purchase their lunch at £2.30 per meal. For packed lunches there should be a healthy balance of a sandwich or some savoury item, a cake or biscuit (not sweets or bars of chocolate) and some fruit. The drink may be water of a juice of some kind, no fizzy drinks are allowed. During the day all children should have a bottle of water in the classroom which they can access at all times. Key Stage 2 need to bring their own fresh fruit for breaktime, Key Stage 1 and Foundation are provided with a piece of fruit daily under the Government scheme. It is not appropriate for children to have confectionary at lunchtime, if you want them to have a treat perhaps you could save this for after school.

It is also very important that your child does not bring any products containing nuts into school as we do have children in school with nut allergies, one of them very seriously.



A while ago we had a section in the school newsletter with lunch box suggestions. If you have any ideas to share we would love to hear from you, particularly ideas to encourage fussy eaters to try something new. Please email your suggestions to office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk.

# SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers are available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online, until 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. All vouchers are given out at the checkout, BUT HAVE A DIFFERENT APPEARANCE TO THE LAST FEW YEARS, SO WATCH OUT FOR THEM!

**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.





# QUEEN'S PARK FAITH TOUR 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 YEARS 5 & 6







Just a reminder for Year 5 and 6 about their visit to the Queen's Park Faith Tour which will be looking at inter-faith dialogue between Christians, Muslims and Sikhs.

- The children will need to be in school by 8.15am to ensure we are ready to leave at 8.30am.
- The children will need to dress modestly; they will be in school uniform so this shouldn't be a problem although girls may like to wear trousers.
- <u>All</u> children will need a headscarf, not hats or handkerchiefs.
- Please can the children bring a packed lunch which <u>must not</u> contain meat, fish or eggs as these are not allowed into the Gurwara on account of the Sikh belief in the sanctity of life.

We're looking forward to the trip and hope to share with you what we learnt when we return.

# HOT LUNCHES

Menus's and order forms are available via the school website <a href="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.



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



# Have a go at our Easter Egg Hunt! Only £1 a go! Drop in throughout the Easter holidays

Two weeks of crafty fun for all the family

Tuesday 29 March: Egg Cosies

Wednesday 30 March: Chirpy Chicks
Thursday 31 March: Easter Decorations
Friday 1 April: Beautiful Bunnies



Monday 4 April: Dolls Tuesday 5 April: Biff Bats! Wednesday 6 April: Puppets Thursday 7 April: Optical Illusions Friday 8 April: Teddy Bears



Visit buckscountymuseum.org for more details!



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
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#### PTFA NEWS

All Parents and Carers are automatically members of their child's school fundraising group. In our case this is the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA). Every single penny that we raise goes towards enhancing your children's education and learning experience. So why should you get involved with your PTFA?

# You will get to know the school.

Joining the PTFA is a great way to make friends, get to know other parents, the staff and the Headteacher.

#### The events are fun.

Getting stuck into organising an event can be great fun and can bring the school together as a community. Those of you who helped at the Christmas lunch would probably agree that it was just as enjoyable event for the all the mums who helped in addition to the children and staff!

# Understanding how the school operates.

Being part of the PTFA can help build an understanding of behind the scenes at school. The PTFA is very well supported by the staff and valued for how much it supports the school.

# Being the best.

We want Twyford C of E School to provide the best possible education and experiences for our children. This includes more than just great teaching, which we are very lucky to have, the experiences that the children have while at school are also those run and paid for by the PTFA.

#### Role model.

Your children may enjoy you being more involved with the school. There is some evidence to suggest that when parents are engaged in a school, a child's attainment is improved...so that makes an even more compelling reason to get involved!

We are not a closed group, we would welcome any Mums or Dads that want to help in any way (large or small). We want to be able to raise as much money as possible for the school, but we need more help to be able to do that.

# CHEESE & WINE EVENING

With all the above in mind, we are going to have a Cheese & Wine Evening for our next meeting. This will be on Tuesday 19th April at 8pm at school. We will be discussing our fundraising activities for the Summer term, so please come along and enjoy a glass of wine. We would really welcome some new faces and new ideas.

# COFFEE MORNING



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 9am in the staff room. Please come along for a coffee, slice of cake and a chat. All parents are welcome, regardless of whether your child is new to the school.

# NEXT MEETING



Cheese & Wine Evening Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm at school.

# MAY BALL

Tickets are selling well, but we still have some available. E-mail Katherine Rollason on <a href="mailto:ksrollason@hotmail.com">ksrollason@hotmail.com</a> if you need another form or would like more information.





# MAY BALL - RAFFLE HAMPERS

So far we have had a disappointing response to our request for raffle prizes. The May Ball will potentially be the PTFAs biggest fundraiser ever, so we need as much support as possible. If you cannot come along to the Ball, then contributing to the raffle will still help the cause. Just as a reminder we will be putting hampers of alcohol, chocolate and sweets, female beauty/pampering and a men's hamper. Any donations can be handed into the school or handed directly to Sarah Miller who will be putting the hampers together.

# MAY BALL - GIFT TREE



We are also planning to have a gift tree, so if you would like to donate any vouchers for services, beauty treatments, hair-cuts or shops, we would be very grateful.

#### WISH LIST

We will be discussing the following wishes at the next meeting:

- The fence posts and panels for the new music wall in the Early Years Garden
- Catering Teapots for school events
- A wide broom for the hall
- Professional cleaning for the school hall floor

#### FUTURE PTFA MEETINGS

We are considering having a PTFA meeting during the school day later in the term. We hope that this will be better for those who want to come along but can't always make evenings.

TERM DATES - 2015/16 - 2016/17 - 2017/18						
	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon on:				
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 21st July 2016				
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016				
	Monday 31st October 2016	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2016				
Spring Term 2017	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017				
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017				
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017				
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Friday 21st July 2017				
Autumn Term 2017	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017				
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017				
Spring Term 2018	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018				
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018				
Summer Term 2018	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018				
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018				

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
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.
Tuesday 19th April	New	PTFA Cheese and Wine Evening 8pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April		Faith Tour, Years 5 and 6
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	New	PTFA Coffee Morning
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	New	Year 5 Sex and relationship talk with School Nurse
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	New	Year 3 & 4 Visit to St.Albans Verulamium
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May		PTFA May Ball
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May		Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	New	Reception visit to Meadow Farm Mini-Beast Safari
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	New	Foundation visit to Meadow Farm Mini-Beast Safari
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
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	New	Year 6 Sex and Relationship talk



Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Transfer Testing (11+) Meeting for Parents of Year 5
Wednesday 8th June		PCSO Hayley Morgan, CEOP talk with Year 6
Wednesday 8th June	New	PCSO Hayley Morgan, Stranger Danger Assembly
Thursday 9th June		Whole School Photograph
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	New	PTFA Cream Tea and Maypole Dancing
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Day & Picnic - Recreation Ground, Twyford
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	New	Collegiate Workshop
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June		PCSO Hayley Morgan, CEOP talk with Year 6 CHANGE OF DATE
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	New	Tennis Coaching
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	New	Tennis Coaching
June 29 <sup>th</sup> June	New	Musical Extravaganza
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Grandparents Afternoon - Foundation (Nursery & Reception)
Friday 1st July	New	Tennis Coaching
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		Roald Dahl Parade in Aylesbury
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Chartwells American Day menu
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		County Induction Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	New	Year 5 Science Fair at Royal Latin School.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	New	Tennis Coaching
Friday 8th July		PTFA Summer Sizzler
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 21st July		School closes for Summer Holiday at 1.30pm
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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# MENU FOR SUMMER TERM 2016





