Twyford C of E School

















Our value for this week is "Truth"

Dear Parents

Welcome back and I hope you all had a good holiday. The Spring term ended with the children thoroughly enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt, despite the wet weather. Thank you to everyone who helped organise it or made cakes etc. It was a great way to end the term.

If you go into the hall you will see a TV screen which is linked to an outside camera by the bird feeder. It is fascinating watching the birds coming and going all the time. There is another camera in a nesting box which will be turned on if any birds set up home there. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this and to Simon Bristow and Steve Elcock for setting the system up.

The Foundation area has an amazing new wall in it. It has all sorts attached to it which the children can bang and crash on as well as count and play. Simon Bristow must have spent a lot of the holidays creating this fantastic addition to the area after Miss Chilton's partner and Simon started the work on Groundforce Day. Many thanks to Simon for being so creative and building something I know the children will love.

It is great that people have the skills and enthusiasm to help improve the environment around the school for all the children. We really do appreciate it. You too can help by supporting the events which we put on to raise funds for the children's learning. The May Ball is coming up and there are still tickets for sale. We really want this to be a school community event as well as the local community. If you haven't bought your ticket please see Katie or Katherine. All funds raised will be for your children. Budgets in school are getting tighter all the time and only through fundraising will we be able to give your children all those extras which make school life exciting.

You should be receiving the class topic letter within the next few days. The children are already excited about the new topics this term. I know there are some very exciting things planned including trips and visitors. Next week Year 5 and 6 are visiting three places of worship in Bedford which will help develop their understanding of other cultures and religions, a very important aspect of their learning.

Next Thursday, 21st April, is the Queen's 90th birthday. We felt we should mark this historic occasion in some way and have decided that everyone should come to school dressed in red, white and blue and we should have a truly British afternoon tea! If you are able to provide some cakes for the children that would be great.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster
Headteacher



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MUSIC WALL

What a transformation has taken place in the Foundation Playground!







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.



QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY 21ST APRIL 2016



To celebrate the Queen's Birthday on 21st April 2016 all the children can come to school dressed in Red, White and Blue or any combination of those.

We will be having an afternoon tea and would welcome donations of cakes to share. If you are able to provide a cake or some biscuits please bring them to school on the morning of the 21^{st} April.

SUNDAY AT 4

Sunday 17 April 4pm-5.30pm at Charndon Community Centre

Sunday at 4 is for children of primary school age. We meet for fun, games, Bible stories, craft activities, music, prayer and refreshments. This month we'll be hearing about what happened after the very first Easter Day.

It helps our planning if you can let us know by email or phone if your children hope to attend.

With best wishes

Revd Angela Mann 01296 771100 angela.mann@o2.co.uk



This half term we will be cooking on an open fire.

20 th April	Reception
27 th April	Year 1 and 2
4 th May	Year 5 and 6
18 th May	Year 3 and 4
25 th May	Reception

Please make sure that the children have their wellies and weather appropriate clothing in school on their outdoor learning day.



SICKNESS

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.

LUNCH

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 3rd 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.



RECEPTION CLASS 2016 PLACES

Offers of Reception class places will be sent out by Buckinghamshire County Council on Monday 18th April.

If you applied online the offer should come via email on the 18^{th} April, if you applied by post the offer will also come via the post so you may not receive it until a few days after the 18^{th} .

Please let us know if you intend to accept the offer you receive.

If you have not been offered your first choice school, please don't worry as this is only the initial allocation. Please arrange to come and speak to us and we can talk you through your options.

HOT LUNCHES

Menu's and order forms are available via the school website www.twyfordschool.org.uk 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.



CHEESE & WINE EVENING

Tuesday 19th April, 8pm at school

To do something a bit different we thought we would have a Cheese and Wine evening at the same time as we hold the next PTFA Meeting. We are hoping it might attract a few new faces if we made more of an evening of it and have



time for a chat over tasting the wine we are proposing for the Ball and eating some fine cheeses. So please come along, especially if you haven't been before, as it will be great to see some new faces. We will be discussing the fundraising events coming up this term and any new wishes. (There is no charge for this event).

COFFEE MORNING



Friday 22nd April at 9am in the staff room. If you can't make the cheese and wine evening then come along to the next coffee morning for a chat and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.



MAY BALL

Tickets are selling fast and the last date to order them by is Friday 22nd April. If you would still like to come then e-mail Katherine Rollason on ksrollason@hotmail.com if you need another form or would like anymore information..



MAY BALL - RAFFLE HAMPERS/GIFT TREE

Hopefully you have all seen the flyer which went out in book bags this week asking for raffle and gift tree prizes. Any donations for this large or small will be gratefully received.

We will be selling raffle tickets at school before the event, so even if you can't make the Ball you still have the opportunity to be a winner. Remember all proceeds for the Ball are going to the school and your children will benefit.

PTFA BLACKBOARD MOSAIC PROJECT



We have a Cornish Ceramic Artist coming to school in June to help make a mosaic frame to surround the PTFA Blackboard and we hope that many of the children will have the opportunity to get involved in this project. What we need are donations of tiles, any colour will do but the more colourful the better. So if you have re-tiled your bathroom or kitchen recently and have some tiles left over then please bring them into school. There will be a box in reception for any donations.

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 th April 2016	Friday 27 th May 2016		
	Monday 6 th June 2016	Thursday 21st July 2016		
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 th September 2016	Friday 21st October 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 31st March 2017		
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Friday 26 th May 2017		
	Monday 5 th June 2017	Friday 21st July 2017		
	Wednesday 6 th September 2017	Friday 20 th October 2017		
Autumn Term 2017	Monday 30 th October 2017	Tuesday 19 th December 2017		
Spring Term 2018	Thursday 4 th January 2018	Friday 9 th February 2018		
	Monday 19 th February 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018		
Summer Term 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018	Friday 25 th May 2018		
	Monday 4 th June 2018	Tuesday 24 th July 2018		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Monday 18 th April		Reception class places are offered direct from Buckinghamshire County Council.
Tuesday 19 th April		PTFA Cheese and Wine Evening 8pm
Wednesday 20 th April		Faith Tour, Years 5 and 6
Thursday 21 st May	New	Queen's 90 th Birthday Celebration - Afternoon Tea
Friday 22 nd April		PTFA Coffee Morning 9-10am
Thursday 28 th April		Year 5 Sex and Relationships talk with School Nurse
Wednesday 4 th May		Year 3 & 4 Visit to St. Albans Verulamium
Thursday 5 th May	New	KS1 Athletics Festival at Waddesdon
Saturday 7 th May		PTFA May Ball
Monday 9th - Friday 13th May		Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Wednesday 11 th May		Reception visit to Meadow Farm Mini-Beast Safari
Thursday 12 th May		Foundation visit to Meadow Farm Mini-Beast Safari
Thursday 19 th May		Chartwells Italian Day Menu
Thursday 19 th May	New	Year 5 & 6 Rounders Festival
Friday 20 th May	New	Year 5 Sports Tournament at Twyford
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
Monday 6 th June		Year 6 Sex and Relationships talk
Tuesday 7 th June		Transfer Testing (11+) Meeting for Parents of Year 5
Wednesday 8th June		PCSO Hayley Morgan, CEOP talk with Year 6
Wednesday 8th June		PCSO Hayley Morgan, Stranger Danger Assembly
Thursday 9 th June		Whole School Photograph
Friday 10 th June		PTFA Cream Tea and Maypole Dancing
Tuesday 14 th June		Sports Day & Picnic - Recreation Ground, Twyford
Tuesday 14th June		Collegiate Workshop
Wednesday 15 th June		Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Thursday 16 th June	New	PTFA Blackboard Mosaic Project
Friday 17 th June	New	PTFA Blackboard Mosaic Project
Friday 17 th June		Tennis Coaching
Friday 24 th June		Tennis Coaching
June 29 th June		Musical Extravaganza
Thursday 30 th June		Grandparents Afternoon - Foundation (Nursery & Reception)
Friday 1 st July	New	Small Schools Music Festival, Year 1 & 2.
Friday 1st July		Tennis Coaching



Saturday 2 nd July	Roald Dahl Parade in Aylesbury
Monday 4th July	Chartwells American Day menu
Tuesday 5 th July	County Induction Day
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 5 Science Fair at Royal Latin School.
Friday 8 th July	Tennis Coaching
Friday 8 th July	PTFA Summer Sizzler
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 19 th July	Whole School Ramble
Tuesday 19 th July	Open Evening
Thursday 21 st July	School closes for Summer Holiday at 1.30pm
Monday 5 th September	School re-opens after Summer Holiday
Friday 7 th October	Individual School Photographs

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MENU FOR SUMMER TERM 2016



