Twyford C of E School



















Dear Parents

Last week we had Children's Choice week in school where the children chose the topic they wanted to learn about. Foundation looked at birds and bats whilst Year 1 and 2 researched the Olympics with a special focus on 2016. Years 3 and 4 studied Harry Potter, I'm not sure if they have found a home for Hogwarts yet - it is quite large! Years 5 and 6 have been studying evolution, which I know they have found fascinating.

On Friday we had our Camp Out Day. This is an annual event and was a great success - it even stayed dry just until the very end. Many thanks to all the parents who came to help out with putting up tents, supervising activities, cooking the BBQ and to the PTFA for funding the event and providing salads and cakes, and of course to Sue Manders for organising it all. The mosaic is nearly finished so will hopefully be up in time for our return in September. Thank you to Katie Ellison for leading this project.

The weather proved very tricky for our annual School Ramble on Tuesday with blazing sunshine which led to us cancelling the afternoon ramble. Nursery managed to get out in the morning before things got too hot and made some beautiful nature pictures from the things they collected on their walk to the wood. KS2 enjoyed a 'Stick in the Mud' game with added water which helped to cool them down.

Thank you to those parents who came along to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday. It is lovely for the children to be able to show you their work themselves. The displays of work this term have been very impressive and it is nice for you to be able to see them and the other work the children have done at the end of a busy school year.

We are saying goodbye to three members of staff this term, Mrs Blake, Mrs Horder and Mrs Weise and we wish them every success as they leave us and thank them for all their hard work. We are also saying goodbye to two families who are moving away, the Durrance family and the Glass family, both families have contributed to life at Twyford and will be greatly missed. We wish them all the very best for their new homes and new schools.



Finally we say goodbye to our first ever Year 6 cohort. Wednesday evening they all enjoyed a scavenger hunt around Twyford and a meal at Prezzo for their leaving party. It was a lovely night and a super way to say goodbye to you all. Thank you for all the lovely memories you shared with us on Monday in the Celebration Assembly. Hearing all those memories made us all remember the lovely times we have had and how you have grown. It has been wonderful to see



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you all through your primary education and we all wish you every success and happiness in your new schools. We look forward to hearing how you are all getting on in the years to come.

School reopens on 5th September 2016 for the new school year which I'm sure will be just as packed as this one! I wish you all a very happy Summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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 - Bethan

Improvement - Lucy

Achievement - Max





Lower Key Stage 2

Effort - Jacob

Improvement - Izzie

Achievement - Mair





Key Stage 1

Effort - Hannah

Improvement - Gethin

Achievement - Sam





Reception

Effort - Edward

Improvement - Iris

Achievement - Isabelle TANA AAAAA





A Pen Licence was awarded to:

Bethan





100% Attendance Certificates

were awarded to:

Emily, Sofia, Rose, Kathleen, Luka & Thomas

SPEECH COMPETITION

This week the children in Year 5 and 6 have been practising their public speaking skills and then took part in a Speech Competition. They all produced a speech in their own words based on their dreams and aspirations. There were some very interesting and enlightening speeches. Finalists from Year 6 were then selected to give their speech to the judges, Mrs Foster, Miss Leslie and Year 3 and 4.

They all spoke extremely well. Very well done to everyone who took part.

The Winner of the Competition was;

Rowan

And the runners up were

Jake and Callum

LOST PROPERTY



Please name all of your child's clothing as it makes it much easier for your child to look after their own belongings and for anything that does go astray to be reunited with its owner.

If you think you may have lost an item please contact the school office. Anything left in lost property at the end of term will go into the Second Hand Uniform sale or into the textile recycling bin.



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HOT LUNCHES

If you would like to order hot lunches for your child please contact the school office for a copy of the menu and an order form. Please return orders by 9am on Tuesday for the following week. If possible please order for the whole half term.

<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.

Chartwells will be holding a taster session for parents on the 8th September in the afternoon for you to come along and try some of the food that is on offer. This will be a great opportunity to see the food available and to ask any questions as a member of Chartwells staff will be on hand to explain how the process works.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE: SUMMER FOR FAMILIES

The Buckinghamshire Family Information Service provides information, advice and assistance to families on a wide range of issues including childcare; leisure activities (including extensive summer holiday activities); young people's information; health and staying safe; local offer for SEND and children's centres.

Looking for things to do or childcare over the Summer?

The Buckinghamshire Family Information Service can help! On our website www.bucksfamilyinfo.org we have listings for childcare, things for the family to do (camps, courses, events) and family days out. Take a look, you're bound to find something near you! We are also on Facebook, Twitter and Google+

UNIFORM

Any uniform that has been ordered should be here for the start of the Autumn term.

If you are waiting for items to arrive we will try to contact you to arrange a collection time.

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONSULTATION

Buckinghamshire County Council have launched a consultation on Home to School Transport and we're looking for communities, schools and parents views on proposed changes to Home to School Transport in Buckinghamshire.

They have asked us to share the following information with you.

What changes are we suggesting? Changing our School Transport Policy

Bringing our Policy in line with what we're legally required to do should save an estimated £0.5 million.

This means we would only provide free school transport to the nearest secondary school to your home address. The school could be located in Buckinghamshire or in a neighbouring county and could be an Upper, Grammar (for qualified children only) or Comprehensive.

Paying to use our Home to School Transport

We know that families like to use and pay for our school transport services when they're not eligible for the free service.

For the Under 16's who live in Buckinghamshire, we charge the same whether you are travelling 3 miles or 15 miles. This will be £599 for an annual pass for a 2016/17 academic year. We do not make enough money from providing this service to cover its costs. We are really keen to receive ideas on alternative ways we can provide this service.

To find out more and access the survey visit: www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooltransportconsultation

We will be promoting this consultation through the media and extensively through social media. It is one survey for any interested resident, family, school or organisation. There is a section at the end to tell us who you are responding on behalf of as well as a 'free text' space to tell us any other comments you may wish to make.

Home to school Transport Team

SUNDAY AT 4

Sunday 17 July 4pm-5.30pm at Marsh Gibbon Village Hall

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 the theme is 'Busy doing Nothing!' Newcomers are always welcome

to come along and see what we get up to!
It helps our planning if you can let us know if your children hope to attend.

With best wishes

Revd David Hiscock 01859 277297 david@3d.co.uk Revd Angela Mann 01296 771100 angela.mann@o2.co.uk







We would like to thank all of you for your help and support this year. We have raised an incredible amount of money, which will all be spent on enhancing our children's experience at Twyford School. Whether you have donated prizes, bought raffle tickets or washed up at events we are truly grateful, as we couldn't have done it without so much support.

Thank you from Katie and Katherine

AGM/NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be help on Tuesday 27th September at 8pm at school. This will also be the AGM as part of this meeting which we have to hold. If you interested in becoming more involved in the PTFA please come along.

TEA AND TISSUES PARENTS MORNING MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 9AM



This will be our first coffee morning of the school year, so please come along for chat, cake and drinks.

You may be feeling a bit bereft if you have dropped your child off in Reception for the first

time, you may have just sent a new Year 7 off on the bus for the first time or you may just like to catch up with everyone after the summer break. Whatever your reason please come along and meet some new parents, chat to old friends and have a drink. Pre-school children are welcome to come along too with their parents.

VINTAGE SUMMER FETE

This was a great event again. Thank you especially to everyone who donated filled jars and bottles, to Mark and Nicola Nash for kindly donating the delicious rolls, to James Handford, Sonia and Andy Bosley for doing battle with the BBQ, to Jacob Manders for the great tunes, to Mrs Hope for getting soaked, to Denise Wade and Tracey Elcock for serving food and washing up all evening, to John Rollason for running the bar and to anyone else who helped. We must say an extra special thank you to Lisa Machay for donating all of the amazing raffle prizes - again! We raised more than £1,200 - a great achievement.

Thank you from Katie, Rachel H, Imogen, Rachel T, Mollie, Sarah, Lisa and Katherine

THE GIVING MACHINE



Before you do any online shopping log on to The Giving Machine website, www.thegivingmachine.co.uk to support the PTFA.

This is a website that will make a percentage donation to the PTFA for every purchase made through them. It takes 2 minutes to set up an account and then you can shop at your leisure at numerous high street websites such as Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Sainsbury's, Boden, Argos, Tesco, M&S and Boots. For example if you do an online food Tesco shop through The Giving Machine, Tesco will donate up to £4.25 the first time you do it. Please, please consider doing this as we could raise an incredible amount of money if everyone took part.

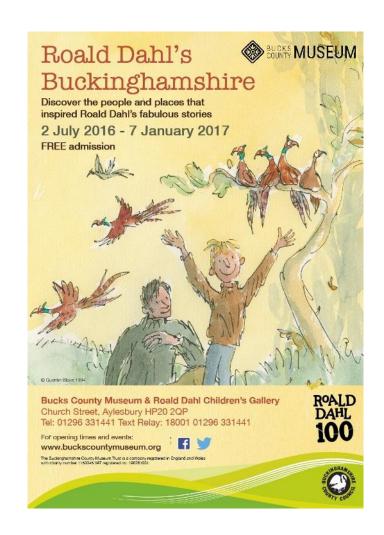
FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR

We have had some great ideas from parents for fundraising next year:

Smartie Tube Challenge Race Night (for parents!) Family Photo Session Day

Alternatives to Christmas Cards - mouse mats, chopping boards, place mats and coasters etc...

If you have any more great ideas, then let one of us know or come along to the next PTFA meeting.





TERM DATES - 2016/17 - 2017/18

Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 th September 2016	Friday 21st October 2016
Autumn Term 2010	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
	Tuesday 6 th June 2017	Friday 21st July 2017
Autumn Term 2017	Wednesday 6 th September 2017	Friday 20 th October 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 2019	Monday 16 th April 2018	Friday 25 th May 2018
Summer Term 2018	Monday 4 th June 2018	Tuesday 24th July 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIAR	SA	
Thursday 21st July		School closes for Summer Holiday at 1.30pm
Monday 5 th September		School re-opens after Summer Holiday
Monday 5 th September	New	PTFA Tea and Tissues Morning 9-10am in the Staff Room
Thursday 8 th September		Chartwells Taster Session for Parents from 2.30pm
Tuesday 13 th September		Year 6Transfer Testing - Preparation Test
Thursday 15 th September		Year 6 Transfer Testing - Transfer Test
Tuesday 27 th September		PTFA Meeting/AGM 8pm at School
Friday 7 th October		Individual School Photographs
Thursday 13 th October		Open Day 10-11.30am and 1.30-3pm
Friday 21st October	New	School breaks up for half term
Monday 31 st October	New	School re-opens after half term
Monday 31 st October		Year 5 and 6 Visit to Westminster
Wednesday 16 th November		Flu vaccinations Year 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 7 th December		Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December	New	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Tuesday 20 th December		School closes for Christmas Holiday
Thursday 5 th January		School re-opens after Christmas Holiday
Friday 10 th February		School breaks up for Half Term
Monday 20 th February		School re-opens after Half Term
Monday 20 th March	New	Echoes - Royal Albert Hall
Friday 31st March		School closes for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18th April		School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th May	New	SATs Week
Friday 26 th May		School closes for Half Term
Monday 5 th June		Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th June		School re-opens after Half Term
Friday 14 th July	New	Camp Out Day
Friday 21st July		School closes for Summer Holiday

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Order forms are available from the school office.

