Twyford C of E School



















Dear Parents

Thank you all so much for the generous gifts for the Harvest Festival. The local residents were all extremely grateful for the hampers we delivered on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many of you at the service on Monday. I am sure you enjoyed the children's presentations, I think Foundation may have stolen the show!

We would like to thank Mark Nash for a superb trip to Nash's Bakery 2 weeks ago. The children had the opportunity to make bread, ice cakes and biscuits and watch whilst the amazing Harvest Sheafs (on display at the Harvest Service) were made. Everyone came away with a better understanding of how bread is made and a box full of cakes, biscuits and bread.

The school is looking smarter now with new windows and door in Year 1 &2 and the Nursery classrooms. The Foundation area also has a new surface which has improved the whole area. The school is looking very smart for Open Day on Thursday 13th October. Do bring anyone you know who is interested in joining our school.

On Tuesday last week we had the PTFA AGM. Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in the PTFA activities throughout the year. The monies raised have meant we have blinds in the hall and a new interactive whiteboard on the way. This year the PTFA have agreed to improve the garden area as their large project and support several smaller purchases within school. Without the PTFA we would struggle to give children those extras which the tight school budget no longer has the capacity to purchase. All things agreed at the meeting will enhance all children's learning and ensure they get the best learning experiences possible. All the staff are very grateful for everything which, with your support we are now able to buy.

This Tuesday saw the Governors meet with the Diocese for an information meeting regarding Academisation. As the Local Authority diminishes we are looking further afield, along with most other schools, at where our support and resources come from. We will be talking to other providers of Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) about our options over the next few months. We will always do what is best for Twyford C of E School and will consult you on any decision in the future.

Could parents please be aware that school does start at 8.55am. Children arriving late not only disrupts the rest of the class but can also be stressful for your child. Our morning routine allows the children to have a few minutes of social time in the playground before lining up and coming into school in a calm way ready for the day ahead.

I am looking forward to some yummy cakes for our cake sale in 21^{st} October. All proceeds will be towards the trips we have planned throughout the year.



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A local school bus contractor has contacted all the schools in this area to express their concern at some children's road safety behaviour when waiting for or after exiting the school buses. I think this is more of an issue with children on the senior school buses but would you please reiterate to your children that they should be waiting on the pathway for the bus and not venturing into the road, and should not attempt to enter the bus until it is at a complete stop and the driver has fully opened the doors. Most of our children are met by parents/carers at the bus stop but if your child does walk home alone from the school bus could you also mention to them the correct way to cross the road safely, waiting for the bus to depart and their view of the road to be clear.

We would like to set up the Footsteps road safety training in school. This is a scheme that is run by parent volunteers for all the children in school, it is particularly important for the older children who are beginning to spread their wings and become independent. If you are willing to give up a small amount of time to train our children would you please contact me.

Yours sincerely

JAM A FORM

Mrs Judith Foster Headteacher

HOUSE CAPTAINS

We are very pleased to announce the House Captains for this school year.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Each class held elections for School Council members for 2016/17. The following children have been appointed.

Reception	Eleanore & Theo
Year 1	Louisa & Zack
Year 2	Rose & Harry
Year 3	Sam & Daniel
Year 4	Freya & Alex
Year 5	Rowan & Scarlett
Year 6	Stevie & Juliet

PHONICS SUPPPORT SESSIONS

Reception Parents - Don't forget Miss Chilton's Phonic Support Sessions on a Monday afternoon from



3.00pm - 3.15pm in the school hall.

POPPY APPEAL 2016

We will be offering poppies for sale the first week back after half-term, so watch out for them in the playground!

As well as the usual poppy's we will have a selection of wrist bands, slap rulers, friendship bracelets, and poppy reflectors



We wear a red poppy to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM

As you may be aware the Government introduced 'The Pupil Premium' in April 2011. This is dedicated funding for pupils whose parents are eligible to claim free school meals. Subsequently the Government extended Pupil Premium to provide extra funding for children attending Nursery classes

If you think that your child could be eligible for this Early Years Pupil Premium funding you can now check this yourself via an online service. https://extranet.buckscc.gov.uk/early-years/eef-early-education-funding/early-years-pupil-premium/

The school reports each year on how this additional funding is used to support children within our school.



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OPEN DAY 13th OCTOBER 2016 10.00-11.30AM AND 1.30-3.00PM



As part of the day we would like to invite you to "Bring a Friend" to school. Our parents have always been the best people to promote our school, so if you have any friends with younger children looking to start nursery or school in 2017 or later, we hope you will welcome the opportunity to bring them along to the open day to show them what we can offer.

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PREMIER SPORTS CLUBS

Premier Sport are running the following clubs at Twyford this term.



18/04/17

Multisports	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Years 1-3	20 th Sept - 6 th Dec
Tuesday	£47.85
Gymnastics	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Years 1-6	21st Sept - 7th Dec
Wednesday	£49.85
Football	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Years 3-6	23 rd Sept - 9 th Dec
Friday	£47.85

All clubs are booked directly with Premier Sport via www.premiersport.org. If you have any questions you can contact them on 01296 620097 or email akempton@premiersport.org / tmills@premiersport.org



Outdoor learni	ng dates for th	ne Autumn 2016 term are:
12/10/16	Reception	Gardening, getting ready for Winter
19/10/16	Year 1 & 2	Gardening, getting ready for Winter
02/11/16	Year 3 & 4	Gardening, getting ready for Winter
09/11/16	Year 5 & 6	Gardening, getting ready for Winter
16/11/16	Reception	Christmas Decorations
23/11/16	Year 1 & 2	Christmas Decorations
30/11/16	Year 3 & 4	Christmas Decorations
07/12/16	Year 5 & 6	Christmas Decorations

Please could the children have suitable clothing for being outside for these sessions, wellies are always a good idea and warm/waterproof clothing. Outdoor learning sessions take place straight after lunchtime.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS

The information about applying for your child's Reception class place for September 2017 will be distributed by Buckinghamshire County Council towards the end of October and will also be available via their website www.buckscc.gov.uk.

The important dates for the process are as follows;

07/11/16	From this date you can make your primary school application. (Buckinghamshire residents only)
16/01/17	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 Buckinghamshire County Council by 3pm
29/01/17	DEADLINE! The latest date for moving into or within Buckinghamshire (and providing evidence that you are resident) for us to use this address for the first round of allocations. Final date for agreed special cases to be considered as timely (moving house is not considered to be a special case).

If you have applied online you can login to see which

school your child has been offered. You will also

receive an email.



MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL



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.

CAKE SALE



Don't forget we will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 21st October to raise funds towards the cost of school trips throughout the school year.

We would really appreciate your help with donations of cakes or biscuits. Please make a note on your calendar!

The cake sale will be organised by Years 5 and 6.



NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st November at 8pm at school. Everyone is welcome, so please come along if you would like to be involved in running/supporting activities that raise money for your children's school.

CHILDREN'S PHOTO SESSION SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

PHOTOGRAPHY

Portrait Photography for Children

Saturday 15th October at Twyford School

Free session with high-resolution digital images available to purchase - £15 each or two for £25.

Limited spaces available - booking essential.



Please contact Kate on 01296 730143 / 07964 593638 or at kate@junipergreenphotography.co.uk to book.

www.junipergreenphotography.co.uk

You should have had a flyer about this in your book bag. Kate from Juniper Green Photography is offering Portrait Photography sessions for children at school on Saturday 15th October. A percentage of her sales will go come to the PTFA, so not only can you get a beautiful photo, but you will also be helping to raise more money for our school. If you would like to book a session please contact Kate on 01296 730143, 07964 593638 or kate@junipergreenphotography.co.uk. The session will be free with the chance to purchase high-resolution digital images at £15 each or £25 for 2. Refreshments will be available while you are waiting for your session.



COFFEE MORNING TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER



to join us for tea/coffee and cake in the staff room at 9am. Pre-school children are welcome too and we can provide toys to keep them occupied. Come along for a catch up.

All parents and carers are welcome

THE GIVING MACHINE

Since we. relaunched The Giving Machine as a fundraising idea last November we have raised £150.07. such an easy way for us to make



money for our school and you can help if you shop online. It takes 2 minutes to register with The Giving Machine (a charity and not-for-profit organisation) and then you can do most of your internet shopping via them. Each retailer that is registered with The Giving Machine then donates a sales commission (either as a % of sales or as a lump sum) that is turned into a charitable donation for our cause. The list of companies that you can raise money through is enormous and includes Amazon, SportsDirect.com, Argos, John Lewis, Booking.com, Boden, Haven, Marks & Spencer, Next and many, many more.

DVD NIGHT 18TH NOVEMBER

We are restarting DVD night. We will try and hold one DVD night each term. There will be 2 films - one which is suitable for the older children and one which is suitable for the younger children. The cost is £2 per child which includes a drink and popcorn during the interval. Nursery Children are welcome to come along, but an adult must stay with them. Please let us know if you can help.

TERM DATES - 2016/17 - 2017/18

Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 th September 2016	Friday 21 st October 2016
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Spring Term 2017	Thursday 5 th January 2017	Friday 10 th February 2017
Spring Territ 2017	Monday 20 th February 2017	Friday 31st March 2017
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Friday 26 th May 2017
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 6 th June 2017	Friday 21st July 2017
Autumn Term 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 Torre 2019	Thursday 4 th January 2018	Friday 9 th February 2018
Spring Term 2018	Monday 19 th February 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Summer Term 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018	Friday 25 th May 2018
Summer Term 2016	Monday 4 th June 2018	Tuesday 24 th July 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIA	RY	
Tuesday 11 th October	New	PTFA Coffee Morning - Staff Room 9am -10am
Thursday 13 th October		Open Day 10-11.30am and 1.30-3pm
Saturday 15 th October		PTFA Family Portrait Morning
Tuesday 18 th October		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 19 th October	New	Nursery and Reception visit to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre
Thursday 20 th October		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday 21st October		Cake Sale to raise funds towards the cost of school trips.
Friday 21st October		School breaks up for half term
Monday 31 st October		School re-opens after half term
Monday 31 st October		Deadline for Year 6s to apply for their secondary school place.
Monday 31 st October		Year 5 and 6 Visit to Westminster
Tuesday 1 st November	New	PTFA Meeting, 8pm at school
Wednesday 2 nd November		Reception celebrating Diwali
Friday 4th November	New	Hockey Tournament - Year 3 at Home
Friday 4 th November	New	Hockey Tournament - Year 4 at Padbury



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Thursday 9 th March Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Monday 20th March Echoes - Royal Albert Hall, KS2 Choir
Friday 24 th March Red Nose Day
Monday 27 th March SATs Parents meeting for Year 6 parents
Thursday 30 th March Easter Service at St.Mary's Church 9.15am
Friday 31 st March School closes for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18 th April School re-opens for Summer Term
Tuesday 18 th April New Reception Class 2017 place offers will be sent out to parents from Buckinghamshire County Council.
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th May 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
Thursday 29th June Nursery and Reception Grandparents Afternoon 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Monday 3 rd July KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 4 th July County Induction Day
Wednesday 5 th July KS2 Production 2pm
Thursday 6 th July KS2 Production 7pm
Tuesday 11 th July Sports Day and Picnic
Friday 14 th July Camp Out Day
Monday 17 th July Celebration Assembly at St.Mary's Church 1.30pm
Tuesday 18 th July School Ramble 1.15pm
Tuesday 18 th July Open Evening 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 21st July School closes for Summer Holiday 1.30pm

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MENU FOR AUTUMN TERM 2016



Order forms are available from the school office.



