Twyford C of E School





Christ was humble, he obeyed God and even died on a cross Philippians 2:8











Our value for this week is "Politeness"

Dear Parents

The snow held off last week, fortunately, which meant we didn't need to close the school or anything else. For those people who don't know, if there was a heavy snowfall we have a cascade system of telephone calls. This means you would receive a call at around 7.00 in the morning to tell you school is closed due to snow! It is a decision which is not taken lightly and would only happen if staff could not get to school. Please make sure we always have your most up to date contact details as you never know when we may need to contact you.

Hoping to see lots of you on Saturday night at the PTFA Burns night celebrations in the village hall. All proceeds go to the school to enhance your children's learning and experiences. Our next large project will be the trim trail which is beginning to show its age. Over the next couple of years we would like to replace it with something more modern and with challenges suitable for older children as well as the younger ones. Coming along to events such as the Burns night ensures that we will achieve this and you have fun helping us do so.

Our new teachers in Year 1 and 2 have already been in to begin the handover after half term. They are very excited to be joining our team and we look forward to working with them.

My usual please to all parents not to park in the staff car park at <u>any</u> time during the day. There are cars, vans and buses delivering and parking at all times and they do not expect to see children in the car park which makes it extremely dangerous. Please ensure you tell anyone who is dropping off or picking up your child to park elsewhere also.

Year 5 and 6 are organising a toy sale to raise money for school trips. Children will be asked to bring in a maximum of two toys which they no longer want which will then be sold in the last week of term. All toys must be in good working order and have all parts. We will return toys which are broken or in poor repair. Children can then bring money in a named envelope from Thursday 7^{th} February when the toys will go on sale.

Finally, the governors would like to know if there are any parents willing to take on the Footsteps road safety training. This is to enable then to teach the children road safety on a regular basis. There is an initial half day training and then a commitment to coming into school once a week for a few weeks a year and taking the children out to cross the road. If anyone is interested please speak to me or Julie in the office. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster

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Headteacher



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SCHOOL RULES

We have recently reviewed our Behaviour Policy. As a result of this we have launched our '5 School Rules'. These form the foundation of the behaviour that everyone should expect at our school.

You may notice around the school posters highlighting our '5 School Rules'. Do discuss these with your child as these rules do not just relate to school.

School Rules

1

We **listen** carefully to each other, taking it in turns to talk

2

We **look after** everyone's belongings – our own, each other's and the schools.

3

We walk calmly and quietly around the school.

4

We are **polite** and **respectful** to everyone.

5

At playtimes we are **friendly** and always **look after** each other.



Outdoor learning dates for the Spring 2017 term are: 25/01/17 Year 3 & 4 Snow art/Clay art

25/01/17	year 3 & 4	Snow art/Clay art
01/02/17	Year 5 & 6	Snow art/Clay art
08/02/17	Reception	Den Building
22/02/17	Year 1 & 2	Den Building
01/03/17	Year 3 & 4	Den Building
08/03/17	Year 5 & 6	Bird Boxes / Wild Meadow
15/03/17	Reception	Bird Boxes / Wild Meadow
22/03/17	Year 1 & 2	Bird Boxes / Wild Meadow
29/03/17	Year 3 & 4	Bird Boxes / Wild Meadow

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.

HEALTHY EATING PACKED LUNCHES

As a school we encourage all of the children to have a healthy lunchbox with a good mixture of healthy foods including a savoury item, something sweet like a yoghurt or piece of fruit and maybe a small biscuit. Please do not include sweets or fizzy drinks in your child's lunch.

There are lots of ideas for healthy packed lunches on the Change4life.co.uk website.

Lunchbox tips



Keep them fuller for longer

Base the lunchbox on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.



Mix your slices

If your child doesn't like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from one slice of white bread and one slice of wholemeal/brown bread.



Freeze your bread

Keep a small selection of bread in the freezer.

Make lunchboxes more interesting by using different shapes, like bagels, pittas and wraps, and different types of bread, such as granary, wholemeal and multi-grain.

PHONICS SUPPPORT SESSIONS

Reception Parents - Miss Chilton will be holding a Phonics Support Session every Monday afternoon from 3.00pm - 3.15pm



in the school hall from 23rd January 2017.

NURSERY FEES

The Governors have recently reviewed the charge for unfunded Nursery sessions. Fees for unfunded sessions were set several years ago and have not been increased since then. As part of this review the Governors looked at the costs of running the school, such as energy and staffing costs as well as looking at other local settings to ensure that we continue to offer families consistent value for money.

Following this review the cost for each 3 hour session will be increasing from the Summer term 2017 to £14 per session.

From September 2017 there are also funding opportunities available to some parents with the introduction of the 30 hours of free childcare for eligible families and we are happy to look at these with you. The two year old funding is already in place and you can check your eligibility for this via the Buckinghamshire County Council website http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/education/early-years-and-childcare/free-childcare-for-2-year-olds





HOT LUNCHES



A free hot lunch is available to every child in Reception and Year 1 and 2. This is funded by the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) scheme. Children in Nursery and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can order a meal at a cost of £2.30 per day.

At our school all the ordering is dealt with by Chartwells, who also provide all the meals. Order forms are sent out half termly and are also available via the school website or from the school foyer. Cheques should be made payable to Compass Group.

Please return orders by 9am on <u>Tuesday</u> 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.



SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS





Sainsbury's will be once again be running their Active Kids campaign. Look out for vouchers in stores up until 30^{th} June 2017.

Last year we managed to purchase lots of outdoor play equipment for the children to use both in P.E and at break times.

Please ask your family and friends to support us too.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

We have had lots of donations of uniform so if you are looking for any items in the next size up please do come and have a look.

The nearly new uniform in the school foyer is now overflowing with uniform in good condition. You are welcome to take items from the box in return for a donation to school funds. Please pass your donation to the school office.

If you have any outgrown uniform in good clean condition we would appreciate you putting it in the box.

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 note with your child when they return.



Cool Milk

FREE and subsidised school milk • Free for under fives Subsidised for over fives · Taking five minutes to drink school milk provides important social time. · School milk is excellent for hydration, supporting concentration, memory and creativity. • School milk gives children an energy boost between breakfast and lunch. Children receive the ideal serving of fresh, chilled milk delivered to their classroom. Register today at... www.coolmilk.com or pick up a form from reception Pay in a way to suit you throughout the school year: Cool Milk PP VISA VISA Master and





The PTFA try to keep in touch with the parents and carers of Twyford C of E School in many ways including this Newsletter and our Blackboard, but we also use email to keep you up to date with meeting dates, meeting minutes and event updates. If you would like to receive e-mail communication from us then please e-mail ksrollason@hotmail.com and you will be included on the distribution list.

COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a PTFA Coffee Morning in the Staff Room on Friday 27th January between 9 and 10am. Everyone is welcome, so come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a piece of cake and a catch up.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2017 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.

SMARTIE CHALLENGE



We will be running a Smartie Challenge over the half term holiday. This activity is specifically raising money for updating and revamping the school garden/quiet area. A letter will be coming home in Book Bags on Monday 6th February. Please take part as all money we raise helps enhance all our children's education.

QUIZ NIGHT



Watch this space for details of the Quiz Night on 25th March 2017 at The Crown. We will be taking entries for teams of 4 - 6. The entry price will include a light supper. The Quiz will be written by Richard Wade so it would be advisable to start swotting up now!

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

We have got plenty of activities coming up later this school year. As usual we will hold an Easter Egg Hunt, Cream Tea and Summer Sizzler. We are also planning to offer refreshments at this year's Sports Day. If you would like to get involved with any of these events, then please let us know. We are always short of helpers and we could achieve so much more with involvement from more parents.

THE GIVING MACHINE

Shop online? Click. Shop. Give for free with I



Don't forget to use The Giving Machine when you shop online for Holidays. It is 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.

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk



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School Diary



Thursday, 19 January 2017

TERM DATES - 2016/17 - 2017/18

Spring Town 2017	Thursday 5 th January 2017	Friday 10 th February 2017
Spring Term 2017	Monday 20 th February 2017	Friday 31 st 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
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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
	Monday 4 th June 2018	Tuesday 24 th July 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 20 th January		Newsletter published
Saturday 21 st January		PTFA Burns Night
Wednesday 25 th January		Outdoor Learning - Year 3 and 4
Friday 27 th January	New	PTFA Coffee Morning 9-10am in the Staff Room
Wednesday 1st February		Outdoor Learning - Year 5 and 6
Friday 3 rd February		Newsletter published
Friday 3 rd February		Year 5 and 6 Handball Tournament
Wednesday 8 th February		Outdoor Learning - Reception
Tuesday 7 th - Thursday 9 th February	New	Toy Sale
Thursday 9th February		School breaks up for Half Term
Friday 10 th February		INSET Day
Monday 20 th February		School re-opens after Half Term
Tuesday 21st February	New	PTFA Meeting 8pm at school
Wednesday 22 nd February		Outdoor Learning - Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 28 th February		Team from Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament at Waddesdon 3.30 -
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Wednesday 1 st March		Outdoor Learning - Year 3 and 4
Friday 3 rd March		Newsletter published
Wednesday 8 th March		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 8 th March		Outdoor Learning - Year 5 and 6
Thursday 9 th March		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 9 th March		Echoes rehearsal in Aylesbury for those taking part in the
•		performance at the Royal Albert Hall.
Wednesday 15 th March		Outdoor Learning - Reception
Friday 17 th March		Newsletter published
Friday 17 th March		Last day for school clubs this term.
Monday 20 th March		Echoes - Royal Albert Hall, KS2 Choir
Wednesday 22 nd March		Outdoor Learning - Year 1 and 2
Friday 24 th March		Red Nose Day
Saturday 25 th March	New	PTFA Quiz Night at The Crown, Twyford
Monday 27 th March		SATs Parents meeting for Year 6 parents



Wednesday 29 th March		Chartwells Easter Lunch
Wednesday 29 th March		Outdoor Learning - Year 3 and 4
Thursday 30 th March		Easter Service at St. Mary's Church 9.15am
Friday 31 st March		Last day for Premier Sports Clubs this term
Friday 31 March		Newsletter published
Friday 31 March		School closes for Easter Holidays
	New	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday 18 th April	IVEW	School re-opens for Summer Term
idesday 10 April		Reception Class 2017 place offers will be sent out to parents
Tuesday 18 th April		from Buckinghamshire County Council.
Wednesday 19 th April		Outdoor Learning - Year 5 and 6
Thursday 20 th April		Class Photographs
Friday 21 st April		Newsletter published
Wednesday 26 th April		Outdoor Learning - Reception
Thursday 27 th April		Team from KS1 Athletics Festival 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd May		Outdoor Learning - Year 1 and 2
Friday 5 th May		Newsletter published
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th May		SATs Week
Wednesday 10 th May		Outdoor Learning - Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 17 th May		Outdoor Learning - Year 5 and 6
Thursday 18 th May		Team from Year 5 and 6, Rounders Tournament at Waddesdon 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 10th May		Newsletter published
Friday 19 th May		Outdoor Learning - Reception
Wednesday 24 th May Friday 26 th May		School closes for Half Term
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	New	PTFA Cream Tea 2pm
Monday 5 th June		INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th June		School re-opens after Half Term
Wednesday 7 th June		Outdoor Learning - Year 1 and 2
Friday 9 th June		Newsletter published
Wednesday 14 th June		Outdoor Learning - Year 3 and 4
Tuesday 20 th June		Team from Year 6 attending Science Big Bang Conference
Friday 23 rd June	A /	Newsletter published
	New	PTFA Summer Sizzler
Thursday 29 th 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
Friday 7 th July		Newsletter published
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
Wednesday 19th July		Newsletter published
Friday 21st July		School closes for Summer Holiday 1.30pm
Wednesday 6 th September		School re-opens after Summer Holidays
Friday 8 th September		Newsletter published
Tuesday 12 th September		Transfer Testing - Preparation Tests
Thursday 14 th September		Transfer Testing - Transfer Tests
Friday 22 nd September		Newsletter published
Thursday 28 th September		Individual School Photographs
Friday 6 th October		Newsletter published



Friday 13th October	Transfer Testing Qualification Results
Friday 20 th October	Newsletter published
Friday 3 rd November	Newsletter published

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MENU FOR SPRING TERM 2017



Order forms are available from the school office or via the website www.twyfordschool.org.uk

