

# Twyford C of E School



God has kept the  
promises he made  
to the patriarchs.

*Romans 15.8*



Our value  
for this  
week is  
"Hope"



Dear Parents

I hope you all had a lovely half term and have returned refreshed and ready for what is always an extremely busy but fun term.

We had a lovely end to the half term with our "Arts Week". All the children studied different pictures by Paul Klee and then the whole curriculum revolved around it. I hope you enjoyed looking at all the work which they brought home.

Thank you for the donations for 'Wear It Pink Day'. We raised a fantastic £195.50 which all goes to the charity Breast Cancer Now. Thank you to the School Council for organising the fundraising.

The school were very fortunate to be awarded a grant of £500 from Twyford Village Stores. They are a non-profit making organisation and so at the end of their financial year they asked local organisations to apply for grants to support different local activities. We applied and were lucky enough to succeed. Our thanks go to everyone connected with the shop for their generous contribution. This will go towards a mobile interactive whiteboard which we are raising funds for through the PTFA.

If you have a valid reason for taking your child out of school you need to make a request in writing and your request will be considered. There is a strong push from the Government to discourage parents taking children out of school on holiday. The effect on learning is significant and gets worse the older the child is. Many schools issue fines for taking a child out of school, here at Twyford we have not yet, but please do not take advantage of our understanding that occasionally absences do have to take place in term time.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Russell Wood, our Chair of Governors and I went to London to petition the Select Committee about HS2. We were petitioning against the noise, especially when outside in the school grounds, and against the potential road closures around Twyford which could affect access and therefore parents choosing Twyford School for their children. If you're interested in our petition you can see it via the following link, <http://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/a1b3f2b6-e5f7-461d-b69d-bed26764cb85>

The noise is something we won't know about until it happens so was only briefly discussed. The road closures, which last up to two years, have been carefully planned and will not affect travel from any of our catchment area to school. We now have a letter to confirm this.

Year 2 had a wonderful Science Day at Lace Hill Primary on Wednesday. They carried out lots of exciting experiments making bouncing custard, lava lamps and explosions! A great day for all.

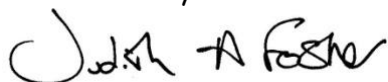
Congratulations to the football team who won 6:4 against Roundwood School in a league match. This is our first season in the league and we are very proud of all their efforts. Well done to the team.

Don't forget our Parents Curriculum Information meeting next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This will give you a clear insight into methods and strategies we teach in school in Phonics, Literacy and Numeracy along with our Growth Mindset training and what happens in Foundation. Please could you complete the slip attached to this letter to indicate whether you intend to come.



Finally, I'm sure many of you will have noticed that the Conservatory is now finished and back in use for small group work. We have really missed having this teaching space and are extremely grateful to Mr Cyster, Mr Brazier and Mr Elcock for all their hard work getting it back in operation. We are also very grateful to Mr Cyster and Buckingham Glass for supplying the materials free of charge.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs Judith Foster**  
Headteacher

#### GOVERNOR UPDATE

It has been another busy half term for the Governing Body.

We have had our first Full Governing Body Meeting of the academic year 2015-2016 when we welcomed Paul Stewart our new Co-opted Governor. Each Committee reported its minutes, Mrs Foster presented her Headteacher's report and we discussed the School plan, amongst many other requirements.

Mrs Foster and Russell Wood, our Chair of Governors, visited The House of Commons last month to petition the HS2 Select Committee on behalf of the School. There were a number of local groups and individuals also there to present their objections.

Steve Elcock our Health and Safety Governor and Vice Chair has attended Safeguarding training in October. Steve and Jules Dixon are due to attend Performance Management training on 7/11. Full Governing body training later in the year will be how to review the School data to better understand the metrics used by Ofsted.

We had a very successful Open Day attended by Governors and current Parents there to champion our School. We had a total 15 prospective parents visit the School all very competently given a guided tour by our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Many visitors expressed how impressed they were with the School and the excellent behaviour of the children. Many thanks to all those who helped on the day or before to showcase what a fantastic School we are.

The Parent Governor applications closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We have had 3 interested parties and will advise you of the next steps shortly. Being a Governor is a very rewarding role, benefiting the School and its Pupils. If you want to find out more about what we do or ask anything please get in touch via the office or catch one of us in the playground.

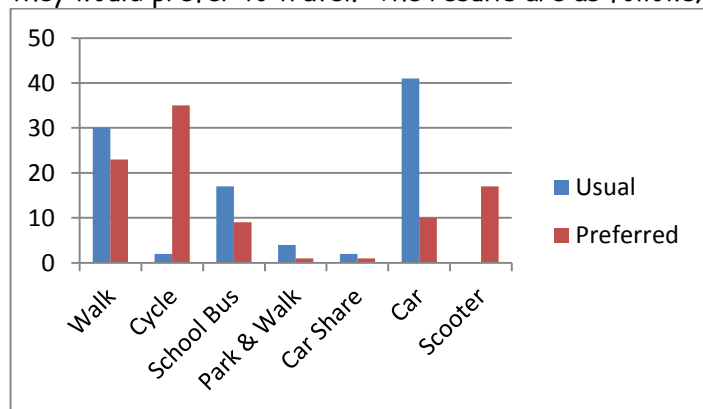
The Governors are looking forward to a full and exciting term leading up to Christmas.

## REGISTRATION

Just a reminder that we are now completing our registers electronically which means we have had to tighten some of our procedures. School begins at 8.55am and registration is at 9am. If you arrive after 9am you will need to bring your child through the main school entrance and sign them in. If your child comes to school on their own they will need to sign themselves in. This is so that we can ensure that all children are accounted for if we need to evacuate the building in an emergency. Nursery children can still go straight to Nursery as their register is completed separately. Nursery begins at 9am.

## ANNUAL 'HANDS UP' TRAVEL SURVEY

We completed the annual 'Hands Up' Travel survey before the half term break. The survey asks the children how they currently travel to school and how they would prefer to travel. The results are as follows;



It is great to see so many of our children walk to school and obviously enjoy walking, although lots of them would like to cycle and scooter in. We were surprised at the high level of car usage with very few children using the park and walk option, parking away from the school and walking the remainder of the journey. Main Street and Church Street are very narrow roads with lots of parked cars so walking down from the centre of the village would be much safer and make the school journey better for all our children.

## PHONICS SUPPORT SESSIONS

Don't forget Miss Chilton's Phonic Support Sessions on a **Monday afternoon from 3.00pm - 3.15pm** in the school hall.



## HOT LUNCHES

The deadline for ordering is the **MONDAY** of the **previous week**. Menu's and order forms are available via the school website [www.twyfordschool.org.uk](http://www.twyfordschool.org.uk).

**ALLERGEN ADVICE** - 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** for any reason ring Chartwells Customer care line before 9am 0121 457 5455, they require 48hrs notice and you will then be issued with a credit note.



Outdoor learning dates for the rest of the term are:

11/11/15	18/11/15	25/11/15	02/12/15	09/12/15
Reception	Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Reception and Year 1 & 2
Wood burning	Wood burning	Wood burning	Christmas Decorations	Christmas Decorations



Have you any wire coat hangers? We need them for our next project! Please send them in to Mrs Manders in Year 3&4.

## FLORA TUBS 4 TABLETS



We will once again be taking part in the Flora/Tesco Tub 4 Tablets campaign. Promotional packs of 500g Flora contain a token on the inner foil which can be exchanged for Galaxy Tablets. We need 50 tokens for each tablet so please let family and friends know that we are collecting so we can try and meet that target.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On the last day of term, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 we will be supporting the Save the Children charity with a Christmas Jumper Day. Everyone will be asked to make a small contribution to the charity to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school that day.



STEEPLE CLAYDON PARISH COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO THIS YEAR'S  
**FREE FIREWORKS DISPLAY**  
**SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**  
**AT STEEPLE CLAYDON RECREATION GROUND**



6.30<sup>PM</sup> GATES OPEN WITH  
**LICENSED BAR & BBQ**

6.45<sup>PM</sup> GUY COMPETITION  
 SPONSORED BY KARL THE BAKER

7.00<sup>PM</sup> BONFIRE  
 FOLLOWED BY **FIREWORKS**

DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED  
 ON THE NIGHT IN AID OF  
 A NEW ALL WEATHER SPORTS PITCH  
 AT THE REC

GLOW STICKS ON SALE!!

### ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2016



## STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN  
 1 SEPTEMBER 2011 AND 31 AUGUST 2012?**

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from  
 4 November 2015. Visit our website [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) to apply for a school place.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Helpful information about starting school for the first time is in the 'Starting School and Moving to Junior School' guide for parents which will be available on the web from the end of October.

If you cannot apply online you can fill out a paper application form.

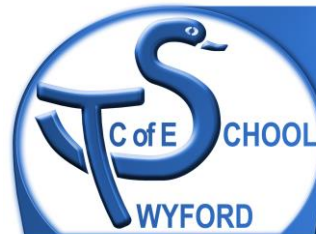
Open days for primary school are available now on our  
 website at [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk)

**PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT DEADLINE**

Application  
 deadline is  
 15 January  
 2016



To apply online all you need is a username (this is your email address) and a password. You will also be able to set up a 'secret' question and answer just in case you forget your password. Applying online is simple to use safe and secure.



**PARENTS  
 TEACHERS  
 & FRIENDS  
 ASSOCIATION**

### PTFA NEWS

- Don't forget the Pamper Evening on 20th November - tickets are selling out fast.
- Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 1st December at 8pm at school. Please come along for a glass of wine at the next meeting. We would really welcome some new faces and new ideas.
- **Christmas Lunch and Party Day.** New date Friday 11th December. If there are any parents who can help out in advance and on the day, even with washing up, then please talk to the School Office or e-mail Katie Ellison on [k3llisOn@hotmail.com](mailto:k3llisOn@hotmail.com) or Katherine Rollason on [ksrollason@hotmail.com](mailto:ksrollason@hotmail.com).

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

The cards and other gifts have arrived and are being sorted ready for distribution next week. Thank you to everyone who purchased items and to the children who produced such brilliant artwork for the project. Also, a huge thank you to Rachel Handford, who co-ordinated the whole thing.

It is possible to still order but there will be postage charges applied to any orders. Please contact Rachel or the school office if you'd like details.

### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday 1st December at 8pm at  
 school**

### COFFEE MORNING

**Tuesday 10th November  
 at 9am**

Please come along to the school staff room for a cup of coffee, slice of cake and a chat. All parents welcome and if you want to bake some goodies they will be gratefully received.



### BAG2SCHOOL

The next textile collection at school will be **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have filled bags they can be dropped off at Portway Farm any time **before 9am** on Wednesday, please



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contact Imogen Cyster or Deanne Wood for details of where the bags are being stored.

Bags have already been distributed but any large bag will do. Imogen Cyster is co-ordinating the collection and would be grateful for any offers of help collecting bags.

#### PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE

The PTFA now have a Facebook Group where we will be sharing ideas and information. If you are a Facebook



user and would like to join the group please search for 'Twyford C of E PTFA'. If you have any problems please let the School Office know and we can send you a joining

message via email. This is a closed group and is only open to members of the PTFA.

#### CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN

You may have noticed the new clothing bin in place at Twyford Village Stores; this will replace Bag2School after next week's collection.

Having a clear out of all your winter warmers?

We are asking for all your worn out or unwanted **CLOTHES, SHOES/TRAINERS** (tied together please), **HATS, BELTS, BAGS, CURTAINS, TOWELS** and **BED LINEN** (no duvets or pillows please). Please put in bags and tie together before putting in the bin. Large 'full' bin liners may not fit so please keep bundles small. This will raise money for Twyford C of E School PTFA and our chosen charity **Starlight**, which will help to brighten the lives of seriously and terminally ill children.

If the bin is full, please let Rachel Seago or the school office know ASAP so that we can get the bin emptied.

Please don't leave bags around the bin, keep them in the boot of your car until the bin is emptied!

Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well; this is also a facility for the community to use.



#### THE GIVING MACHINE

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 (we know because we have just done it) 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 per shop. So when you are doing your Christmas shopping over the next few weeks please do it through [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk). Please, please consider doing this as we could raise an incredible amount of money if everyone took part.

#### FILM CLUB NIGHT

Next DVD night will be on Friday 27th November. £2 per child to include popcorn and a drink. Watch the PTFA notice-board for details of the films to be shown.



#### PAMPER EVENING

*Ladies Pamper*  
& Christmas Shopping Evening

A range of treatments at a fraction of the salon prices!

Friday 20th November from 6pm

Twyford C of E School, Church Street, MK18 4EU

Head & shoulder massages, mini manicures/pedicures, gel nails, eyebrow wax, facials, cosmetics, demonstrations, Christmas gifts, jewellery, clothing, handbags, accessories, Forever Living, The Body Shop, home decor, raffle...and lots more!

Mini bar for refreshments.

Tickets £5 in advance or £7 on the night (includes glass of bubbly & nibbles)  
Tickets must be purchased prior to booking treatments in advance.

Contact the School Office 01296 730305 or  
Tickets: Kate Ellison k3llisOn@hotmail.com or on sale at the Twyford Village Store  
Appointments: Sue Manders 07733 183342

Bring all your friends and family for a girly night out!



A variety of stalls to shop from and a chance to buy some early Christmas gifts. Stalls will be selling Christmas gifts, jewellery, clothing, handbags, accessories, cosmetics, home décor and lots more!

#### List of Ladies Treatments:

25 minute head, neck and scalp massage £15

25 minute Express Facial £15

25 minute Reflexology session £15

Indian Head Massage £8

Eyebrow Wax £5

Mini Manicure £10

Mini Pedicure £10

Gel nails £12

Tickets must be purchased before booking treatments from either Kate Ellison k3llisOn@hotmail.com or from the School Office or Twyford Village Stores. Tickets will be £5.00 in advance and £7.50 on the night which includes a glass of bubbly and nibbles. Once you have

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purchased a ticket you may book treatments through Sue Manders - 07733 183342.

*Ladies - we are looking for any unused makeup/perfume samples (that have not gone past their sell by date) for our Ladies Pamper Night Lucky Dip. If you have any that you would like to donate or maybe your company can help, please drop them off at the School Office. Thank you!*

#### PLEA TO FESTIVE COOKS

Dear Festive cooks, paper plates are ready to be picked up from the school office! These need to be returned with your homemade Christmas gifts and decorations. Great ideas are chutneys, cookies, iced biscuit shapes to hang on Christmas trees, nut brittle ... Anything you can think of!



#### WISH LIST

If you would like to submit a 'wish' for purchasing new equipment and resources for the school, please fill in an

application form and either pass to a member of the PTFA committee, or in the school office. Application Forms can be found in a folder in the front entrance.

The 'wishes' will be discussed at the next PTFA Committee meeting which you are welcome to attend, and decisions will be fed back to you.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

The last order date for Christmas orders is 1st December. Place your book orders at [www.shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/twyford-ce](http://www.shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/twyford-ce).

Remember the school gets 20% of your order value and the teachers get reward points that can be spent on books for their classes or the library.

#### EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR NEXT TERM.....

- Paella night in The Crown
- Sponsored fundraising event
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Film Club Night

### TERM DATES - 2015/16 and 2016/17

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon on:
Autumn Term 2015	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2015	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2015
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2015	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
Spring Term 2016	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2016	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
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 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November		PTFA Coffee Morning, Staff Room, 9-10am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November		Bag 2 School textile collection
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	New	Parents Curriculum Information Meeting 7-9pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November		Year 6 Sports with Padbury School at Twyford
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November		PTFA Pamper Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November		Year 1 and 2 Flu Immunisation
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	New	PTFA Film Club Night



Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December		New Nursery children trial morning
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<i>New</i>	PTFA Meeting, 8pm at school
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December		New Nursery children trial morning
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church, Twyford
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>New</i>	PTFA Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Nativity, St. Mary's Church 2pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Nativity, St. Mary's Church 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December		Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		Break up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January		School re-opens after Christmas Holiday
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January		Deadline for applications for Reception class 2016 places.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February		Year 5 Sports with Padbury School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February		School closes for Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February		Inset Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		School re-opens after Half Term
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		World Book Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 Sports with Padbury School
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Service, St. Mary's Church, Twyford
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		School closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April		Inset Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April		School re-opens after Easter Holiday
<del>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</del>		<del>Whole School Photograph</del> <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May		Key Stage 2 SATS Week
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
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>New</i>	Whole School Photograph
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Day & Picnic - Recreation Ground, Twyford
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Grandparents Afternoon - Foundation (Nursery & Reception)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		County Induction Day
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 21 <sup>st</sup> July		School closes for Summer Holiday
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual School Photographs

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## Parents Curriculum Evening

### 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 7pm - 9pm

I will be attending the Parents Curriculum Evening

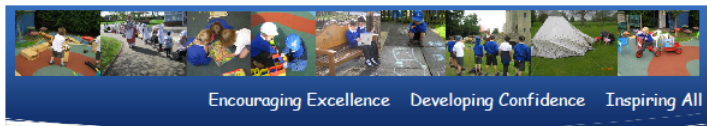
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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Street, Twyford, Buckingham, MK18 4EU      Telephone 01296 730305  
Email [office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk)



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## VACANCY MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

**Permanent contract**

**7.5 hours per week, term time only (38 weeks per year)  
11.45am – 1.15pm each day**

**Bucks Pay Range 1, £14133 - pro rata**

A Midday Supervisor is required from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to work in our friendly village school.

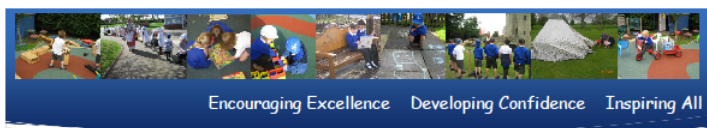
Applications are invited to join our dedicated team. We need an enthusiastic, caring person to provide support to the children at lunchtime.

Experience working with children would be an advantage, however, a positive approach, patience and understanding are very important.

An application form and further details are available from the school.

Closing date for applications Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015, interviews to take place Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Twyford C of E School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS disclosure.



## VACANCY CLEANER

**Permanent contract**

**11.5 hours per week, term time only (38 weeks per year)**

**Bucks Pay Range 1, £14133 - pro rata**

A Cleaner is required from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to work in our friendly village school.

Applications are invited to join our dedicated team. We need an enthusiastic, responsible person to maintain the high standards of cleaning throughout the school. This will involve a variety of duties including maintaining stock of cleaning materials and associated administrative processes including safety checks where necessary.

Experience is preferable, however a positive approach, and ability to work on your own initiative are essential. An application form and further details are available from the school.

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