# Twyford C of E School





God has kept the promises he made to the patriarchs.

Romans <u>15.8</u>







Our value for this week is "Love"





#### Dear Parents

Thank you to those who attended the 'Back to School' service, it was lovely to see you there. We were entertained with the story of Joseph and a live performance of a song from the Joseph musical. It would have been lovely to see more families there to mark the start of the school year and celebrate our connection with the church but I know life is busy.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Harvest Festival on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The service begins at 2pm in the Church and all the children will be performing in some way. Gifts can be brought into school first thing on Monday morning. We welcome any gifts, tins, jars of fresh food or produce from your garden, flowers would also be welcome as these are always appreciated, even if you can only spare one item it all helps. We will box up our gifts and then on Tuesday we distribute the boxes around the village. These are much appreciated by the elderly of our community.

Can I just remind everyone that we are a Healthy School and we encourage everyone to be part of this lifestyle. Lunches are a time when we are especially attentive, Key Stage 1 and Reception children are entitled to their free healthy hot lunch which adheres to Government guidelines on healthy eating, Key Stage 2 are welcome to purchase their lunch at £2.30 per meal, especially as the weather gets colder. For packed lunches there should be a healthy balance of a sandwich or some savoury item, a cake or biscuit (not sweets or bars of chocolate) and some fruit. The drink may be water of a juice of some kind, no fizzy drinks are allowed. Please remember we don't have any nuts in school. During the day all children should have a bottle of water in the classroom which they can access at all times. Key Stage 2 need to bring their own fresh fruit for breaktime, Key Stage 1 and Foundation are provided with a piece of fruit daily under the Government scheme.

Do mention our Open Day to anyone you know with toddlers or babies. We are very proud of our school and look forward to being able to show it off and encourage new families to make Twyford their first choice.

Year 5 and 6 are really enjoying the drumming lessons which started this term, their music teacher has commented on their enthusiasm and achievement in the short time they have been playing. The PTFA supported the cost of this and they will be holding a coffee morning on  $14^{th}$  October in the staff room at the same time as the lesson so do come along as you will be able to see for yourselves how well it is going.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster

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Headteacher



# SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



The School Photographer will be in school on the morning of **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual school photographs of all the children.

We will also arrange for siblings to be photographed together.

If you have younger pre-school children or a nursery child who wouldn't normally be in school on a Friday morning please bring them along at 8.45am to the school hall and we can arrange to have these photographs done first. It is possible that you may have to wait a short while dependant on the numbers but the photographer is very experienced and will do her best to get through them all as quickly as possible.

#### PHONICS SUPPPORT SESSIONS



Miss Chilton is holding Phonic Support Sessions on a Monday afternoon from 3.00pm - 3.15pm in the school hall. During this session she will demonstrate the actions and sounds that the Reception class children will be learning that week.

This will be really helpful to support the children's learning at home.

The sessions are open to <u>all</u> parents but will be particularly useful to parents of Reception and Year 1 and 2 children who will benefit from repetition and practise at home.

#### FLU IMMUNISATIONS - Year 1/2

We have now been informed that supplies of the Flu vaccine won't be available until later in the term so the date for Year 1 and 2 to have their immunisation has been delayed until  $26^{th}$  November 2015.

#### HOT LUNCHES

There will be a special menu on 16<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate World Food Day.

Hot lunch on offer that day is: Main Meal Option: British Fish and chips



Vegetarian Option: **Mexican** Vegetable Faitjas Jacket Potato Option: **Italian** JP with quorn Bolognaise Dessert Option: **American** Glazed Doughnut

The deadline for ordering is the MONDAY of the previous week. Menu's and order forms are available via the school website <a href="https://www.twyfordschool.org.uk">www.twyfordschool.org.uk</a>.



<u>ALLERGEN ADVICE</u> - If you have any concerns about the ingredients in any of the meals, we have a list of ingredients and possible allergens within the office, please feel free to pop in and see us. If you require a "special dietary allergy meal" we also have request forms in the office. 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.

# **SHOE BOXES**

Do you have any spare shoe boxes? Year 3 and 4 need them for their art project.



#### NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL



If you would like to receive future issues of the Newsletter by email, please confirm which address we should use



Outdoor learning dates for the next few weeks are:

7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	21st Oct	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Reception	Year 1&2	Year 3&4	Year 5&6
Scavenging and outdoor art	Scavenging and outdoor art	Scavenging and outdoor art	Kite making

Weather appropriate clothing and wellies needed.



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

## ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2016

Children born between 01/09/2011 and 31/08/2012 will be starting school for the first time into Reception in September 2016. If your child is currently in our Nursery class you must still apply for a school place for September 2016.

Parents will be able to apply online for a primary school place from 10 am on 4 November 2015 until 3pm on 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.

A 'Starting School' leaflet will be sent out at the end of October to the parents of Buckinghamshire children registered in nursery. This leaflet will remind parents that they need to make an application for their child to start school.

#### OPEN DAY

We will be holding our annual Open Day on Wednesday 14th October and you are very welcome to join us to look around the school.

We also hope to have prospective parents visit and it is always a huge boost to the school to have our current parents available to share their experiences, as you and your children are our best ambassadors!

Jules Dixon is co-ordinating some refreshments and if you have some time to spare to assist her on the day or to bake something beforehand that would also be very appreciated.



- Combined School Nursery to Year 6
- Nursery class from 2 years and 9 months

# **Excellent Education For All**

Encouraging Excellence, Developing Confidence, Inspiring All

If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending and you would like us to invite them please let the school office know.

#### DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

All children in Years R to 6 will have received an entry form for a Design a Christmas Card Competition this week being run by the Horticultural Trade Association. Last year Emily Wright from St.James St. John in Chackmore won the £1000 HTA Garden vouchers prize for her school.



If you'd like another application form these can be downloaded at www.thevouchergarden.co.uk.

Entries can taken to Buckingham Garden Centre, posted FREEPOST or you can return them to school and we will send them on.





#### NEW JOINT PTFA CHAIRS

This year we have voted in two new Chair people who will share the responsibilities of heading up our PTFA. We are Katie Ellison and Katherine Rollason. Katie is Mum to Jake in Year 6 and Katherine is Mum to William in Year 5, Alex in Year 3 and Emily in the Nursery. Please catch us in the playground before or after school if you have any questions. Katie Glass, Imogen Cyster and Jan Szabranski will keep their respective roles as Secretary and Joint Treasurers.

Our main aim for the year ahead is to increase the number of parents from <u>all</u> year groups to be more actively involved in PTFA fundraising events, whether that be helping to organise or just attending. We also want to raise as much money as possible to spend on our children. Some of the items on this years' wish list are a mobile interactive whiteboard, blinds for the new hall and a camera for the bird box.

#### BINGO NIGHT



Family of 4 Ticket £7.50
Individual Ticket £2.00
(First Game Free, Further Games 50p)
Soup & Roll or Hotdog
(Included in the Entrance Fee)
Refreshments
Everyone Welcome!



#### COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for a coffee, slice of cake and a chat on **Wednesday**14<sup>th</sup> October 9-10am in the school staff room.



All parents are welcome and if you want to bake some goodies we'll be more than happy to try them!

The Year 5 and 6 children will be having their drumming lesson during this time so you'll be able to hear how well the lessons are going - their drumming teaching is amazed at the progress they have made in just a few weeks.

#### NEXT MEETING

# Tuesday 20th October, 8pm

Please come along for a glass of wine at the next meeting. We would really welcome some new faces and new ideas. The meeting will be at school.

### PAMPER EVENING



# Friday 20th November

Make a date for your diary ladies - Friday 20th November - LADIES PAMPER NIGHT - there will also be a variety of stalls to shop from and a chance to buy some early Christmas gifts! Treatments need to be booked in advance....details coming very soon. Tickets will also be on sale soon - £5 in advance or £7 on the night. This will include a glass of bubbly and nibbles. Come along for a night of fun and pampering with friends and family. A mini bar will also be available. Raffle prizes to be won.

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!

#### Any festive bakers out there??!!

On the Pamper night, we are looking to sell home-made edible Xmas gifts or decorations to raise funds for the school. What do you need to do? Just collect a



paper plate from the school office in November and return it on the morning of the 20th with your contribution on it. Perhaps Gingerbread Xmas trees, biscuits to hang on your tree? Anything is welcome!

#### BAG2SCHOOL

"The next textile collection at school will be **Wednesday 11**th **November**. Bags will be distributed a couple of weeks before. Imagen Cyster is coordinating the collection and would be grateful for any offers of help, delivering or collecting bags.



The latest news on the recycling bin is that it should be in position outside the Village Shop for all to use, including the local community, in a few weeks time. The school will receive 40p per kilo and the charity will receive 10p per kilo.

The bin will be in aid of Starlight, a small children's charity which has a massive impact on the lives of seriously and terminally ill children and their families throughout the UK. They are the only children's charity delivering services into every children's ward in hospitals and hospices throughout England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. This year they will help over 500,000 poorly children. They are there for these families in their time of need, lifting children's spirits in hospitals,



making dreams come true, strengthening family bonds and creating happy memories for everyone to share cherish. and whatever the future holds. They know that happy children respond better to treatment and each year they help over half a million children to forget about being sick or stuck in hospital and simply have some fun.

So this really sounds like a fantastic cause and the school makes money too.

#### 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.

To give you an idea of what the PTFA has funded, here are some examples of past wishes:

Garden spades for Outdoor Learning and Gardening
Club

Badminton Equipment
School PE Hoodies for children to wear when representing the school at sports events
Maths Software for online tutoring
Music Specialist
Lego computing software

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOKS



The PTFA raises a small amount of money each year from Scholastic Book Club. This money is in the form of reward points which can be offered to the teachers, to spend on books for their classes or the library. The staff love this little extra, as they often have new books in mind for the children, which the school cannot always budget for. Please take a few minutes to check out what is on offer. All Scholastic books are now online at;

www.shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/twyford-ce
Look at what's available and place your order! You get
free P+P to the school, and the school gets 20% of your
order value in reward points. The cut-off date for
Christmas orders online is 1<sup>st</sup> December. Any queries
let Denise Wade know, (parent of Juliet in Year 5.)
Many thanks and happy reading!

#### PTFA FACEBOOK GROUP



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



TERM DATES - 2015/16				
	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 3rd 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 23rd 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 21st July 2016		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		Harvest Festival 2pm, St. Mary's Church, Twyford
Thursday 8th October	New	Individual School Photographs
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October		Year 5 Sports with Padbury School
Friday 9th October	New	PTFA Family Bingo Night, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	New	PTFA Coffee Morning, 9-10am
Wednesday 14th October		Open Day, 10am - 11.30am and 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October		Transfer Testing Year 6 Results Day
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		Art Week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	New	PTFA Meeting 8pm at School
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		School closes for Half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		Inset Day - no children in school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November		School re-opens after Half Term
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	New	Year 2 Science Fair at Lace Hill Primary
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	New	Applications for Reception Class 2016 places opens at Bucks County
		Council
Wednesday 11th November	New	Bag 2 School textile collection
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November		Year 6 Sports with Padbury School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November		PTFA Pamper Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	New	Year 1 and 2 Flu Immunisation
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	New	Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church, Twyford.
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
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		PTFA Christmas Lunch and Party Day
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	New	Applications for Reception class 2016 places closes at Bucks County Council.
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
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
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day & Picnic - Recreation Ground, Twyford
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



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