

Twyford C of E School

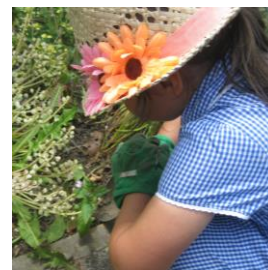


He will be called
Immanuel which
means 'God is
with us'

Matthew 1:23



Our value
for this
week is
"Hope"



Dear Parents

Where has this term/year gone? We are now at the end of a very busy Autumn term, where so much has taken place. This time of year is always so busy and such a lovely time to be in school. The school looks festive throughout and the many events that have taken place over the last 2 weeks have ensured we are all exhausted but feeling Christmassy throughout.

Thank you so much to all the lovely ladies and gentlemen who cooked our Christmas dinner last week. It was absolutely delicious and was devoured by all. Special thanks go to Jo Hill for all the months of planning and to Katie Ellison and Katherine Rollason for organising and rallying an amazing team to share the workload and pull it all together on the day.

Years 5 and 6 went to Lime Tree Court to sing carols to the residents on Thursday. They really enjoyed and appreciated the children visiting and the children sang beautifully.

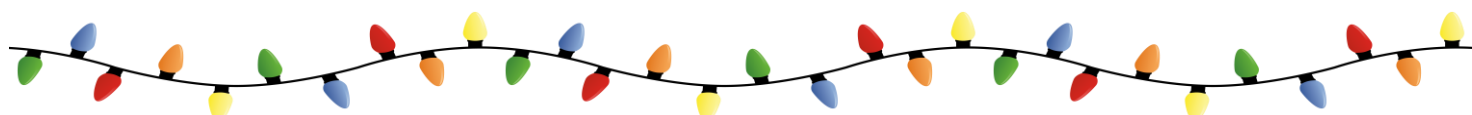
This Tuesday saw the whole school take part in celebrating the Christmas season with our Nativity performances, our first as a combined school. What a wonderful event it was, with Singing Club and Year's 5 and 6 greeting all our guests with carols as they entered the church, our very youngest children performing Away in a Manger, the Nativity played out by our Reception children and the whole story told with a trip through different countries and their Christmas traditions, beautifully performed by Years 1 and 2 and some of the Reception children accompanied by a choir of carol Singers from Years 3 and 4. All the children performed brilliantly and it is always a pleasure to see each of them take such pride in their roles, from the youngest to the oldest, all played their part.

The party was very successful on Thursday. All the children had great fun and they must have been good as Father Christmas came to visit us! We must thank his elves as they chose some lovely gifts and wrapped them beautifully!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you when school reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Judith Foster
Headteacher



AWARDS

This school year we have introduced a new system of termly awards to reflect our "Growth Mindset" ethos. We hope that these will inspire and encourage the children to embrace challenges, learn from mistakes and see the way to improve through their own effort.

These awards will be made each term to one child in each class for Achievement, Improvement or Effort.

We are very proud to announce the following awards for Autumn Term 2015.

The Awards for Effort go to:

Lily Bristow, Sofia Brazier, George Bennett and Herbie Hunter

The Awards for Achievement go to:

Callum Bennett, Hebe Taylor, Kaelan Gurney and Louisa Brown

The awards for Improvement go to:

Oliver Faulkner-Harvey, Dylan Kucharczyk, Hattie Cyster and Louis Brazier.

Well done to all of them.

MIND THE GAP

Mind the Gap, a local childcare provider recently contacted parents to gauge interest in establishing an after school club at Twyford School. If you are interested would you please contact them by **21st December 2015** so they can decide whether this is viable.



For information please contact: www.mind-thegap.co.uk, 01280 469199 / 07584 309496 or email info@mind-thegap.co.uk

The Fees for 2015/16 will be as follows;

Term Time	Late Pick up 1500/1515 to 1545	After School - S 1500/1515 - 1700	After School - L 1500/1515 - 1800
Nursery & Reception	£3	£8.50	£11.50
Years 1,2,3,4,5 & 6	£2.50	£8.00	£10.75

SCHOOL TRANSPORT



If you would like to discuss your child's eligibility for school transport please contact the Buckinghamshire County Council Admissions team on **01296 383250** who will be able to assist you.



Outdoor learning dates for the Spring 2016 term are:

06/01/16	Reception	Making Kites
13/01/16	Years 1 & 2	Making Kites
20/01/16	Years 3 & 4	Making Kites
27/01/16	Years 5 & 6	Making Kites
03/02/16	Reception	Pebble Pets
10/02/16	Years 1 & 2	Pebble Pets
24/02/16	Years 3 & 4	Pebble Pets
02/03/16	Years 5 & 6	Pebble Pets

WWW.TWYFORDSCHOOL.ORG.UK

We are currently upgrading our old website and hoping to "go live" with our ALL NEW website in January 2016
- watch this space!



SANTA FLOAT



We have been fortunate to be offered a share of the money raised by the Rotary Club this year on the Santa Float. Watch out for it coming round Twyford and Poundon.

SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE SURVEY YEARS 5 & 6

The School Nursing Service are conducting a Needs Assessment to understand health and wellbeing needs of 5-19 year olds in Buckinghamshire. As part of this we want to survey school age children to understand their experience of the School Nursing Service.

We have designed a survey for school years 5-13 for schools in Buckinghamshire in order to better understand and improve the School Nursing Service. The closing date for responses is **31 Jan 2016**.

You can find the link to the survey here - <https://www.research.net/r/bccschoolnurse>

The survey is open to children in Years 5 and 6 only.

Please note, in line with the Market Research Company code of conduct, a responsible adult e.g. a parent, guardian, teacher, nanny or grandparent must give consent for young people aged 16 and under to take part.

ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is unwell you need to write us a note on their return to school, advising us of the reason for the absence. Absences without any explanation are recorded as unauthorised.

If you are planning to take your child out of school for any reason you need to inform the school in writing explaining the circumstances. Permission is only granted in exceptional circumstances as set out by the Department for Education (DfE).

Absence figures are collected by the DfE every term. The DfE define Persistent Absentees as being absent for more than 15% of possible sessions.

Thank you for your support this term whilst we settled into our new electronic registration system.

PARENTING COURSE

Parenting course starting in January.

Children don't come with an instruction manual but we could all use a little help and advice from time to time.

Why do a parenting course?

Parenting courses are for everyone - there are no such things as perfect parents! Parenting courses are for every mother, father, step-parent, prospective parent and carer of children. We all do the best we can and courses can offer new ideas or fresh perspectives on family issues we may be facing.

Taking a parenting courses doesn't mean you're not a good parent, it simply shows your desire to do the best for your child, **BECAUSE WE ALL WANT THE BEST FOR OUR CHILDREN,**

COURSE NAME: Parenting Children, Twyford
FOR PARENTS/CARERS of CHILDREN AGES: 0-10years

LENGTH of COURSE: 5 Weeks

START DATE: To be confirmed, possibly Monday mornings in January 2015

LOCATION: Twyford C of E School

RUN BY: Alexandra Lee

COST: Free

For further information please speak to Alexandra Lee.

HOT LUNCHES

Chartwells will be having a Hot Dog day on 21st January 2015. Please order by Monday 11th January in the usual way.

Menu's and order forms are available via the school website www.twyfordschool.org.uk or from the school office.

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.

ADMISSION TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2016



STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Application
deadline is
15 January
2016

**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.buckscg.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.buckscg.gov.uk

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT DEADLINE



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.



MK DONS

MK Dons Football Club and the town of Aylesbury will be joining forces as *The Aylesbury Big Day* returns for the match against Reading on **Saturday 16th January, kick-off 3pm**. MK Dons are offering pupils of Twyford School a special ticket in recognition of the relationship between the town and MK Dons - children from Twyford School are eligible for the discounted

ticket rate for this game of just **£1 for under-18s & £12 for adults.**

These prices are applicable to all students and staff of your school along with their respective friends and family.

How to book tickets - either call the MK Dons Box Office on 0333 200 5343 or visit stadiummk/centre:mk on Silbury Boulevard. Quote the school name and the password **AY16** in order to qualify for the discounted ticket offer. Tickets must be booked before 5pm on Friday 15th January.

Furthermore, if you don't want to worry about travel, why not use one of our designated coaches for the day? Coach travel will be only £5 per person to and from the stadium from the bus stop on Exchange Street, Aylesbury leaving at 1pm. Contact the Box Office for further information.

Schools booking more than 50 tickets will be eligible for a **FREE** MK Dons first-team player visit!



PTFA NEWS

- **SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday 7th May 2016 Twyford School PTFA May Ball at Poundon House . More details to follow.**
- Our next PTFA meeting is on Tuesday 12th January at 8pm at school. We will be discussing our fundraising activities for the Spring term. If you enjoy the challenge of helping to organise events please come along for a glass of wine. We would really welcome some new faces and new ideas. If you would like to be involved in the organising of the May Ball then please come along to this meeting, it would be great to see you or contact Katie Ellison at K3llisOn@hotmail.com or Katherine Rollason at kscrollason@hotmail.com.
- Thank you so much to all the mums that came and helped serve Christmas Lunch to all the children and staff last Friday. It was a great PTFA team effort and it looked like everyone really enjoyed it. Thank you!

MAY BALL



Twyford C of E School

PTFA

MAY BALL



Save the date



Saturday 7th May 2016

Poundon House, Poundon



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th January, 8pm at school

CLASS REPS

Don't forget to have a chat with your Class Rep if you want to get more involved in the PTFA, have questions or want to help more at events but can't get to the monthly meetings.

Nursery - Katherine Rollason

Reception - Sarah Miller

Year 1 & 2 - Imogen Cyster and Katie Glass

Year 3 - Rachel Seago

Year 4 - Rachel Handford

Year 5 - Denise Wade

Year 6 - Katie Ellison

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 14th January at 9am in the Staff Room



Please come along 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.

CLOTHES RECYCLING BIN



Are you having a good clear out in the New Year?

.....then please don't forget to use the new clothing bin in place at Twyford Village Stores. The bin can take:

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.

THE GIVING MACHINE

Remember, if you are doing any last minute on-line Christmas Shopping..... Before you do anything log on to the **The Giving Machine website**.

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 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. So when you are doing your shopping in future please do it through www.thegivingmachine.co.uk. Please, please consider doing this as we could raise an incredible amount of money if everyone took part.

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.

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:
Spring Term 2016	Tuesday 5 th January 2016	Friday 12 th February 2016
	Tuesday 23 rd February 2016	Thursday 24 th March 2016
Summer Term 2016	Tuesday 12 th April 2016	Friday 27 th May 2016
	Monday 6 th June 2016	Thursday 21 st July 2016
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 5 th September 2016	Friday 21 st October 2016
	Monday 31 st 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 31 st March 2017
Summer Term 2017	Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Friday 26 th May 2017
	Monday 5 th June 2017	Friday 21 st July 2017

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5 th January		School re-opens after Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 12 th January		PTFA meeting, 8pm at school
Thursday 14 th January	<i>New</i>	PTFA Coffee Morning 9-10am in the Staff Room
Friday 15 th January		Deadline for applications for Reception class 2016 places.
Thursday 21 st January		Chartwells Hot Dog Day
Tuesday 26 th January		Barnado's Assembly
Tuesday 2 nd February		Young Carers Assembly
Friday 5 th February		Year 5 Sports with Padbury School
Friday 12 th February		School closes for Half Term
Monday 22 nd February		Inset Day
Tuesday 23 rd February		School re-opens after Half Term
Thursday 3 rd March		World Book Day
Friday 11 th March		Year 6 Sports with Padbury School
Tuesday 15 th March		Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 17 th March		Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd March		Chartwells Easter Special menu
Thursday 24 th March		Easter Service, St. Mary's Church, Twyford 9.15am
Thursday 24 th March		School closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 11 th April		Inset Day
Tuesday 12 th April		School re-opens after Easter Holiday
Monday 18 th April		Reception class places are offered direct from Buckinghamshire County Council.
Wednesday 20 th April		Faith Tour, Years 5 and 6
Saturday 7 th May	<i>New</i>	PTFA Summer Ball
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th May		Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 19 th May		Chartwells Italian Day Menu
Monday 23 rd May - Friday 27 th May		Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Friday 27 th May		School closes for Half Term
Monday 6 th June		School re-opens after Half Term
Thursday 9 th June		Whole School Photograph
Tuesday 14 th June		Sports Day & Picnic - Recreation Ground, Twyford
Wednesday 15 th June		Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Thursday 30 th June		Grandparents Afternoon - Foundation (Nursery & Reception)
Monday 4 th July		Chartwells American Day menu
Tuesday 5 th July		County Induction Day
Monday 11 th July - Friday 15 th July		Children's Choice Week

Friday 15 th July		Camp Out Day
Monday 18 th July		End of Year Celebration Service, St. Mary's Church 2pm
Tuesday 19 th July		Whole School Ramble
Tuesday 19 th July		Open Evening
Thursday 21 st July		School closes for Summer Holiday
Monday 5 th September		School re-opens after Summer Holiday
Friday 7 th October		Individual School Photographs

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MENU FOR SPRING TERM 2016

Week one

04/01 25/01 07/03

Monday

Choose a main meal...
 * Pork Sausages with Baked Potato Dippers
 Omelette with Baked Potato Dippers
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Baked Beans
for dessert...
 Fruit Jelly Pot
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Choose a main meal...
 Mild Chili Con Carne with Rice
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza on Wholemeal Base
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Dorset Apple Cake with Custard
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Choose a main meal...
 Roast * Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
 Vegetarian Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Chocolate Brownie
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday

Choose a main meal...
 Italian Chicken Margarita with Pasta
 BBQ quorn strips with Pasta
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Lemon Drizzle Cake
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday

Choose a main meal...
 MSC Fish Fingers with Oven Chips
 Baked Bean Lasagne with Oven Chips
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Vanilla Cookie
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Week two

11/01 01/02 22/02 14/03

Choose a main meal...
 * Pork Sausages with Diced Potatoes
 Vegetarian Sausages with Diced Potatoes
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Baked Beans
for dessert...
 Bran Flake Crunch
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
 Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza on Wholemeal Base
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Peach Sponge with Custard
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
 Roast * Pork Loin with Roast Potatoes & Gravy
 Cheesy Hot Pot with Roast Potatoes
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Fruit Jelly Pot
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
 Chicken Strips in a Creamy Tomato Sauce with Pasta
 BBQ Vegetables & Beans with Pasta
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Chocolate Custard Pot
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
 MSC Breaded Fish with Mashed Potatoes
 Vegetarian Pastry Roll with Mashed Potatoes
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Jammy Flapjack
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Week three

18/01 08/02 29/02 21/03

Choose a main meal...
 Chinese Chicken Pizza on Wholemeal Base with Jacket Wedges
 Vegetable Grill with Jacket Wedges
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Iced Carrot Cake
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
 Turkey Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice
 Five Bean Vegetable Casserole with Rice
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Chocolate Fruity Sponge with Custard
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
 Roast Beef with Sliced Potatoes & Gravy
 Cheese Omelette with Sliced Potatoes
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Lemon Crunch Cookie
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
 Rib Shack BBQ Turkey with Pasta
 Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Seasonal Vegetables
for dessert...
 Fruit Jelly Pot
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Choose a main meal...
 MSC Smart Crumb Fishcakes with Diced Potatoes
 Quorn Hotdog with Diced Potatoes
 Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese

on the side...
 Baked Beans
for dessert...
 Chocolate Cookie
 Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

If your child receives or needs a special diet or allergen menu, please speak to your catering manager or contact us
 We have a fresh salad bar available daily
 All of our bread is baked fresh every day

There is a vegetarian choice every day... and don't forget that salad is available daily

Keep yourself topped up with water - it will help you concentrate all day long.