Twyford C of E School





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Christ himself carries our sins in his body to the cross so that we might die to sin & live for righteousness. Peter 2:24





Our value for this week is "Truth"

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am looking forward to my first Harvest Celebration at Twyford. The Harvest Festival service is in the church on Monday afternoon at 2pm. Please bring in any harvest gifts in to school in the morning so we can take them and display them before the service. We look forward to seeing many of you there on Monday.

A fortnight ago we all came to school wearing jeans in aid of the Charity 'Jeans 4 Genes' and I am pleased to report we raised £102.27. Thank you all for your support.

We are looking forward to opening our school on Thursday 11^{th} October to families who have children approaching school age. Please spread the word to people you know who may want to come and have a look around the school.

Several items of school uniform have been lost over the past few weeks. So that we have the best chance of reuniting lost items to their owners, please ensure all clothing is clearly named. I would also like to remind you that hair accessories need to be discrete and preferably in school colours.

This week we welcomed reception parents to an information workshop about phonics and reading. Many thanks to those who attended and it is wonderful to hear that you found it very useful. We are planning on holding further information workshops for other year groups throughout the year and will inform you when these will be.

Please support the Bingo Night coming up on Friday 12^{th} October. Tickets are on sale in the morning before school. This will be the final PTFA event and monies raised will be used to find the children's Christmas lunch. I expect it will be a fun event for the whole family. They are also looking for raffle prizes so please bring any donations you may have into school.

Yours sincerely

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Judith Bloomfield

Headteacher



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We monitor attendance throughout the school. Every fortnight we will be looking at the year group which has the best attendance and sharing this with you in the newsletters.

| Year Group | Attendance % |
|------------|--------------|
| Reception | 93.2 |
| Year 1 | 95.8 |
| Year 2 | 99.5 |
| Year 3 | 98.1 |
| Year 4 | 100.0 |
| Year 5 | 99.1 |
| Year 6 | 96.7 |



This time it was a perfect score for Year 4. They have achieved 100% attendance rate for 14th to 28th September.



Our Harvest Festival Celebration is on Monday 8th October at St Mary's Church in Twyford at 2.00pm.

Please bring any gifts you have to school on the Monday morning or to the church in the afternoon. We welcome any gifts such as tins, jars of fresh food, produce or flowers from your garden. Even if you can only spare one item it will be gratefully received.

These gifts will then be distributed around the village to our senior members of the community on Tuesday by Years 5 and 6.

UNIFORM

Several parents have enquired about the Waterproof Coats that we can supply.

These are avilable to order for £21 in Twyford blue with the school logo.



Lighter weight fleece lined Mistral jackets are also available and these are £15.00

Order forms are available in the school foyer.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Just a reminder that it is our annual school Open Day on Thursday 11th October. This is an opportunity for prospective parents to tour the school, see our children working and meet with staff and governors. If you have friends or relatives whose children are due to start school or nursery next September, please spread the word.





DON'T FORGET - INSET DAY MONDAY 29th OCTOBER



The first day after half-term, Monday 29th October will be an inset day and the school and nursery will be closed. School will open again on Tuesday 30th October.

CHARTWELLS FOOD TASTER SESSION WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2.45 - 3.30pm

Staff from Chartwells will be bringing along a selection of dishes so that you can see what they offer. You will have the chance to taste any of the dishes and see how the food is presented to your children at lunch time. If you would like to come along to the session please send in the completed slip at the end of the letter sent home in book bags, or email the school office.

HOT LUNCHES

A copy of the menu and order form are available to download from the school website and a menu is always at the end of this Newsletter. Please return orders by 9am on <u>Tuesday</u> for the following week. If possible please order for the whole half term.



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 £2.40 per day.

If you need to cancel your child's lunches due to illness or would like to discuss allergen information or anything else related to the hot meal service please call Chartwells Customer Care Line on 01908 615705. In the case of a child's absence, a credit note is issued from the second day of absence.



Dates for this term's Outdoor Learning sessions are listed below. The day is changing from a Wednesday



to a Monday afternoon and will now be in year groups. As the weather gets colder and wetter during the term, please can you ensure your child brings in appropriate clothing for their Outdoor Learning session.

| 15/10/2018 | Reception | Gardening, getting ready for Winter |
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| 05/11/18 | Year 3 | Gardening, getting ready for Winter |
| 12/11/18 | Year 4 | Gardening, getting ready for Winter |
| 19/11/18 | Year 5 | Gardening, getting ready for Winter |
| 26/11/18 | Year 6 | Gardening, getting ready for Winter |

JAM JARS WANTED

After half-term the children will be doing a jam jar decorating activity as part of their class enrichment time. So please could you send your child in with an empty clean jam jar after half-term ready for the activity. Thank you.

PAYMENTS



Please could you ensure that any payment made to school, cash or cheque, is brought into school in a named envelope. Whether it is set in your child's book bag or handed in at the office. All cheques to school

should be made payable to Buckinghamshire County Council.

RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS

The information about applying for your child's Reception class place for September 2019 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;

| 5 Nov | From this date you can make your primary school |
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| O NOV | application. Primary Portal opens at 11.00am. |
| 2018 | (Buckinghamshire residents only). |

DEADLINE!

11 Jan This is the latest date for returning a paper application to your child's current infant school if you are making an application to transfer to junior school. To be received by 9.00am.

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 us by 3pm

on this date

29 Jan 2019

16 Apr 2019

National Primary Allocation Day

If you applied online you can login to see which school has been offered to your child. You will also get an email.

Letters will be posted to paper applicants.

XYZ MUSIC



XYZ Music will once again be offering Guitar and Drumming and now also Piano lessons at Twyford. The lessons will be on Mondays and Tuesdays. If your child is interested in learning any of these

instruments please get in touch directly with XYZ for more details and to arrange a free taster lesson. If there is another instrument that your child is interested in please get in touch with XYZ to discuss this

Email: admin@xyzmusicacademy.com

Tel: 01296 655929 www.xyzmusicacademy.com



SUNDAY AT 4

Sunday 16th September 4.00pm-5.30pm at Twyford Village Hall

Sunday at 4 is for children of primary school age. We meet for fun, games, Bible stories, craft activities, prayer and refreshments. This month we will be hearing about someone who was eager to catch sight of Jesus and what happened next. We extend a special welcome to all those children who are now in full-time school to come and see what we get up to. It helps our planning if you can let us know if your children hope to attend.

Future meetings for your diary: 14 October Marsh Gibbon Village Hall 18 November Grendon Underwood Village Hall

Revd Angela Mann 01296 771100 angela.mann858@gmail.com

BOTTLE TOPS WANTED!



We have had a request from a school mum who works at the Royal Latin and is responsible for organising the Year 2 and Year 5 Science Fairs which our pupils attend each year. They need to collect 500 of the sports bottle tops as shown

below by the end of October. The tops needed are the kind which have the pull up white top which can also be found on fruit shoot or similar drinks bottles. Any tops you are able to collect can be handed in at school and we will pass them on. Thank you.





A letter from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents

The 2018-19 academic year is now well underway and the Governors wish Judith Bloomfield and her new staff team great success in the coming year. The Governing body is preparing for its first main meeting of the year on Tuesday 6th November, and in preparation the following tasks are in process.

1/ Finalising our committee teams with which Governors will be part of our four sub-committees, where all the detailed main work for the governing body is undertaken. These are: Finance, Personnel & Premises

Curriculum & Policies

PR & Foundation and Welfare

Health & Safety

This term we have been joined by two new Staff Governors, Michael Burridge and Dominique White, who will be assigned committee roles.

2/ The School Development Plan (SDP) & 3 year Strategic Plan is in process of completion. These documents are based on school targets as well as other items highlighted in the July Collegiate workshop meeting, which collaboratively involved Teachers, Governors, PTFA and local clergy. The plan is continually reviewed and monitored through the school year.

3/ During the Spring term 2019 the school will have a SIAMS Inspection by the Church/Diocese and we are currently preparing for this. Work has already started on this reviewing the School Vision & Values. The goal posts have changed dramatically since our last inspection and schools can no longer be graded 'Outstanding'. It is predicted that the majority of schools will now be 'Good' under the new framework.

4/ GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) - whilst all necessary data controls are in place between the school, county and relevant suppliers, we still need to finalise our formal policies and confirm to our stakeholders.

5/ The Headteacher and all staff will have performance objectives set for the coming year. This needs to be overseen by the Governors who have particular responsibility to agree those for the Headteacher and confidentially monitor these during the school year.

6/ Finances - whilst the school is currently in a positive position financially, we can never be complacent! The Finance, Personnel & Premises committee continually monitor spends vs budget in conjunction with Judith & Julie Hall the School Business Manager. We also aim to keep an open mind on reconsidering academisation should financial impacts change and make it more cost effective and attractive to the school.

Hopefully this gives you a good perspective on the current Governor activity.

Finally, as I mentioned in my update speech at the Celebration assembly in July, Succession Planning is a topic for the Governing Body that can never be ignored. As you will appreciate it is a constant challenge as the Governing Body membership and experience levels change over time.

To try and mitigate such changes, the governing body is keen to encourage Parents, Grandparents, local village or catchment area residents that may have a link with the school or are just interested in getting involved, to come forward and express an interest to join the Governing Body.

This can be achieved by joining the Governors as an Associate for a period of 1 or 2 years, so you are able to learn more about what is required and get involved. This is a way of strengthening the governing body, spreading workloads and getting more people active than just the 12 formal members.

Associate Governors have the same inputs and responsibilities as a full governing body member - indeed the only difference is that if there is a formal vote needed on a Finance or Personnel matter they are not able to vote, a rare event at Twyford. Associate Governors are also more likely to fill full Governing Body positions when they arise, if they wish to and if the vacancy is applicable.

Therefore PLEASE if anyone is interested in becoming an Associate Governor, just let me know your details either via the school office directly or by using their email address office@twyford.bucks.sch.uk Ideally it would be great if you could do so before 6th November, so you would be able to attend the Full Governing Body meeting that evening if possible.

Don't be scared we don't bite!

Best Regards

Russell Wood - Chair of Governors





TWYFORD C OF E SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

If you are interested in taking on any of the roles within the PTFA to keep it going, please come and talk to Katie or Julie in the school office who will be happy to provide you more information. Currently all positions are vacant.

The Starlight Clothing Bin, The Giving Machine, My Name Label and The 100 Club run by Jessica Cato, will still continue as these can tick over without any management, so please keep donating and taking part in these activities.

TWYFORD C OF E SCHOOL 100 CLUB



As there is no longer an active PTFA, fundraisers like this are now even more important, so please support your school. Jessica Cato has agreed to carry on running this, but unless

we sell more numbers it will be cancelled. There is a form at the end of this Newsletter for you to use. The first draw is due to take place on Friday $5^{\rm th}$ October.

BINGO NIGHT FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER 6-8pm



Tickets are still on sale. £3.00 per ticket which includes 1st Bingo game and a light supper. Each additional game will be 50p and we usually carry on until everyone has had

enough. There will be a bar and a raffle. Please can we have donations of raffle prizes.

MY NAME LABEL

If you haven't yet labelled your child's new school uniform you might want to think about ordering some

name labels to make the job easier. The PTFA receive a commission on every order so by purchasing you will also support the PTFA. You can order online at www.mynamelabel.co.uk quoting fundraising code fe23f831

STARLIGHT CLOTHING BINS

Thank you to everyone who has put old clothing into



the bins at Twyford Village Stores and Calvert Green Mace. These will continue to raise money for school. Why not sort through your wardrobe and see what you can find? Please do not put old duvets and pillows in the bins. Please let your friends and neighbours know that the bins are there and that they

support both our school and Starlight
Please note that the clothing bin at Twyford Village
Stores is now located at the very back of the car
park.

THE GIVING MACHINE

Thank you to everyone who has recently joined The Giving Machine. If you still haven't joined up, then please do as it is an easy way for us to earn money for school. Don't forget if you start looking at holidays for 2018, lots of holiday companies are registered with The Giving Machine. online. It takes 2 minutes to register with The Giving Machine (a charity and notfor-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 huge includes through and SportsDirect.com, Argos, John Lewis, Booking.com, Boden, Haven, Marks & Spencer, Next and many, many more.

www.thegivingmachine.co.UK





School Diary



Friday, 05 October 2018

TERM DATES - 2018/19 and 2019/20

| Autumn Term 2018 | Thursday 6 th September 2018 | Friday 19 th October 2018 |
|------------------|--|--|
| | Tuesday 30th October 2018 | Wednesday 19 th December 2018 |
| Spring Term 2019 | Thursday 3 rd January 2019 | Friday 15 th February 2019 |
| | Monday 25 th February 2019 | Friday 5 th April 2019 |
| Summer Term 2019 | Wednesday 24 th April 2019 | Friday 24 th May 2019 |
| | Tuesday 4th June 2019 | Wednesday 24th July 2019 |
| Autumn Term 2019 | Wednesday 4 th September 2019 | Friday 25 th October 2019 |
| | Monday 4th November 2019 | Thursday 19 th December 2019 |
| Spring Term 2020 | Tuesday 7th January 2020 | Friday 14th February 2020 |
| | Monday 24 th February 2020 | Friday 3rd April 2020 |
| Summer Term 2020 | Monday 20th April 2020 | Friday 22nd May 2020 |
| | Monday 1st June 2020 | Tuesday 21st July 2020 |

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 8 th October | Harvest Festival Service 2.00pm St Marys Church, Twyford |
| Thursday 11 th October | Open Day 10-11.30am and 1.30-3.00pm |
| Friday 12th October | Transfer Test Results |
| Friday 12 th October | Bingo Night 6-8pm |
| Monday 15 th October | Outdoor Learning - Reception |
| Wednesday 17 th October | Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm |
| Thursday 18 th October | Parents Evening 6.00pm - 8.00pm |
| Friday 19th October | School breaks up for half-term |
| Monday 29 th October | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 30th October | School re-opens after half-term |
| Wednesday 31 st October | Chartwells Tasting Session - 2.45pm - 3.30pm for all parents |
| Monday 5 th November | Outdoor Learning - Year 3 |
| Monday 5 th November | Year 2 Science Fair at George Grenville Academy |
| Friday 9th November | Year 3/4 Inter-school Sports Tournament |
| Monday 12 th November | Outdoor Learning - Year 4 |
| Monday 19 th November | Outdoor Learning - Year 5 |
| Monday 26 th November | Outdoor Learning - Year 6 |
| Wednesday 12 th December | Chartwells Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 13 th December | Nativity Service 2pm and 6pm |
| Friday 14 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Autumn Term Ends 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 2 nd January | Inset Day |
| Thursday 3 rd January | Spring Term starts |
| Monday 7 th January | Outdoor Learning - Year 4 |
| Monday 14 th January | Outdoor Learning - Year 3 |
| Monday 21st January | Outdoor Learning - Year 2 |
| Monday 28 th January | Outdoor Learning - Year 1 |
| Friday 1st February | Year 5/6 Inter-school Sports Tournament |
| Monday 4 th February | Outdoor Learning - Year 6 |
| Monday 11 th February | Outdoor Learning - Reception |



| Friday 15 th February | School breaks up for half-term |
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| Monday 25 th February | School re-opens after half-term |
| Monday 25 th February | Outdoor Learning - Year 5 |
| Monday 4 st March | Outdoor Learning - Year 1 |
| Friday 8 th March | Year 3/4 Inter-school Sports Tournament |
| Monday 11 th March | Outdoor Learning - Reception |
| Monday 18 th March | Outdoor Learning - Year 2 |
| Monday 25 th March | Outdoor Learning - Year 3 |
| Monday 1st April | Outdoor Learning - Year 4 |
| Friday 5 th April | Spring Term Ends |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | Inset Day |
| Wednesday 24 th April | Summer Term starts |
| Monday 29 th April | Outdoor Learning - Year 5 |
| Friday 3 rd May | Year 3/4 Inter-school Sports Tournament |
| Monday 6 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Monday 13 th May | Outdoor Learning - Reception |
| Monday 20 th May | Outdoor Learning - Year 6 |
| Friday 24 th May | School breaks up for half-term |
| Monday 3 rd June | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 4 th June | School re-opens after half-term |
| Monday 10 th June | Outdoor Learning - Year 1 |
| Friday 14 th June | Year 5/6 Inter-school Sports Tournament |
| Monday 17 th June | Outdoor Learning - Year 2 |
| Monday 24 th June | Outdoor Learning - Year 3 |
| Monday 1st July | Outdoor Learning - Year 4 |
| Monday 8 th July | Outdoor Learning - Year 5 |
| Monday 15 th July | Outdoor Learning - Year 6 |
| Wednesday 24 th July | Summer Term ends 1.30pm |

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AUTUMN 2018 MENU







Twyford C of E School 100 Club Twyford School PTFA are introducing a 100 Club monthly prize draw.

We plan to sell the numbers 1-100 for a monthly draw, to win prizes for £5, £10 and £25. Plus bonuses There will be a yearly subscription of £12 per number.

If you are interested in purchasing a chance to win one of our monthly prizes, please complete and return the form below to the school office, with your yearly subscription of £12

(cash or cheque payable to Twyford School PTFA)

| would like to purchase numbers |
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| Name |
| |
| Address |
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| |
| Contact number |
| e-mail address |
| wish to be entered into the Twyford C of E School 100 Club monthly draw and enclose payment of the yearly subscription of £12 (per number). |
| l am over 18 years of age Signed |



