

Welcome from Mr Tuckett

Welcome back to the new school term or welcome to your first term at Tipton St John Primary! It is lovely to see both new and familiar faces in school. We hope that this will be another fantastic school year!

Each Thursday we email home a school bulletin with information on the week ahead and important dates and messages, including updates from the PTFA. This is our primary way of keeping parents up to date, so please take the time to check each week. Sorry that we did not get a bulletin out to you last week but we were having some IT issues following servers being replaced and computers being upgraded over the summer. Thankfully these issues have now been resolved.

In addition to the weekly bulletin, we send home a whole school newsletter at the end of each half-term, which includes a list of dates from the school diary. Please remember to note any relevant dates on your home calendar. We will get dates onto the school web site over the next week.

At the beginning of each term, each class will send home a letter detailing the curriculum topics for the term along with other useful information from the class. On this letter, you will find your child's targets for the term. This will have been discussed with your child in class and they will understand the steps they need to take to achieve it.

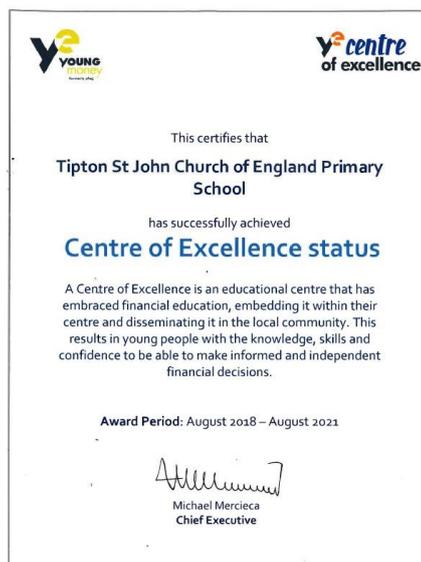
We have a whole raft of information on our school website, so please do take a look. If there is anything you cannot find or if you have suggestions for improvements, please let Mrs Nash know in the school office.

Please ensure the office have your up to date contact details. Email is the main form of communication so it is important that these are kept up to date.

If you have any questions relating to your child's learning and progress, there will be a termly meeting with the class teacher. The first of these meeting will be in October, before half term. However, we hope you will not wait until then if you have any questions or would like to raise a concern - please contact or visit the class teacher immediately. **Parents are welcome to pop in to class on a Tuesday after school to view class displays or their child's books.**

Last year saw many successes for our School. We continue to be rated as having achieved Gold in the Science Quality Mark and PE Quality Mark. We also achieved the Quality Mark for English and Maths.

Most recently we have been informed that we have achieved the Centre of Excellence status in financial education. This shows that we are providing practical, effective and sustainable financial education for our young people.



End of the Key Stage 2 (year 6) national assessments resulted in a much higher than national % of children achieving the national expectation in Reading, Writing and Maths and a much higher than national % of pupils achieving their Year 1 Phonics Screening. Well done everyone!

More detailed data will be available shortly on the school website.

This year we have clear priorities moving forwards, including:

- Continuing to improve pupils' financial awareness. We have recently been awarded Centre of Excellence status by Young Enterprise money. Miss Ingrouille will attend their conference in November to receive this award, along with 9 other schools.
- Year 6 will be the first pupils from Tipton to take part in the Torbay and Devon Civic Award which encourages each child to make a difference in their school, locality and

nationally and to pursue new hobbies. We will keep you updated of their progress in our school newsletters.

Parent/School Partnership

Our Vision....

Believing and Achieving Together to be the Best We Can Be!

Over the next year, we look forward to the school staff and parents working in partnership, with a shared understanding of our vision and core values, so all children can benefit and can do their very best in their learning and in their personal development.

We want Tipton St John school to be....

- a school where everyone is valued and there is no divide;
- a school where everyone is listened to and appreciated;
- a school where we trust in each other's experiences - as parents and as educators;
- a school where we recognise that we all want what is best for the children in our care.

We celebrate the children's achievements with purple book mentions and a regular Golden Time. We also award certificates in our Friday afternoon Collective Worship.

Families are also invited to attend our whole school act of worship in church on Thursday mornings straight after morning registration.

New Academic Year Information/Permissions

Data Collection

At the start of every academic year we ask parents to check the contact data that we hold for their child. This year we are hoping to do this via an on-line system called Parent Lite. We are currently waiting for this system to be set up for us and will provide details once we have access.

However, in the meantime if you have any changes to your contact details please let Mrs Nash know in the school office. It is important that your child's information is kept up to date throughout the school year, so please inform the office at any time throughout the year if any details change.

On-Line Payments Access Letter

If you do not yet have access to our on-line payments system, Scopay/Tucasi, and you would like access, please contact the school office for a unique code to set up an account. The on-line payment system allows you to pay for school trips, clubs and school dinners.

Child Safeguarding

- No photos allowed

A reminder that we are not able to permit the use of phones or any personal device which can take photos in school. This includes services in church, Christmas performances, sports day and all other events. This has been in place at our school for a long time to safeguard children and is even more necessary under the new **General Data Protection Regulations. (GDPR)**

School Leadership Team

Defining our roles and responsibilities:

Colin Butler is the Executive Head of the Otter Valley Federation. Mr Butler is based across both Feniton and Tipton schools and he is responsible for child safeguarding and the overall strategic direction of the school, including buildings and finance.

Michael Tuckett is the Head of School and is responsible for the daily organisation and running of the school and monitoring standards of teaching and learning across the school.

Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

From this September Mr Tuckett will be the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo). If you have any questions relating to your child's specific needs, please speak to the class teacher. Alternatively, please arrange a meeting with Mr Tuckett.

If your child is on our SEND Register, your child's new teacher will meet with you this half term to discuss provision for your child and to set new targets.

Further support on our school provision and county support is available on our school website:

<http://www.tipton-stjohn.devon.sch.uk/all-about-our-school/send>

School. If a child's attendance falls below 93% the EWO will be informed.

Homework

Homework for your child's class will be explained in the termly letter sent home from your child's class.

Our homework policy is available on the Otter Valley Federation Website.

Key principles include:

- Teachers will set regular homework.
- There is an expectation that all children will engage in reading, spellings/phonics practise and maths facts weekly.
- A range of other activities are also suggested by teachers to support parents with ideas.
- If your family has a particularly busy week/weekend, the minimum expectation is that parents (Yr 1 upwards) sign the homework sheet to acknowledge homework was set. It often worries children if they have not completed tasks so please do come and say if there has been a reason why homework has not been completed. Alternatively, make a note to the teacher in the book.
- Homework may not be marked in detail, but this is because we find it is more beneficial to the children if we set aside time in class to share homework and give verbal feedback in class.
- It is not our intention for homework to become a 'headache' or cause distress at home. It should be an opportunity for parent and child to talk about learning in a positive atmosphere. If it becomes stressful please come and talk to their teacher. We can often help.

Class teachers will be very happy to discuss homework in more detail if required.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please phone the main office on the **first day by 09:15** to inform them of the reason for absence.

Each term the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) visits school to monitor attendance along with the Head of

Punctuality

Children are expected to arrive in school from 08:50 to allow them time to arrive and settle in. The school day begins in class at 09:00 and children are expected to be settled in class by this time. At 09:00 the register is taken and work will be underway, so it is very important that your child arrives on time.

If your child arrives at school after 09:00, you must take them to the office on the lower site to sign in BEFORE taking them into class. This is particularly important for children on the upper site, even if the door on the upper site is still open. This helps to keep the children safe and ensures that we know where they are at all times.

School Clubs

A letter will be coming home this week with our termly offer of school clubs. Thank you to staff and parents who give up their time to run clubs. If you would like to run a club at any time through the school year then please let Mrs Nash in the school office know.

Personal and Social Education

At the start of year, teachers lead sessions about building and maintaining friendships and supporting the children in understanding what bullying behaviour looks like. There is no legal definition of bullying, and we refer to DfE guidance:

Bullying is defined as:

1. Repeated behaviour
2. Intention to hurt someone physically or emotionally
3. Power imbalance: aiming at certain group (i.e. race / gender/ age/ ability / appearance)

Bullying is not tolerated at Tipton and will be dealt with as a priority, adhering to our policy which is available from the OVF website.

Learning how to manage friendships is an important part of growing up and as many adults will relate to, can be a challenge as an adult. Children develop these skills at different rates and with different levels of understanding so there are times when we have to make

the distinction between this and intentional bullying. We have a wealth of experienced staff at Tipton who can manage these situations and we are very grateful to parents who can support us in our aims to help children develop these positive relationships, free from bullying behaviours.

We also aim to be proportionate and fair in our reward and sanctioning of behaviour. Our school response may vary according to the age of the pupils and any other special circumstances that affect the child. You can trust in us to do our best by your child and resolve issues as quickly as possible.

FSU Information Session: Starting in Foundation Stage and How to Support Your Child with Phonics

Thursday 20th September at 3.30pm

All Reception and pre-school parents are welcome to attend an information session in the classroom at the end of the day next Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to make this meeting do catch up with the class teacher at another time and check out the resources on our school website.

Medicines

If your child requires any medication in school then please make sure that you bring named, in-date medication into the school office and complete the relevant forms with Mrs Nash, before taking the medication into the class. Children should not hold medication in their bag and administering of medication should be done by or with a member of staff.

If at any time you would like us to administer Calpol to your child, we are able to do this if you sign the required forms in the school office. Please see Mrs Nash as and when this is required.

Withycombe Raleigh Parent Information Sessions

Last term some parents showed interest in attending parent information sessions at Withycombe Raleigh School in Exmouth. A list of these sessions is shown below.

This opportunity is being offered as part of the East Devon Church School's Collaborative Partnership with Feniton, Withycombe Raleigh and St Martin's Primary in Cranbrook.

INFORMATION SESSIONS		
<small>IN THE SENIORS' ACCOMMODATION (Learners' canteen) (Teachers, parents, child-minders and other interested parties all very welcome.) 1:30 - 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL</small>		
Topic	Date	Notes
How to help a child settle in September - in class and at home	Friday 14 th Sept	Many children are anxious in September - what does it look like and how can we help reduce it so they can learn effectively?
Eating/sleeping/toileting	Friday 21 st Sept	Useful information for those who would like hints and tips in these areas. Free post provided by school nurse service. Please book for this session so we can prepare the packs.
SENSORY NEEDS	Friday 28 th Sept	Children who overreact to seemingly insignificant triggers or who are not maximising their potential.
How to talk so kids will listen (2)	Friday 5 th Oct	Book by popular demand! If you haven't attended this topic before, do come anyway as there will be a brief recap first @ Use this at home or school @
Challenging Behaviour	Friday 12 th Oct	The explosive child! Understanding, sensing and changing disruptive behaviour. We can also look at resilience, attachment and shame.
Friendship difficulties ***NEW***	Friday 19 th Oct	Great session for understanding different sorts of friendship issues seen in classroom or at home with strategies and actively ideas.

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INFORMATION SESSIONS	
<small>FOR TEACHERS AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS PARENTS, CARERS, CHILDMINDERS (All other interested parties very welcome.)</small>	
UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY	
<p>**** Is your child struggling to settle into their new class? ****</p> <p>DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE MELTDOWNS? SEEM UNABLE TO PUT THEIR FEELINGS INTO WORDS?</p> <p>Have they had a divorce in the family? House or school move? If this has happened to a friend, they may fear it too.</p> <p>Causes of anxiety Different types of anxiety</p> <p>Likely behaviours seen and feelings driving this</p> <p>What helps? At home and at school...</p> <p>How to communicate with an anxious child</p> <p>Empathy/ F.L.A.C.E.</p> <p>Bring your scenarios and find strategies that have worked for others</p> <p>Understanding anxiety is also fundamental to comprehending how to interact with children on the ASD spectrum.</p> <p>Some Golden Rules and Useful Websites</p> <p>Jon Maxwell-Batten, retired Educational Psychologist also presenting @</p> <p>on Friday 14th September 2018</p> <p>1:30 - 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School</p> <p>© NO CHARGE - REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED! © PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE OTHER TOPICS ©</p> <p><small>To book a place or ask for further information, please call Clare Hollingsworth on 01305-263397 extension 2 for SENCO and leave a message if no answer. Thank you.</small></p>	

Child Collection Arrangements

We ask all parents to send details in writing of any regular collection arrangements for their child for the new academic year. **Please do this even if you informed us of collection arrangements for last academic year which have not changed.** This ensures that our records are always up to date. We will not keep child collection arrangements from last academic year. Please also remember to inform us when these change.

You are also able to tell us in writing that you authorise named adults to collect your child at any time that you are not there (this might be a childminder, grandparent or another parent with which you have an arrangement for example) which can be useful if your arrangements can change at short notice or if you always use the same people for collection.

If an adult that the teacher has not seen before is due to collect your child, please send us a photograph or ask them to bring photo ID so that we can confirm their identity.

If you cannot collect your child for any reason and you have not already informed us of adults that are authorised to take your child at any time, then please ensure that you phone us as early as possible on the day as to who will be collecting. If you are not here and we have not been told who is collecting, then we will contact each person on your contact list in the order listed. We will not assume that because a childminder sometimes collects your child that they are authorised to collect them on that day.

Please ask in the school office if you need further clarification. It is important that we follow these rules to keep your child safe.

PTFA

Our first event of this term is our usual drinks/cakes and 50 square which will be on Friday 28th September after school. The class to bake cakes this month is Oak class.

Also on the night of Friday 28th September at 7.30pm we are having a social evening to welcome new and old!! parents. We are having drinks and an opportunity to sample some of the lovely products that Neils Yard has to offer from Mary-Jane. An official invitation with tear off slip will be coming out later this week. Please make sure you return your slip if you are able to attend so that we can gauge numbers and finalise where (in Tipton) the event will be held.

The Annual AGM is being held on Monday October 15th at 7.30pm at Claire Burrows House (directions can be given if unknown) We would love to see some new faces so if you are interested in being an active member of the PTFA, helping raise funds to support all of our children's education then either come and speak to a member of the PTFA or mention it to Angela in the office and she will point us in your direction.

We have a lot of exciting events leading up to Christmas and would love some extra hands to lighten our load.

We will also be looking for a Treasurer so if you are good with a spreadsheet, please come and have a chat with us too.

West Country School Music

There are spaces for music lessons this term if your child would like to try playing an instrument in school. Lessons are provided by WCSM on Friday mornings in the church. Lessons are booked directly with WCSM.

Lessons will be scheduled on the following weeks:

September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12 (spares/exam week 20 October)

No lessons scheduled in w/c 22 October due to half-term

November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 3 (spares/exam week 14 December)

No lessons scheduled in w/c 17 December

Please ask if you need further information.

New School Football Kit



Tipton now have their very own football kit thanks to the 'Premier League Primary Stars' scheme. We are sure you agree the children look smart in the school colours.

We were awarded the free Nike kit, consisting of 15 football shirts, shorts and socks, after Mr Hatswell's successful online application through the Premier League Primary Stars website.



Premier League Primary Stars is available to primary schools across England and Wales and uses the appeal of the Premier League and professional football clubs to inspire girls and boys aged 5-11 to learn and be active.

Dates for Your Diary

September 2018

Thurs 13 th	Deadline for pre-ordering packed lunch on 20 th Sept
Tues 25 th	Harvest Festival
Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st	Pre-school headcount week
Mon 17 th	Kings School hockey club - session 1
Thurs 20 th	No hot school lunches today. Packed lunches provided for those who have pre-ordered 3.30pm FSU session: Starting in Foundation Stage and How to Help Your Child with Phonics
Mon 24 th	Trip for years 4 and 5 Kings School hockey club - session 2
Weds 26 th	Stockland race 1 (selected children) 3-4pm Sidmouth science festival visit
Thurs 27 th	09:10 Harvest festival in Church

October

Mon 1 st	FSU Parent-teacher meetings Kings School hockey club - session 3
Tues 2 nd	Year 5/6 netball tournament
Thurs 4 th	Census Day
Sun 7 th - Sun 14 th	Sidmouth Science Festival
Mon 8 th	Kings School hockey club - session 4 Parent-teacher meetings this week
Tues 9 th	Cross country at King's
Thurs 11 th	Oak class trip
Mon 15 th	Year 3/4 Ability Counts tournament Fizz Pop Science assembly PTFA AGM at 7.30pm (Claire Burrow's House)

Tues 16 th	Possible Willow class trip 4pm School Sports Crew training (selected children only)
Weds 17 th	Stockland cross country race 2
Mon 22 nd - Fri 26 th	Half-term
Tues 30 th	This Girl Can club 'Aesthetics' at King's - session 1
Weds 31 st	Individual school photos by Tempest

November

Mon 5 th	Year 5/6 Ability Counts Festival
Tues 6 th	This Girl Can club 'Aesthetics' at King's - session 2
Mon 12 th	Active Autumn club at King's - session 1
Tues 13 th	This Girl Can club 'Aesthetics' at King's - session 3
Weds 14 th	Flu vaccinations at school
Fri 16 th	Children-in-Need
Mon 19 th	Active Autumn club at King's - session 2
Tues 20 th	This Girl Can club 'Aesthetics' at King's - session 4
Mon 26 th	Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Active Autumn club at King's - session 3

December

Mon 3 rd	Active Autumn club at King's - session 4
Fri 7 th	Full Governing Body meeting 2.30pm Christingle service in the church - all welcome.
Weds 12 th	School Christmas dinner Provisional date for PTFA Christmas Fair - tbc
Fri 21 st	Last day of term

January

Mon 7 th	Non-pupil day
Tues 8 th	First day of Spring term