




Tiverton Academy

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Last week's Attendance	Total Number of Days missed	Total number of lates	<u>Target Attendance</u> <u>is: 96%</u>
Y6 – 96% Y5 – 100% Y4 – 96% Y3 – 96% Y2 – 98% Y1 – 99% R – 99%	Y6 - 5 Y5 - 0 Y4 - 1 Y3 - 5 Y2 - 4 Y1 - 3 R - 2	Y6 - 4 Y5 - 3 Y4 - 0 Y3 - 5 Y2 - 5 Y1 - 4 R - 5	Well done to Year 5  ... our attendance champions with 100%! Well done!
Overall Attendance is: 98%			



We are already nearing the end of the first half of the Spring Term. It has been a very happy and productive half term with many exciting learning opportunities for the children. The highlight of my week last week was looking at the wonderful writing produced by Reception about what jobs they would like to do when they grow up. Super ideas Reception and great handwriting in progress!



Mrs Arshad

We are very sad to say that Mrs Arshad will be leaving us at February half term. She has made the decision to leave Birmingham and spend a year in Cambodia. Mrs Arshad started her journey at Tiverton as a TA and decided to do her PGCE and train as a teacher. I was lucky enough to be her mentor during her NQT year and had the pleasure to work alongside her and watch her develop into an outstanding teacher. Three years ago she joined the SLT and became Assistant Principal and it soon became clear that she was also an outstanding leader. Mrs Arshad is passionate about teaching and learning and has worked relentlessly to ensure that the children of Tiverton have the best opportunities through the curriculum and achieve the best outcomes possible. Mrs Arshad is not only a valued colleague but also an amazing



friend to myself and the staff team. She has energy and positivity, is loyal and trustworthy and her presence will be greatly missed around school. We would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thankyou' for everything you have done for the staff, children and families of Tiverton. We still have 2 weeks left with Mrs Arshad and whilst we are sad to see her go, we know that she has a very exciting year of adventures ahead of her!

Keep in touch Mrs Arshad, lots of love from all of us.

February Half Term Sports camp

Miss Hale will be running her 'Little Monkeyz Holiday Camp' during February Half Term in the outside classroom here at school. She has already sent leaflets home with the children but if you require any extra, please see the School Office. Details of how to secure a place for your child can be found on the leaflet and Miss Hale is available should you have any other queries.



School Shoes

Unfortunately we currently have a small number of children who are wearing trainers to school. **The school uniform policy states that children need to wear plain black school shoes.** Children are not allowed to wear trainers or any other footwear that has a logo on. If children do come to school in trainers they will be asked to change into their black PE pumps for the day. Plain black boots are permitted in winter but they must be flat boots (no heel of any size) and no patterns or sparkly detail. It is worth noting that school is warm during the day and boots can become hot and uncomfortable. If your child has travelled to school in boots, it would be a good idea to bring their school shoes to change in to when they arrive.

Nut Allergy Reminder

Please remember that NO NUTS are allowed in school. This is extremely important as we do have children who can have extreme allergic reactions to nuts. Please be vigilant with packed lunches and snacks within the packed lunch. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Pay

Parent Pay is proving extremely successful! There are a number of accounts that have not yet been activated. Please activate your account if you have not already done so and should you require any assistance, the office staff are more than happy to help.

Chinese New Year

2020 is the 'Year of the Rat' for those who are celebrating this spring festival. We would like to wish you all a very 'Happy New Year' and best wishes for the year ahead.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day 2020 will be celebrated globally with the theme: Together for a better internet. This is a great opportunity to talk to your child about how to behave safely online and to signpost them to some useful guidelines and resources

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

BELOW ARE 10 SIMPLE RULES TO FOLLOW TO MAXIMISE YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IN THE ONLINE WORLD.

- 1) Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- 2) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- 3) Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- 4) Never give out your passwords
- 5) Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6) Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- 7) Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- 9) Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- 10) If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website and tell a trusted adult immediately.

The children will be having online safety lessons and an online safety assembly during the week beginning 10th February 2020. If you require any support with online safety or with security settings on your child's device please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Norbury or Mrs Dunn.

UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools

The UNICEF Steering Group met on Friday and talked about how best to reduce plastic waste in school. We came up with a few ideas and suggestions. Have you thought about a reusable drinks bottle for packed lunches? Foil could be a good alternative to cling film as it can go in the recycling bin. We also think it could be a good idea to use containers that can be washed and reused each day. We recommend that if possible you avoid buying sandwiches in lots of packaging and make them at home instead. **This work links to Article 29 of the CRC, which states that schools have to help children learn about protecting the environment.**

Thank you for your support

The Unicef Steering Group

Important Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Term Ends: Monday 20 July 2020

TEACHER DAY Monday 29th June

TEACHER DAY Monday 20th July

Voting Day Thursday 7th May 2020 – School closed (To be confirmed)

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020 – School closed
